Twenty-nine days remain until Election Day, students consider economy most important in voting booth

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

Twenty-nine days.
Twenty-nine days until the votes are cast. Twenty-nine days until the die falls for one candidate or another.
As Election Day looms one month away, students are studying for the voting booths on November 6 as well as their midterm exams. Freshman Emily Collins cast her vote for the first time in a primary election in Georgia this summer. She will also send an absentee ballot back to her home state from Indiana to participate in the general election.

“It was very exciting to be a part of something, to know my voice was being heard in something bigger,” Collins said. “It was exciting to do something small that was actually something really big.”

As she prepares to finally participate in an election, Collins said she watched last week’s presidential debate with a more attentive eye.

“I thought it was definitely interesting to see President Obama, because it was my freshman year of high school when Obama was elected,” she said. “It was interesting watching him now compared to then.”

Breaking out of the cycle of college life to stay informed about the election is sometimes difficult but necessary, Collins said.

“It’s really hard being a college freshman, you kind of forget [the election] is going on,” Collins said. “Being kept in your college life, it’s hard to remember what’s going on in the real world. Keep in touch. Keep checking the news.”

In order to encourage students to follow election issues, College Democrats and College Republicans will co-host a watch for the vice presidential debate Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

College Democrats president Camille Suarez said she was pleased with the response to the bipartisan watch of last week’s presidential debate, also hosted alongside the College Republicans.

“Personally, my issue isn’t whether or not people vote Democrat,” Suarez said. “It’s whether people vote. I think a lot of people don’t vote because they think their vote doesn’t count. The choices that are made...”

President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney campaign in the swing states of Virginia and Wisconsin, respectively.

We’re deciding our future

ESPN to visit campus

Observer Staff Report

Shortly after Notre Dame’s 41-3 victory over Miami in Soldier Field on Saturday, ESPN’s popular pregame show “College GameDay” announced it would be broadcasting live from Notre Dame’s campus before next Saturday’s game against Stanford.

“GameDay” last visited campus in 2005 before then-No. 9 Notre Dame’s 31-34 loss to then-No. 1 USC.

“College GameDay” started broadcasting in 1987, when it was filmed at ESPN studios in Bristol, Conn. Its first on-location broadcast took place on Nov. 13, 1985 from Notre Dame.

Irish fans gather in Chicago’s Millennium Park for the pep rally on Friday. The Irish defeated Miami 41-3 at Soldier Field on Saturday.

Edward Goerner, professor emeritus of political science, died Oct. 2 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. He was 82.

A Brooklyn native and a 1952 alumnus of Notre Dame, Goerner served in the U.S. Navy and earned a doctoral degree in political science from the University of Chicago in 1959, according to a University press release. He also taught at Yale for a year before he joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1960.

Goerner, whose academic interests included the interaction of religion and politics, was one of Notre Dame’s most popular teachers. According to the release, he was once...
How would you describe the game this weekend in one word?

Nancy Joyce
Junior
Welsh Family Hall
“Domination.”

Jacob Nichter
Sophomore
O’Neill Hall
“Exhilarating.”

Carolyn Green
Junior
Pasquerella East Hall
“Killer.”

Matt Jewell
Junior
Morrissey Manor
“Riveting.”

Rachel Talley
Senior
Lyons Hall
“Triumphant.”

Chad Meyer
Graduate student off campus
“Dominating.”

Mike Feczko, a member of the Class of 1999, and his wife Katie pose for a picture with the Band of the Fighting Irish on ... alumni who gathered in Millennium Park in Chicago prior to a pep rally held for Saturday’s Shamrock Series football game.
Women’s Boxing Club emphasizes service

Baraka Bouts tournament and Power 24 Hour raise money for schools in Uganda

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women’s Boxing Club trains women to fight — and to serve.

Through their annual Baraka Bouts tournament, club members raise money to send to two schools in Uganda, team co-president Katherine Leach said.

“Baraka means blessing in Swahili, and we have had a longstanding relationship with the Holy Cross missions in Uganda through Bengal Bouts,” Leach said. “We donate the money we raise to two schools.”

Team co-captain Iagan Todd said the club has a dual purpose, a fact many students are not aware of.

“We really want to emphasize that this is not just an athletic club, but a service club as well,” Todd said. “A lot of girls started out getting into it because they thought it would be a great workout, but sending money over is a huge part.”

To qualify for the upcoming two-day tournament that begins Nov. 5, women must complete physical training with the team and meet a fundraising requirement, Leach said.

“We have a minimum of $250 fundraising each year per girl, which includes a variety of methods: selling tickets, placing ads in our program (and) things on our own,” Leach said. Leach said the team also raises money through participation in the Power 24 Hour, the club’s signature fundraising event.

“We also have our newly installed Power 24 Hour — last year was our first year (running the event for 24 hours instead of one hour) and we more than doubled what we did in any previous year … we will be running it again this Friday,” she said. During the event, the team solicits donations by encouraging together, Todd said.

“We have girls out in front of South Dining Hall in shifts doing pushups, jumping jacks and sit ups … raising money and collecting donations from people,” Todd said.

“The Power 24 Hour attracts a lot of attention, Todd said.

“We try to do it on home football weekends to target the alumni … trying to get donations from college students probably is not going to be as successful as getting donations from people who have graduated and come back to campus,” Todd said. “Usually we see a lot of curiosity and confusion and then when they find out what it is a lot of incredulous looks; it’s fun to be able to explain [our mission] to people who don’t know what we’re doing.”

The club raised a total of $20,000 last year, its highest total ever.

