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Students praise, criticize presidential candidates’ foreign policy after final debate

By JOHN CAMERON
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With just two weeks rema.ining before Election Day, President Barack Obama and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney squared off in the final of three presidential debates last night. Students tuned in to hear the presidential contenders’ views on foreign policy and offered praise and criticism of both performances.

As much of the debate focused on military intervention in the Middle East, senior Greg Doonan said he felt Romney’s reference to foreign intervention as a “mantle of leadership” and “honor” may have painted too rosy a picture of the American reputation abroad.

“I think it’s a little misleading,” Doonan said. “I think Americans get a lot of flak for immersing ourselves in situations we shouldn’t necessarily be involved in. I don’t necessarily agree with Romney on that one.”

Senior Ben Kim praised Romney’s assertion of economics as a threat to American security.

“My personal opinion is that [intervention] should be more economic than military,” Kim said.

Gubernatorial candidates clash

By VICKY JACOBSEN
News Writer

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center hosted Indiana’s three gubernatorial candidates Wednesday in the second of three debates leading up to Election Day.

In the “final statements” portion of the occasionally hostile proceedings, Republican candidate Mike Pence described the hour-long debate as “spirited and memorable,” in reference to a few lingering barbs from his principal opponent, Democratic candidate John Gregg.

Gregg, the former Indiana Speaker of the House, challenged Pence directly on several fronts.

“If you’re going to be governor, you’ve got to work every day,” Gregg said, after accusing Pence of missing 86 percent of his votes on the Hill.

Gregg said Pence exaggerated his accomplishments in Washington.

“Mike, I heard you last time and this time when you said you’re one of the hardest working [members of Congress]. I looked up that article, and that’s you quoting yourself, saying"

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Student dies in bike accident

By MEGAN DOYLE
Managing Editor

Sophomore Ziqi Zhang, left, passed away Thursday in an accident outside the entrance to Saint Mary’s.

She is pictured with Paige O’Laughlin, right, at the Notre Dame game versus Stanford.

Crews respond to gas leak

Observer Staff Report

A gas leak on campus disrupt-ed travel across DeBartolo Quad Monday afternoon as emergency crews worked to cap the leak for about three hours.

The leak was detected at approximately 1:55 p.m., and University Spokesman Dennis Brown alerted students to the leak via email shortly after emergency crews responded to the situation. Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and the Notre Dame Fire Department blocked off the north side of DeBartolo Quad while fixing the leak.

“The cause of the leak appears to be a tent stake that was driven into an unmarked gas line,” the email stated.

Emergency crews did not evacuate any campus buildings, but advised students, faculty and staff to avoid the area.

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Gubernatorial candidates clash
Fans file into Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday afternoon for the Notre Dame - BYU game. The fifth-ranked Irish will put their perfect 7-0 record on the line against the eighth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners this Saturday at 6 p.m. in Norman, Okla.

**Tuesday**

**SSLP Session**
135 Geddes Hall
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Summer Service Learning Program question forum.

**Wednesday**

**Carole Masso Reading**
Eck Visitors Center
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Contemporary American novelist.

**Student Debate**
McKenna Hall
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Arguments for both parties from student representatives.

**Thursday**

**Zen Meditation**
102 Coleman-Morse Center
6:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Open to Notre Dame students of all faiths.

**NBA Exhibition Game**
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Joakim Noah and the Bulls face the Indiana Pacers.

**Friday**

**Writing Successful Grants**
McKenna Hall
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Introductory workshop for grant writing.

**NBA Exhibition Game**
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Joakim Noah and the Chicago Bulls face the Indiana Pacers.

**Saturday**

**Rock Musical:** “next to normal”
Washington Hall
7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
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**Question of the Day:**
What did you do over fall break?

**Matt Mlezcko**

*Applied for internships in D.C.*

**Tim Gaius**

*Dillon Hall*

“Spent time with a new foster baby.”

**Connor Howell**

*Watched Notre Dame beat BYU.*

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*Kough Hall*

“Visited the World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta.”

**Megan O’Brien**

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*Badin Hall*

“Watched Notre Dame beat Stanford.”
Boxers works out to raise funds

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club showcased the product of its numerous practice hours at the annual Power 24 Hour fundraiser Oct. 12 and 13.

Each member of the team signed up for two one-hour shifts between 8 a.m. Friday and 3 a.m. Saturday during which they performed their practice exercises for crowds outside South Dining Hall.

"Generally, we were doing jumping jacks and [ab] exercises and leg exercises like squats," senior co-captain Ragan Todd said. "Then, as a group, we would do a pushup for every dollar that was donated over the time period we were there."

A workout fundraiser fits well with the mission of the Boxing Club, co-president and co-captain MJ Durkin said.

"It really showcases what we've been working on up to this point," she said. "We started training in August and now we're able to work out and do calisthenics, and it's what we're training for. It really brings together the athletic and the charity natures of our club."

This year, the team raised nearly $2,000, the highest amount ever earned from this event. Durkin said last year was the first in which the club exercised for almost an entire day, and the lengthened event brought a corresponding increase in funds raised.

"In past years, it was just for one hour and we had the whole team out there in two groups doing exercises and we would raise about $500," she said. "This combination of all our efforts more than doubled any other year's [fundraising]."

The team donates all funds raised from Power 24 Hour and the annual Baraka Bouts boxing tournament to two Holy Cross schools in Uganda: Lakeview Secondary School and St. Joseph's Hill Secondary School.

"Last year was the first year we were able to donate to two schools," Durkin said. "The more money and more awareness we have, the more schools we can donate it to."

Raising awareness of the team and its mission is a main goal of the Power 24 Hour fundraiser, Todd said.

"We are kind of a young group at this point and it's good to be able to let people know we are there," she said. "Out fights are coming up in two weeks and now we've gotten ourselves out there and let people know what we're doing and raising money for. Hopefully people will want to buy tickets and come see us fight."

"Some people are trying to use the Vatican to their own advantage sometimes forget how it is the ultimate authority which is found in texts and not people's interpretation," he said. "I went through the equivalent of a very profound conversion as a result of the Vatican II."

"The second Vatican Council helped a new era of the Church, DeRoo said uncertainty and fear have prevented some of those ideas from being fully applied in practice in the past.

"We are called to be prophets to share wisdom and put our finger on where God is present, thus helping the Church to move forward," he said.

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Professor panel prefaches foreign policy debate

By JOANNA LAGEDROST
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Hours before the presidential candidates debated foreign pol-
icy in their final meeting before the election, three Notre Dame
political experts crafted their own foreign policy questions and
weighed in with their concerns.

The scholars met in a pan-
el discussion titled "Foreign Policy Questions We Hope the U.S. Presidential Candidates Will Be Asked" on Monday eve-
ning at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Andrew Bacevich, foreign policy analyst and visiting scholar at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, opened the discussion with his predictions about the impact of Monday’s debate on future U.S. foreign policy decisions.

"The presidential debates tend to be tied very much to the present moment, and, to some degree, to the near future, with minimal attention given to the past or to the larger context in which policy unfolded," he said.

"I'm not sure what meaningful information we'll garner directly from the debates themselves," she said.

Bacevich said candidates should be questioned about possible explanations for and responses to the “high levels of anti-Americanism” that exist throughout much of the Islamic world.

"Some observers attribute anti-

Americanism to corrupt and destructive governments that use the United States as a whip-

ping board — blaming every-
thing on Uncle Sam — in order to distract attention from their own failures and ineptitude," he said.

"Others have suggested that there may be something inherent in Islam that manifests itself as hostility toward any great power from outside the Islamic world. And others still have pointed to past U.S. policies that may ... have created a negative image for America in the eyes of Iranians, Afghans, Pakistanis, etc."