“$20,000 is a huge thing, even bigger for the communities we help,” Leach said. “I just remember how much it means to each individual student and to each school as a whole … being able to remain a highly respected institution, to give these kids the resources they need so that they can stay in school, to not have to make kids commute impossible distances so that they can support themselves.”

Leach said the club focuses intensely on maintaining its charitable purpose.

“We try to make sure the girls are reminded for why we do these things — just this week we had Fr. Aloba with Holy Cross who has worked over there (talk to the team) about his experience,” Leach said. “He thanked them for their participation and encouraged them in their efforts … we also have captains who have visited the schools talk.”

Fr. Leonard Olobo, director of the Holy Cross Mission Center, was born in Uganda and served as the district steward in East Africa for the Center for Social Concerns from 2003 to 2009.

Leach said she hopes to see the club continue growing in size and strength.

“We hope to increase the amount of participation in the club — this will be our tenth Baraka Bouts year, and just the fact that we made it this long and that the club still seems to be growing year by year is huge,” Leach said. “The amount of boxing and technical skill the girls have is incredible and keeps increasing, just as the donation amounts keep increasing.”

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Dame’s campus before the so-called “Game of the Century,” when then-No. 1 Florida State visited then-No. 2 Notre Dame. Notre Dame is ranked No. 7 this week, and Stanford is ranked No. 17.

The broadcast will begin at 9 a.m. on ESPN and then continue from 10 a.m. to noon on ESPN. The location of the “GameDay” set on campus has not yet been announced.
HANDS reaches Saint Mary’s

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

Four years after it was conceived in South Bend, HANDS, a non-profit organization that provides yearlong volunteer opportunities with the goal of high social impact, continues to offer Saint Mary’s students the chance to assist central American countries.

Three Notre Dame students from Guatemala created HANDS in the summer of 2008. Maria Bosch, Stephanie Hurst and Mariana Diaz sought a way to make a difference in their country where poverty is a huge threat.

The organization “creates alliances with organizations focused on sustainable development that assist economically distressed communities in Central America,” according to the HANDS website.

According to the website, staff members at HANDS work year-round to “ensure a dynamic placement of volunteers that is in line with the interests of the volunteer and one that will integrate smoothly with the developing goals of the participating organization.”

Meghan Lefeld, a junior at Saint Mary’s, is the HANDS volunteer recruiter for the College.

“I volunteered abroad last fall break for HANDS,” Lefeld said. “I traveled with three other girls from Notre Dame and it was an experience of a lifetime.”

Lefeld and the other students lived together with a host family in Antigua, Guatemala, and helped build a house for a low-income family.

“I was involved in the housing and community development part when I stayed in Guatemala,” Lefeld said. “It was hard work, but so much fun at the same time.”

As a volunteer recruiter, Lefeld said she informs Saint Mary’s students about the organization and encourages them to get involved with the non-profit.

“HANDS gives Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students the opportunity to help people in need in the areas of education, housing and community development,” she said. “This is a chance for students to make a real difference in developing countries.”

While Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are currently the only schools involved with HANDS, the organization hopes to reach out to other universities in the future.

According to its website, “each month, the number of volunteers, projects and organizations supported by HANDS continues to rise, strengthening its effort and dedication to promoting social responsibility and action among youth around the world.”

HANDS currently boasts 180 volunteers and supports 18 projects and 12 organizations, according to the organization’s website.

“HANDS is available for students to volunteer over all breaks and they can apply on the website for volunteer work as well,” Lefeld said.

Job and internship opportunities with HANDS can be found at www.handsorganization.org.

Saint Mary’s junior Meghan Lefeld volunteered with HANDS in Guatemala during fall break in 2011.

More from Saint Mary’s

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College Republicans president Mickey Gardella agreed the economy should be the most important issue for young voters.

“Our generation is going to have to pay off our debt,” Gardella said.

College Republicans have been campaigning in Mishawaka for their party’s candidates in the Indiana elections —Mike Pence in the gubernatorial race, Richard Mourdock for the state’s Senate seat and Jackie Walorski for the House of Representatives. Even though the club’s members are not all from Indiana, Gardella said they chose to campaign for the local candidates because the elections could have a larger impact on national politics.

“They have a direct effect on U.S. policy, U.S. governing policy,” he said. “One of our goals is to gain majority of the Senate, and right now Richard Mourdock is trying [to win] a close race against (Democratic challenger) Joe Donnelly.”

Gardella advised students to seek out election coverage and resources that are bipartisan and unbiased as Election Day approaches.

“Pick up a newspaper, read reliable media sources,” he said. “Both on the left and right, you’re getting pounding with slanted information. The most important thing you can do is to read reliable information.”

Junior Shivanii Goel has followed election coverage through CNN and other news sources, but she also follows both presidential candidates on Twitter.

“I think if you only follow one candidate, you would get a very biased view,” she said. “Because I follow both of them, I can see both of their sides. But I do think both of them try to exaggerate … So I wish they would talk more about their own viewpoints rather than just the other candidates.”

Social media has played an important role in making young people aware of election news, Goel said.

“That could be a good thing or a bad thing,” she said. “I think it’s good because it keeps people aware … but people post things that are wrong or exaggerated things.”

Because social media can be biased or limited, Goel encouraged her peers to turn to more traditional news sources as well.

“There are people who only learn about things by social media. … People will only hear about [news] when people post articles on Facebook,” she said.

“I wish more people would be willing to watch the news.”

For sophomore John Olson, staying educated during the election is a must for college-age students.

“Do your homework on each candidate, what their goals are,” he said.

Olson said he feels the student population should be more aware of what each candidate represents going into Election Day.

“We’re deciding our future,” Olson said. “We’re getting to the point where the policies that are going to be enacted are going to be reflected on us. We’re making a choice on who is going to make the policies and laws that are going to dictate our lives.”

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Jerry Krone voted for Barack Obama in 2008. Krone said he has not decided who to vote for in this year’s election.

Pennsylvania voter reflects on candidates

Associated Press

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — When the recession cost Jerry Krone his longtime accounting job several years ago, he turned to his hobby — making gourmet jam in his Fountainville kitchen. Now he’s a fixture at Doylestown’s weekly farmers market, selling his lilac jelly and rose petal jam for $4 and $8 a jar.

“Ask him about the election, and he will tell you that neither President Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney truly understands what average families are going through. A registered Republican — but ‘that doesn’t really mean anything,’ he said — the 58-year-old Krone voted for Obama in 2008, before his experience among the unemployed soured him.

Still, he is leaning toward voting for Obama again, but wants to see the president deliver a stellar performance in the remaining debates: ‘He can’t be so wimpy. He has to stop being nice.’

Across Bucks County over the weekend, people spilled into farmers markets and harvest festivals and fairs, celebrating a glorious fall day and talking about politics as well as pumpkins. More and more places in the United States are deep blue or red, but Bucks is not one of those; the county is politically eclectic, with some households divided into different political camps and plenty who say they are undecided. People were eager to discuss the aftermath of the debate and what to anticipate in the last month of the campaign.

And while jobs are a huge concern in this country north of Philadelphia, the recent unemployment numbers, which brought the jobless rate down to a level unseen since January 2009, did not impress.

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characterized in a student publication as “a compelling lecturer who discusses political theory not in the intricate language of the academicians, but rather in terms of the layman” and “one of those unique individuals you can build an education around.”

“Ed was also much more than a political scientist. He was a person steeped in liberal learning and Catholic thought and totally committed to the liberal arts,” Kommers said. “We cherished him for his broad intellectual perspective and ever-inquiring mind.”

“Ed was more than an esteemed colleague. He was an accomplished political theorist, a brilliant teacher, a friend and mentor to hundreds of students, a Notre Dame loyalist to the bone and a person of enormous personal grace and elegance.” Kommers said Goerner’s personal interests extended beyond politics and the classroom.

Goerner contributed to several political science journals and authored and edited books on political theory. He also served as associate editor of Notre Dame’s journal of political theory, “The Review of Politics.”

Goerner was survived by his wife, Iris Mensing Goerner; daughters Liza, Meg, Kate and Becky; son Peter; ten grandchildren and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for the Homeless, Sacred Heart Parish or the Snite Museum of Art.

DURING RESPECT LIFE MONTH, WE CELEBRATE THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE.

POPE JOHN PAUL II WAS A HERALD OF THIS TRUTH. HAVING LIVED THROUGH THE HORRORS OF THE NAZI OCCUPATION AND COMMUNIST RULE OF POLAND, POPE JOHN PAUL II CHAMPIONED HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THOSE BORN AND UNBORN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ADDRESSING A CONFERENCE FOCUSSING ON THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT IN EUROPE, HE ONCE AGAIN GAVE WITNESS TO THE CULTURE OF LIFE, SAYING:

“How is it still possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted? In the name of what justice is the most unjust of discriminations practiced: some individuals are held to be deserving of defense and others are denied that dignity?”

Please join us for the monthly Respect Life Mass on October 8th at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bill Dailey, CSC.

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The real war on women

Elliott Pearce
The Human Interest

This week is Respect Life Week here at Notre Dame. Some of you may think this week brings out the best in Notre Dame students by allowing us to stand together and make a strong statement supporting the rights of all human beings to live long and happy lives. Others believe it brings out the worst in us, with the rows of crosses that line South Quad pointing a hateful and accusatory finger at any woman who steps on our campus who has found herself in the difficult situation of considering abortion. Whatever your views about abortion and Respect Life Week, I hope we can all agree on the topic about which I am writing today: sex-selective abortion.

Sex-selective abortion is exactly what it sounds like: aborting a baby because the parents desire a child of a different sex. It is most common in Asian countries, particularly India and China, where the ratio of males to females at birth was as high as 1.2 to 1 in some parts of India and most of China (according to the Indian census and various U.N. population statistics in 2010). Although sex-selective abortion is far less common in the United States, it is not unheard of — especially among communities of immigrants who come from nations where sex-selective abortion is widely practiced. The U.S. House of Representatives recently rejected a bill that would make knowingly participating in a sex-selective abortion a federal offense punishable by up to five years in prison. While I think the maximum penalty might seem excessive to those who do not believe that abortion is the killing of a human person, I believe that everyone, including those who would permit abortion in most cases, should support some kind of ban on sex-selective abortions in the United States. I will now offer three reasons why I hold this position. First, sex-selective abortion demeans the worth and dignity of women. Second, it is often a symptom of a broader culture of abuse and coercion of women that must be brought to light. Third, banning sex-selective abortion would allow the U.S. to exercise moral and practical leadership on an issue that will have drastic consequences for the futures of many nations.