"The country's post-9/11 mili-
tary engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan also present points of concern for the future of for-

eign policy that both President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney must address, Bacevich said.

"The United States has now been in war for over a decade, a period longer than the Civil War and World War II combined," he said. "The Iraq war ... has ended, with results that fell well short of victory. Both [Obama and Romney] agreed that the Afghanistan war ought to con-

clude by the end of 2014. What lessons should the United States draw from the wars of the post-

9/11 era? How will those lessons inform your approach in formu-

lating a basic national security policy?"

Finally, Bacevich said the candidates must provide con-
crete solutions to America’s eco-

conic woes and those of the global economy aside from their common support of free trade practices.

"The United States has now ended a negative trade balance for approximately 40 consecu-
tive years," he said. "During that 40-year period, we’ve gone from being the world’s No. 1 creditor to becoming the world’s lead-
debtor nation. An economy once driven by production is today increasingly driven by consumption.

"What concrete evidence is there to suggest that free trade actually works as an engine of U.S. economic growth in the present? What will you do to close the gap between how much the U.S. imports and how much it exports?"

Guisinger said Obama’s four years of experience as President give him an edge over Romney in terms of foreign policy knowledge.

"We’re not comparing apples to apples — Obama is actually in charge of foreign policy and his words represent the United States whereas Mitt Romney is just a candidate for that posi-
tion," she said.

"The format of the debates cre-

ates constraints for both candi-
dates in conveying their foreign policy views, Guisinger said. "In particular, President Obama will be constrained be-
cause debates are not a great form for measuring response, which is what he needs to do as head of state," she said. "Romney will also be constrained because this is his time to present his for-

eign policy platform."

Guisinger said Romney's back-
ground in the financial sector could give him a unique per-
spective on the current state of the economy.

"I'd like to hear Romney talk more like the businessman that he is about the financial crisis," she said.

Peace studies professor George Laper, a Kroc International Poli-

cy expert, said he would question Romney on his views about the Obama administration’s han-
dling of situations in Libya and Iran.

"What would you do that dis-

tinguishes your foreign policy from the president’s up until now?" he said. "What, in the last two to four years, would you have done differently in Libya or Iran?"

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Smooth sailing for Stanford, BYU games

By KRISTEN DURBIN
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Although back-to-back home football games against Stanford and BYU sandwiched a rainy week at Notre Dame, both games were “quite successful” overall, director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said.

“From a weather standpoint, the Stanford and BYU games could not have been more different,” he said. “The clearing skies followed by dry weather for the [BYU] game made for an almost perfect football game or the field conditions for the BYU game.

“We were tracking the weather all week, and it became apparent that it was simply going to deteriorate during the course of the [Stanford] game,” he said. “It was great to see the fans endure the bad weather and support the team. The Stanford crew, led by Dan Brazo and Robert Thomas, did a phenomenal job getting the field and Stadium in shape for the BYU game following all the rain.”

The weekend’s pleasant weather drew more than 6,500 fans to the Stadium tunnel Friday, and more than 9,500 people attended the Friday night pep rally in Purcell Pavilion, Seamon said. The majority of students returned from fall break early to attend the game as well, he said.

A week earlier, students kicked off their breaks with a thrilling win over Stanford fueled by the energy of the return of ESPN’s College GameDay to Notre Dame for the first time since 2005.

“It was great to see the excitement everyone had for welcoming GameDay back on campus. I thought the students were awesome in promoting the University and supporting our team,” Seamon said.

“(GameDay’s) producers and director were extremely impressed with our students and fans. They get large crowds wherever they visit, but they thought there was something truly unique and special about being at Notre Dame.”