Regarding offenses against women’s dignity: I am not a woman, but if I were, I would find it profoundly insulting that people seek medical procedures to allow them to have sons instead of daughters. This practice goes beyond sex-selective abortions to in-vitro fertilization, where parents can use some of the latest technologies and techniques to control the sex of the embryos they implant. Womanhood is not a genetic disorder but as more families become wealthy enough to afford abortions. In fact, more sex-selective abortions are taking place throughout the entire developing world for this reason. The U.S. must take a stand against this practice that threatens the happiness of men and the dignity and safety of women around the world. We can start by banning it at home.

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Dealing with problems in smaller doses is easier. Setting up one food pantry or one good school is more doable than solving world hunger or bringing good education to poor areas. Curing a disease on a case-by-case basis is easier than eliminating it completely. If you look at the big picture, things may seem hopeless — but if you zoom in, a solution seems possible.

That’s what fictional TV show characters do for us. They take general problems and make them specific. That single figure represents many problems from reality, but they’re relatitle, sympathetic, loveable.

And they make us love them. They welcome us into their lives for a fleeting moment once a week, and in those moments we come to love them for the lessons they teach us. They teach us about love and heartbreak, life and death. I swear I’ve learned more than half of my life lessons from “Grey’s Anatomy” (spotted from Meredith’s monologues). We live vicariously through these characters, because they represent real problems that we face every day, but through a greater and more exaggerated scale. So, these characters affect us, we feel like we know them. No wonder we’re sad when they leave us. They’re our friends — which isn’t necessarily a bad thing, just a little strange. For instance, it’s strange to me that watching “Grey’s” while doing my chemist’s homework gives me extra motivation to keep studying science or pre-med or whatever I choose. It’s almost like these doctors are my role models, but they’re not even real.

Sometimes I think I could better invest my time in reality, in real relationships, in crying for the tragedies in our world instead of crying for Mark Sloan’s death. Then again, maybe not. I’m still learning lessons and feeling human emotions. So what if it is a fictional TV character who brings them out? At least I feel something. If only this empathy could be extended to more people in real life.

I think it could, though, if I find a cause that makes me love it just as much as Mark Sloan made me love him. That would be the best of both worlds.

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The importance of “Gossip Girl” for the fashion world cannot be overstated. It rivals “Sex in the City” in the fashion world, and it is often compared to the HBO series into a can’t-miss television show. The window into the completely hidden in with the rest of her long beachy, with shimmering golden blonde who returns back to Constance Billard after a year in boarding school. She is the portrait of a proper lady with a billionaire bud-

Vanessa Abrams is the Brooklyn-based filmmaker who is introduced to the upper class Constance girls through her best friend and Serena's occasional boyfriend, Dan Humphrey. At first, Vanessa was portrayed as street-wise and almost athletic, but as the first few episodes of the first season panned out, Vanessa came to embody the artsy, flea-market chic sensibilities that Brooklyn has become associated with. It isn’t just the ladies who reaped the benefits of being on one of the most fashionable television shows. The men also received plenty of attention from the fashion world, but they fit into the same roles as their female counterparts. Nate Archibald is the popular stoner with traditionally preppy style. Similar to Blair, he frequently wears clothes that look like they have been ripped from a Ralph Lauren advertisement. Much like his character development, Nate's wardrobe is stagnant in a classically handsome way.

Chuck Bass, the vulnerable womanizer who is constantly in an on-again, off-again relationship with Blair, is the fashionable counterpart of Serena. He is the one male character who tries different things with fashion, from floral bowties to checked scarves. He isn’t traditional in the way Nate is, but he certainly displays his wealth through his attire.

Dan Humphrey is similar to Vanessa in the sense that he too wears vintage tees, jackets and military supply backpacks. As the series goes on, his style becomes more sophisticated the more he engages more with the Upper East Side culture. The show’s inspirational fashion choices have been a staple of the past half-decade, and once it’s over, a new show will fill the time slot it leaves open, but nothing will ever fill the void it leaves for the observer style fanatic.

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By JESSIE CHRISTIAN
Scene Writer

Fall break is right around the corner, and for many of us this means gearing up to head home. Between home and the Dome, we encounter the inevitably tiring and unpleasant airport struggles. They leave us considering the advantages of taking the next homeward trek by foot.

After suffering through the classic luggage-repacking-meets-behind-schedule-dash, you end up questioning whether you bought a plane ticket or an all-day obstacle course pass. The thought of dressing wisely is tossed into a dusty corner in the back of your mind, along with all the school material that you crammed into your brain a few days before.

As your personal Notre Dame fashion advisor, I’m telling you to reach into that corner and reclaim your fashion logic. Looking good and maintaining your sanity while you’re traveling is indeed possible, even with all the chaos that develops along the way.

First of all, steer clear of these airport fashion don’ts, and you’ll be well on your way to creating looks that fit your fashion wants and travel needs.

What to avoid:

Accessories — Jewelry and belts are so cute and on most occasions, I would say go for it, but not today. When traveling through security, just about anything can set a metal detector off resulting in a potential additional screening. So what accessories should you pack? A simple bracelet, those in the middle of the rainbow or possibly a pair of turquoise. The rest of your accessories should be taken out and put in your bag. I’m warning you now, you may have 90 percent of the security equipment that you material that you may not have considered. As of late, airport security has been cracking down on various types of hair accessories. Reports of hairpins, bands, and clips setting off the machine have been growing more and more common. I myself heard a TSA security agent tell a girl that she had to be screened separately for wearing clip-in extensions, and I was mortified for her. False hair and pinned up-dos may be totally cute, but they’re no longer a smart choice for airport travel.

Shoes that are hard to remove — Let’s be honest: If you’re choosing between two security lines, one with a family of five children and another with a group of businessmen, then choosing line number two is a no-brainer. Yikes! Try shoes that are easy to slide on and off like flats, zip or slide-on boots, or loose sneakers.

Shoes that are worn without socks — Yes, I did state that keeping it simple is the way to go. However, be forewarned that when you get to the security checkpoint, taking off your shoes is mandatory. In other words, walking on the floor with no shoes on is mandatory. Walking on the same floor that thousands of different people walk on everyday, shoes or not, is mandatory. Choosing a shoe that you don’t wear socks with will leave you in germ-paradise and susceptible to all kinds of foot problems. I haven’t looked into the horror stories, but I know they’re out there, and you don’t want to be one of them. Steer clear of sandals, and if you want to wear flats or low-top sneakers then try footie socks. This goes out to you boys as well! I don’t want to hear your excuses, they sell a unisex pair at Nike, and your clean feet will thank you.

Hair Accessories — Now here’s something that you may not have considered. As of late, airport security has been cracking down on various types of hair accessories. Reports of hairpins, bands, and clips setting off the machine have been growing more and more common. I myself heard a TSA security agent tell a girl that she had to be screened separately for wearing clip-in extensions, and I was mortified for her. False hair and pinned up-dos may be totally cute, but they’re no longer a smart choice for airport travel.

Try looks that require fewer hair accessories, and headbands and hair ties with no metal connectors.

Too many hard-to-remove layers — Tank tops, t-shirts, sweaters, vests, sweatshirts and jackets galore! Boxers, spandex, shorts, sweats, tights, pants, and more! I’m warning you now that if you’re wearing more than two items from either of these lists, then your time at the airport will be nowhere near as enjoyable as it was for you to read that little jingle. Sometimes if you’re lucky, you’ll run into a lenient TSA agent who will let you through a light sweater. More likely, chances are you’ll have to take off everything except for your shirt and any extra bottom layers. My advice would be to wear one layer, covered in a light sweater. If you’re wearing a light sweater, jacket or sweatshirt of some sort. Steer clear of sandals, and if you want to wear flats or low-top sneakers then try footie socks. This goes out to you boys as well! I don’t want to hear your excuses, they sell a unisex pair at Nike, and your clean feet will thank you.

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Injuries make NFL unpredictable

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Belles continued their successful season with a 1-0 shutout win over conference opponent Hope on Saturday, propelling junior Ashley Morfin secured the only goal of the match for the Belles (9-2-1, 6-2 MIAA) in the 16th minute after she received a pass from junior midfielder Mollie Valenza. Morfin responded with a 12-yard shot past the Hope goalkeeper. Belles coach Michael Joyce said he aimed the way Morfin handled herself under the pressure. “Ashley had a great finish on her goal — clicked it past the sliding Hope goalie,” Joyce said.

She was tremendously poised in an intense situation.” Joyce said the most challenging part about taking on Hope (8-4, 5-3) was matching its speed. “They get some very fast players wide in some open spaces and try to take advantage of that,” Joyce said. “Our outside backs did a tremendous job keeping them in check.”

Belles sophomore goalkeeper Chanler Rosenbaum dominated in goal from beginning to end, completing her fifth shutout of the year and saving a season-high 11 shots. “We’ve got a lot of confidence in our goalkeeper,” Joyce said. “We’re usually not too concerned with shots from outside the box.” Joyce said the Belles were a little too defensive in the second half, but acknowledged the safe play was necessary. “That is how it can go when you’re up by a goal and trying to preserve that lead,” Joyce said. “They ended up with a lot of shots on goal, but only a couple were from dangerous spots. I think we did a nice job defensively not giving up anything easy.”

Saint Mary’s will look to continue its string of successful outings when it squares off against Olivet at home Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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Saint Mary’s shuts out Hope

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

At the Adrien Jamboree, Saint Mary’s won the fourth of six AAA tournament rounds, compiling a score of 345 at Lenawee Country Club in Adrian, Mich.

Belles coach Mark Hamilton said the Belles were able to win this weekend because of a combination of Saint Mary’s depth and ability to play under tough conditions. “We are deeper than the rest of the conference and it is getting to be a battle to be in the top five on our roster,” Hamilton said. “We are also looking for some players to separate themselves and shoot under 80 in the future.”

Saint Mary’s had the smallest spread between its golfers out of any team in the tournament.

Belles senior Amanda Graham shot a team low score of 38 in the third round, and sophomore Justine Bresnahan followed close behind Graham with a round of 86 while freshman Claire Boyle and sophomore Janice Heffernan both turned in rounds of 87. Rounding out the top five for the Belles was junior Alexi Brown, who scored a 92.

“The six-stroke difference between the first and fifth finishers for the Belles gave them the edge over other teams,” Hamilton said. “Saint Mary’s had a team score of 350. Relative to the first three rounds of conference play, the average scores for each team were much higher during the fourth round on Saturday. Saint Mary’s winning round of 345 compared to the three prior rounds, which were won scores of 328, 324 and 329. Hamilton said that the high scores were due to a combination of the course and the weather on Saturday.”

“Weather played a part, as the greens were faster and hard to put on,” Hamilton said. “It was tough to play for the first time due to the blind shots and dog-legs, as well. We were able to persevere, though, and play better under those conditions than the rest of the conference.”

After earning their first tournament victory of the season, the Belles transition into three rounds of tournament play next weekend. Saint Mary’s is peaking at the right time, as the Belles have the most critical point of their schedule remaining as the MIAA End of Season Jamboree wraps up the conference play. The Belles will travel to Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich., on Friday and Saturday for a two-day event. Hamilton said that with the Belles in the mix of the standings, back to back days of competition will give Saint Mary’s a chance to rise up the standings quickly.