Seamon said the high profile of the Stanford game attracted more than 10,000 fans to the Purcell Pavilion pep rally Oct. 12. Campuses and state law enforcement officials were present during both games, but neither ran into significant issues given the large crowds on campus. The number of arrests by Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and Indiana State Excise Police was also significantly lower during both game weekends than the 72 arrests on 99 charges made during the Michigan game weekend at the end of September.

NDSP chief Phil Johnson said three people were arrested outside the Stadium during the Stanford game weekend: two for marijuana law violations and one for resisting arrest. The people were arrested for public intoxication inside the Stadium.


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The truth is that less than a third of our kids who go to public universities in Indiana finish a four-year degree in four years,” Pence said. “That’s putting a tremendous burden on our kids in the manner of student loans and debt, and frankly it’s resulting in a loss on our universities as well.”

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During his turn in the Lincoln-Douglas section of the debate, when the candidates had the opportunity to ask each other their own questions, Bonehm chose to focus on Indiana’s correctional facilities, which he said will soon be above capacity.

“Are we going to continue to lock up every person who breaks the law, no matter how petty the law is, no matter if it is hurting themselves or others?” Bonehm asked. “I don’t want to be a state that builds the economy on incarceration. I want to be the state that actually builds the state on work and workers. When we lock everyone up and stamp that felony on their head, even for hurting themselves, they struggle with going to work for the rest of their lives.”

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You’re one of the hardest working,” Gregg said. “This race is about needing a work horse and not a show horse, and to be candid, you wouldn’t even be a show horse: You’re down to being a one-trick pony.”

The two candidates also sparred over family values. While responding to a question from Amy Leonard, a single mother and full-time student working as a waitress in Mishawaka, Gregg suggested Pence does not consider households headed by a single parent to be legitimate families.

“He’s got a program that he wants to focus on families, but only ‘mom and dad’ families — married couples,” Gregg said.

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“I’m a single parent, too, and I take great offense that his family plan doesn’t consider me and my boys a family. Maybe he doesn’t think you and your kids are a family, either.”

Pence refuted that statement at the press conference immediately following the debate.

“Of course I consider [Leonard and her children] a family.” Pence said. “My wife, Karen, was raised by a single mom and my sister’s a single mom. She’s a family — I love her and her kids. Families come in all shapes and sizes.”

Pence said the policies Gregg referred to are not meant to delineate single parent families, but are simply a means of aiding married couples and helping them stay together.

“Our proposal for family impact statements is an attempt to address childhood poverty,” Pence said. “It’s really been recognized by scholars on the left and on the right that one of the most effective ways to reduce childhood poverty is to encourage more young people to get married, stay married and wait to have kids until they marry. And we want to make sure there’s nothing in Indiana’s regulations going forward that gets in the way of people choosing to get married and stay married.”

Gregg also criticized Pence’s record on education policy. Although Pence praised the role of Indiana’s universities, Gregg, who served as interim president of Vincennes University from 2003 to 2004, said Pence would not properly fund higher education as governor.

“All the jobs in the world don’t mean anything unless we have a well-educated and well-trained workforce,” Gregg said. “We need to make Pell Grants available for college. My opponent, Congressman Pence, talks about affordability of college, but voted against Pell Grants.”

Pence argued college educations could be made more affordable if schools made concerted efforts to graduate students on time.

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said. “When Romney said one of the greatest threats to the [United] States is the budget deficit and the economy, I think he’s right. We can’t help others if we can’t help ourselves.”

When asked about military spending arose, Rooney criti-
cized the reduced size of the Navy. “Our military has be-

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flourished. … I attribute my greatest college memories I have
made so far to her.”

Zhang, 19, died Thursday eve-
ning from injuries sustained in
an accident between her bike and an SUV outside the entrance
to Saint Mary’s on State Route
933.

A resident of Regina Hall,
Zhang was a dual-degree stu-
dent majoring in mathematics at Saint Mary’s and taking engi-
neering classes at Notre Dame. She was a resident of Jiangsu
Province in China.