“Our goal this weekend was to make up 10 strokes on the first place school in the conference and we did that,” Hamilton said. “Now we have to be ready to do that two more days and it will give us a chance to win the tournament.”

The first golfers will tee off Friday 10 a.m. at Bedford Valley Country Club, as the Belles will finish up the fall season and MIAA play.

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Irish sit in eleventh after first day of play

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Cold weather and persistent rain greeted participants of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic during the event’s opening round Sunday. The Irish, coming off a fourth-place finish in their last outting, finished the day in 11th place with a 16-over-par 300.

The seventh installment of the annual tournament began with the first round of three on the par-71 Warren Golf Course, up this year from the traditional par-70.

Senior Paul McNamara III led Notre Dame's starting five by finishing tied for fifth with his round of even-par 71, while juniors Andrew Lane and Niall Platt followed with matching rounds of four-over 75 and tied for 35th.

"Paul played a great round, I mean even-par given the conditions was super," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I think the other guys missed out on a good opportunity to play well today."

Irish freshman Cory Scupider occupied the team’s fourth position in his first collegiate event with an eight-over round of 79 and sophomore Tyler Wingo rounded out the starting lineup with his round of 84 (13-over-par). Scupider closed out his round with an effective stretch.

"I was really happy to see Cory finish one-under the last five, because I saw him during the rain delay and I just asked him, I said ‘Let’s make a bunch of pars and make a birdie coming in,’ and sure enough, he did do that," Kubinski said. "So that was really nice."

All 11 Irish athletes took the course Sunday, with the remaining six playing as individuals. Junior and captain Andrew Carreon finished tied for 16th by carding a two-over-par 73, while freshman Zach Toste finished tied for 28th with an opening round of 74 (3-over-par) in his first collegiate outing.

"If you look at the board, the teams from the warm areas played just fine today," Kubinski said. "And we should be at least as good as that and we just didn’t play well with it. It’s tough to have the highest round of the year on your home course. So I know the guys are going to be motivated by that, and I expect us to go out tomorrow and really play a better round."

Although the weather presented a significant difficulty for the Irish on Sunday, Notre Dame failed to handle the circumstances as well as some of its competitors, the Irish coach said.

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With the participants playing the remaining two rounds today and Tuesday, Kubinski said his team will have to improve around the hole in order to climb the leaderboard before the tournament’s end.

“We’ve got to take care of the heart and willpower to just get that ball in the hole.”

The Irish will look to begin an ascent up the leaderboard today at the Warren Golf Course for the second round of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, with play spanning all day.

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Saint Mary’s moves above .500 with wins

By Nick Boyle
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s finished the weekend with a 2-1 record, defeating conference foe Trine 3-2 on Friday, while splitting games against Franklin and Manchester on Saturday. The Belles dropped a 3-2 contest against Franklin before defeating Manchester 3-2.

"Friday’s win" was a big win, Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We really played well as a team and fought hard for the fifth set. We were very happy with the way we played."

The win put Saint Mary’s (10-9, 5-4 MIAA) over .500 for the season, and moved the team into a fourth-place tie with Trine. Kuschel said she hopes her team can use the win to keep the momentum rolling into the tournament.

"We are looking forward to the competition that is coming our way," Kuschel said. "Everyone is playing well right now in the MIAA. Every match we play will matter (in the conference standings) going forward."

After a dramatic win over rival Trine, the Belles had a quick turnaround Saturday, traveling to Manchester for a pair of non-conference matches.

"Going 15 sets in two days was a lot for our team," Kuschel said. "After losing in five sets against Franklin, it would have been easy to give up. We proved to be very resilient and forgot about the loss and came back with the big win versus Manchester."

Though not conference matches, Kuschel believes her team can still take a lot away from Saturday’s results and work to improve for the future.

"We felt good about how we played at times on Saturday," Kuschel said. "The biggest thing we need to work on is our serve receive and serving going into this weekend."

The Belles will face Albion next in a big conference match. The match will also serve as a fundraiser match for the Belles.

"Wednesday will be a big match for us as it is our ‘Cure for the Cure’ night," Kuschel said. "The team will be raising funds for a Saint Mary’s alumna Anne Blair Payne in her courageous battle against lymphoma. We hope that you will all come and wear white to our match in support of Anne."

Saint Mary’s takes on Albion at home Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

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Saint Mary’s freshman outside hitter Katie Heekinlaki jumps to spike the ball during the Belles’ 3-2 win over Kalamazoo on Sept. 18.

Belles place 22nd in Terre Haute

By Laura Coletti
Sports Writer

The Belles placed 22nd this weekend in a highly competitive field of 30 teams at the Rose-Hulman Gibson Family Pre-National Meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

No. 3 Johns Hopkins won the event with a team score of 52, followed by No. 6 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Olivet Nazarene rounded out the top three teams with a score of 108. The Belles finished with a score of 578.

Junior Jessica Biek led the way for the Belles with a time of 24:22.0 for a finish of 105th overall in a field of over 320 runners. Seniors Emma Baker and Elizabeth Majewski finished within a few seconds of each other and good for second and third overall for Saint Mary’s with times of 24:47.4 and 24:49.6, respectively.

The shift in weather has presented little change in the way the Belles prepare for their races, Senior Angela Nebensy said that some of the runners even prefer when the temperatures get cooler.

“We need to dress warmer, but we will remain focused and prepared to reach our goals and use the ranked opponents to push us towards our goals,” she said.