The accident occurred just be-
fore 9 p.m. Thursday, according
to a release from the St. Joseph
County Police Department.

The driver, identified in the re-
port at 34-year-old Erin Zick of
Edwardsburg, Mich., told police
she had a green light at the time of the accident. The report stated
witnesses confirmed Zick’s and that there is no evi-
dence that alcohol played a role in the crash.

For O’Laughlin, Zhang’s
friendship will stay with her as
she mourns her friend’s death.
Her memories with Ziqi on week-
end trips to Chicago or hanging
out together are some of her best
college memories so far, she said.

“When she wanted something,
she went for it,” O’Laughlin said.
“She always tried to turn any-
thing unpleasant into a positive
and something funny experience
if applicable. She liked to look on the bright side of situations
and focus on the best instead of dwelling on the past.

“I was just really shocked,”
Filipski said. “I still am kind of
shocked that she’s gone. It’s hard
to believe that.

“I feel like today, going to class,
ies, it’s more real. Even though
she isn’t in any of my classes, she
would be going back to class. It’s hard
to think about how she will be
missing and how her seat will
be empty.”

Evans remembered Zhang as
someone with “genuine spirit.”

“She just brought so much life
to the room,” Evans said. “She
was a genius, so grateful for
the opportunity to be at Saint
Mary’s and also doing the dual
program at Notre Dame. … There’s not enough words to describe
what kind of person she was.”

The girls remembered jok-
ing with Zhang about American
customs and slang. Evans said
Zhang applied to a number of
American colleges while in high
school in China, and she planned
to stay in the United States for a
few years after graduation before
returning home to be closer to
her family.

“What I always found remark-
able was that it’s usually a fifth
year if you’re doing the dual
degree program,” Evans said. “(But
Zhang) overloaded on classes.
She was a very diligent worker.
She wanted to graduate in four
years, and she was very dedicat-
ed to doing that.”

Evans remembered Zhang as
a night owl who loved the sitcom
Friends, someone who was always
joking and smiling.

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“So … what did you do once you got on the football field?”

I had no response to my friend’s 8-year-old sister, Maeva. What was there to do once we stormed the field at the end of the overtime game against Stanford?

With rain teeming down, we had one of the largest and warmest dance parties. (Taylor Swift is jealous she missed it.) Sinking into the mud, jumping up and down and cheering “We Are ND” is what we did. There was no planned event once everyone got on the field — as Maeva thought — but that was not the point. The point of going on the field was to experience something sacred.

It is not sacrilegious to say that Notre Dame fans associate the football program with the University’s religious backbone. The mural of Jesus and His disciples is referred to as “Touchdown Jesus.” We sing the alma mater at the end of every home football game, as well as at the end of every Mass during football weekends. The players run onto the field and the first thing they do is kneel in the end zone.

So as a freshman, stepping onto the field for the first time is like receiving First Communion. It’s a new experience that is backed with tradition, faith, history, love and excitement. When you were in second grade, you probably didn’t join your parents in line and actually take the host? I was. I wanted to be included in the glory that is the Eucharist.

Last Saturday was analogous. We wanted to be a part of the glory of the undefeated Irish. We wanted to stand where legends have stood, where celebrities watch from the sidelines, and to experience a spirituality that is Notre Dame’s football field. The grass, the mud, the paint and the rain: all very earthly things. Yet, in an instant they become otherworldly. There was not one person I talked to that didn’t mention the chills they felt walking through the tunnel, looking toward Touchdown Jesus lit up in the night, freshly gleaming in the rain.

We rushed onto the field for a reason; some may say excitement, others may say support, but I say community in God. We were all united on the field, understanding that we were experiencing something that is very rare to Notre Dame Stadium.