The Belles will be going up against some more tough competition in future meets. Belles coach Jackie Bauters said her squad is anxious to finish well in conference competition.

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Saint Mary’s Cross Country Pre-National Meet

The Belles ran in a field of six of the top 30 NCAA Division III programs this weekend, while several other teams participating were regionally ranked. Nebensy said racing against ranked opponents pushes the Belles to perform better in future meets.

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Team takes two Big East wins

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

After sweeping Connecticut and St. John’s this weekend, the Irish have won six of their last seven matches, including three straight wins.

With the two victories, the Irish (12-6, 5-1 Big East) climbed into a tie for second in the Big East, just one game behind conference leader Marquette.

On Saturday, the Irish were in full control of the Huskies from start to finish, defeating Connecticut 3-0. Irish coach Debbie Brown said it was a solid win for the team, as players who do not get a lot of playing time made solid contributions to the victory. Sixteen Irish players saw action against the Huskies (12-8, 3-2).

“We played well against [Connecticut],” Brown said. “They really did not give us a lot of pressure, but we hit a high percentage of our shots and we were able to get a lot of players playing time.”

Junior Maggie Brindock’s 27 assists led the Irish while senior Hilary Eppink added nine kills and four blocks. It was Eppink’s fourth straight match with at least nine kills.

Sunday’s game brought a different challenge to the Irish. Brown said although St. John’s was ahead of the Irish in the conference standings, the team did not feel that beating the Red Storm (17-4, 4-1) was an upset.

“They were on top of the conference standings, but they have played a softer schedule and, going into the game, it was a team we thought we should beat,” Brown said. “We played well and we are happy to come out with a win, but I would not say that this win gave us an extra confidence boost.

Sophomore Jeni Houser had 16 kills and seven blocks in the match as the Irish beat the Red Storm 3-1. Houser now has 16 straight matches with at least 10 kills. Freshman Taylor Morey chipped in 13 digs, four assists and three aces.

As the Irish hit a critical juncture of their season, Brown said the team is on the right track, but there are still things they can improve upon.

“Our biggest strength at this point of the season is probably our balanced offense,” Brown said. “We still have to get better at scoring when we are serving, but our big hitters have stepped up and Andrea [McHugh] and Taylor [Morey] have really done well passing, which has helped our offense.”

The Irish will be in action next Friday as they hit the road for a match against DePaul in Chicago.

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Irish collect 37 matches at home

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish defended their home court this weekend, winning 30 of 37 singles matches and seven of 10 doubles matches during the Tom Fallon Invitational at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Four members of the squad earned a spot on the all-tournament team and senior co-captain Blas Moros earned MVP honors. This tournament marked the first time Notre Dame welcomed competition as the home team this season, welcoming Michigan State, Northern Illinois, Alabama and Michigan.

“Playing at home is always nice, because you save the time that you usually spend traveling either resting or somehow getting ready,” Moros said. “It’s always great playing in front of our home crowd as well.”

Friday saw the Irish square off with Northern Illinois in the afternoon and Alabama in the evening. Underclassmen started the first day on a good foot, with freshman Nicolas Montoya and sophomores Dougie Barnard and Michael Fredericka winning their respective sets against members of the Huskie squad in singles play. Montoya took down Jovan Zejkovic in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 1-0, while Barnard and Fredericka beat Max Phillips, 6-3, 6-3, and Simon Fomont, 6-4, 6-2, respectively.

In the evening session, Notre Dame dominated Alabama, winning seven of the eight singles matches. Moros closed the evening with a close three-set win, finally trumping over junior Billy Pecor, Talmadge, Moros, Lawson, Fredericka and Montoya.

On the doubles court, junior Greg Andrews returned from the ITA All-American Championships in Oklahoma to join Talmadge, taking down Alabama’s Jarred Botha and Becker O’Shaughnessy 9-7 and Michigan’s Barrett Franks and Alex Buzz 8-4. Pecor and Lawson also defeated Franks and Buzzi, beating the Wolverines 8-4, while two other Irish teams knocked off two Alabama squads.

The Irish closed out the tournament Sunday, adding another eight singles victories and two doubles victories for the day. After each adding another win on the singles courts, Moros, Andrews, Talmadge and McCoy received recognition for their efforts throughout the weekend with spots on the nine-person all-tournament team.

Pecor, Monaghan and Moore also contributed singles wins, while the Barnard and Fredericka teamed up against members of the Michigan State team and Andrews and Talmadge took down a pair from Northern Illinois.

“We have all the necessary tools, we just need to be able to call on it during the heat of competition,” Blas Moros said.

The Irish approach Saturday with a confidence that helped them continue racking up wins. The squad turned out a total of 13 singles matches and five of eight doubles matches, improving in the doubles area where they previously struggled. Barnard and McCoy picked up two singles wins each. Additional individual wins came from senior Michael Moore,
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hard to get past [Demko], he was always there and always in the way.”

The game went to overtime, but the Irish and the USA U-18 team were unable to capitalize in the sudden-death period and the game ended in a draw.

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The Irish controlled the first period. They held the majority of the possession and led 1-0 in the shots category. The combination of Irish junior captain and center Anders Lee and sophomore winger Peter Schneider looked to be a formidable duo throughout the game, especially in the first period, Jackson said.

“I want to put [Schneider] in some offensive situations,” Jackson said. “He’s got good skills and a good shot and he has a history of scoring goals. I want to play him on the right side with Anders, not the left, but for the time being we have to play two players out of position because we are short on the left side.”

In the second period, the USA U-18 team had a slight upper hand, as they led the shots category 9-5. Irish junior goaltender Steven Summerhays, who started the game, was replaced with 6:35 left in the second period by Johnson. Summerhays had 12 saves on the night, while Johnson had eight. Summerhays was not challenged much, Jackson said.

“Sometimes those are the most difficult games and [Summerhays] did what he had to do,” Jackson said. “He had to be focused. All of the sudden, there’s a little traffic at the net and a play is going on right in front of you, after going periods of time without that, it’s harder to play goalie like that, and he did a good job. And so did [Johnson].”

With an exhibition under their belts, the Irish will take on Maine in the season-opener as part of the Ice Breaker Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Wall were both sharp and made numerous diving saves.

Clark said the play of both sides made for a great college soccer match.

“It was a great win, but what a great college soccer game,” Clark said. “What a great advertisement for college soccer. It was two very, very good teams and it was just exciting.”

The win over Georgetown puts the Irish back into the Big East championship hunt.

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Heavy with an exhibition under their belts, the Scarlet Knights easily poked it in to equalize. The teams played another 75 minutes of regulation and extra time soccer, but it wasn’t enough to break the draw.

“Outside of the two goals we gave up — and that was kind of the game right there — I thought we were actually pretty good,” Waldrum said. “I think we headred in the right direction and created enough chances to win. It’s just unfortunate that we had a couple mistakes in the back, but the overall performance was good.”

Following its solid weekend against teams from New Jersey, Notre Dame now heads into its most important matchup of the season at No. 1 Georgetown on Friday. The Hoyas (12-1-2, 6-0-1) also dropped their first conference points of the season in a tie Sunday, keeping them and the Irish in a tie atop the Big East’s National Division.

Bragging rights, important conference points and the upper hand in the division title race will be on the line when Notre Dame travels to Georgetown on Friday. That match will kick off at 3 p.m. in Washington, D.C.

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Irish junior defender Luke Mishu, right, pressures a Georgetown player during Notre Dame’s 3-0 over the Hoyas on Saturday.

Tuesday when they play their final non-conference regular season game of the year at Northwestern at 8 p.m.

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Happy Birthday: Time and patience will be required. You must adapt to the changes necessary to reach your goals. Travel will pay off. The knowledge you gain through experience will prepare you for any challenge you must face in order to reach your destination. Sincerity coupled with self-preservation will lead to victory.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid confrontations with people you need to work alongside. Problems with contracts and partnerships can be expected if you are overly sensitive regarding who does what. Do something that still makes you feel good, like pampering or a hobby that eases stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The more versatile you are, the easier it will be to fit into a vocation that is in demand. Use your skills and practical ability to get things done and someone will recognize what you have to offer. Love and romance are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t overdo it physically. Stick to what you know and do not venture off the beaten trail. If you travel into unknown territory, you will be faced with situations that are riddled with problems. Sorrow is apparent if honesty doesn’t prevail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for unusual sources of entertainment and you will meet someone offering alternatives that will help you apply what you do best to different end users. Love is on the rise. Mixing business with pleasure will pay off.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Finley scores twice as Notre Dame tops its third top-10 team of the season

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish raced out of the gates with a fast start and utilized a strong second half en route to a 3-0 win over No. 3 Georgetown in Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

Senior forward Ryan Finley scored two goals 23 seconds apart in the sixth minute to give Notre Dame (10-2-0, 2-2-0 Big East) breathing room against the Hoyas (10-2-1, 2-2-0).

The Irish struck first in the eighth minute when Alex Priede tapped in a goal from inside the 6-yard box. Priede put the Irish ahead after Irish senior captain and midfielder Dillon Powers’ corner kick could not be cleared.

“It’s a big ole Alex Priede goal – he gets goals like that,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “It was a great start. That gets you in front and then you’ve got to come, and when they have to come to you, then it opens their back, and I thought we were really able to open their back.”

Finley benefited from this in the second half when he received a through ball behind the defense from Irish junior forward Harry Shipp. Finley dribbled around charging Georgetown junior goalkeeper Keon Parsa and calmly placed the ball in the net.

Just 23 seconds later, Finley again found the goal. Irish freshman midfielder Patrick Hodan corralled a long pass near the corner and dribbled toward the side of the 18-yard box. He then passed to Finley, who fired a shot from the middle of the box off the bottom of the crossbar to put the Irish up three.

“We talked about at halftime, once we got the second goal, we thought the floodgates would kind of open up, so it was nice to get that third one and ice the cake,” Finley said.

Both the Irish and Hoyas had many scoring chances throughout the match. The two teams combined for 40 shots and each hit multiple posts. Parsa and Irish junior goalkeeper Patrick

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Irish run unbeaten streak to eight with win, tie

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame closed out Alumni Stadium in fine style over the weekend, notching a 5-1 win over Seton Hall and a 2-2 tie against Rutgers in its last home stand of the regular season.

On Friday, the Irish (10-3-2, 6-0-1 Big East) took time before the game to honor their two graduating seniors, defender Jazzmin Hall and midfielder Nicole Borner, then went out and dominated the Pirates (6-10, 1-7).

Junior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker opened the scoring with a headed goal in the 18th minute, and freshman defender Katie Naughton added her second career goal six minutes later, with both goals coming off crosses from freshman defender Brittany Von Rueden. The Irish added three more goals after the half to cap their impressive offensive night — although the defense might have shined even brighter.

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ND HOCKEY: ND 1, USA UNDER-18 1

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