“What for the safety of the ushers, players, and fans please do not go onto the field after the game has ended?” But we did. So Maeva, what did we do? We basked in the unity of God, Country, Notre Dame.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Douglas Road reroute disregards families

Tim Cantu
law student
off campus
Oct. 22

The GreenMan

Ask the GreenMan

To my fellow green people,

Let’s be honest, College GameDay was pretty darn exciting. With showing the SEC what a library looks like, snapping pictures of the back of Vince Vaughn’s head and watching Corgi jog around in a leprechaun costume, there was just a whole lot going on.

But I have to tell you, the majority of you missed the best part … me. Yup, I was there. Recycling with the best of them in all my green glory.

See, ESPN cares about more than just sports. They, like me, love the environment. It’s a mutual passion. Every week they set up a sorting game to educate fans about what’s recyclable, what’s compostable and what must sadly go to the landfill.

So it’s basically like Harry Potter, just a little different. Right answers and nice tosses earn you points, which then translate into some pretty exciting ESPN merchandise.

Their efforts go way beyond GameDay festivities though. For example, all new construction and renovations must be LEED complaint, the 2009 ESPY Awards were virtually waste-free and carbon neutral and they buy only compostable containers, cutlery and napkins for their cafeteria.

ESPN isn’t the only media company trying to make a green difference, I’m talking about more than just their parent company, Disney.

NBC Universal and Warner Bros. have also been doing their part. The companies finally realized that the Hollywood make-it-happen-at-any-cost attitude wasn’t going to work long term. They started employing reusable water bottles, upping their recycling efforts, reusing script pages, composting and stream-lining their transportation efforts.

Warner Bros. in particular has recently adopted a strategy for carbon-neutral production (think “Due Date,” “The Town” and “Green Lantern”). Other big name films you may have seen, like “Inception,” “Valentine’s Day,” and “Crazy Stupid Love” — yes, I like chick flicks, get over it — used solar energy to power their base camps.

It goes beyond the production though. You may have seen the commercials for NBC’s “Green is Universal” campaign before. Basically NBC set up this division to get its consumers to become more aware of the environment and how they can make a huge impact.

Then there are the things they don’t really tell you — like in “2 Dresses” when Katherine Heigl’s character uses 7th Generation cleaning supplies awaiting her sister’s return home from stealing the love of her life, or in “The Proposal” when the dad sneak’s in a little ad of sorts for eco-friendly, deteriorate in water, golf balls. You have noticed that actors seem to be using more and more reusable coffee mugs and shopping bags? Ahem, “Pretty Little Liars” — yes, I watch that too. Once you start looking for these types of things, you can find them everywhere. And the odd part is, you start following suit without even realizing it. It’s bloody brilliant if you ask me.

Anyways, next week, as you watch College GameDay broadcasting from dreary, awkward Norman, Okla., regardless of who Como picks to win, just be thinking about how green and wonderful ESPN is and try to spot me in the pit.

Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Kurt Vonnegut
American novelist

Weekly Poll

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Media influences foreign policy

I became enraged in 2010 when Floridian pastor Terry Jones threatened to burn the Qur’an and put Americans abroad at risk of violent retaliation. My brother, in Pakistan working with a humanitarian aid project, was moved to a secure location. Even after the President addressed the issue and Defense Secretary Robert Gates made a personal phone call to the pastor, America was uncertain if the man and his 60-person congregation next door, and we’ll be right there if you know that we’re here for you no matter what decisions you make. I’m with the Coalition for Life. Our building is right across the street. If you are an anti-abortion/anti-choice activist you will find the signs outside our building asking, “Have you seen our signs?”, “Have you seen our videos?”, “Visit the women’s care center.” Those are the latter parts of the days when being pro-life meant yelling at women and waving pictures of mangled fetuses. We spoke in terms of rights, particularly the right to life of the unborn.

Now the tone is changing, and the vocabulary is broadening. Today Notre Dame uses the language of “commitment”, “to offering students resources that support the choice of life.” Official university policy states that “students who do not support the choice of life may not stay at Notre Dame if they wish and will receive the full support of the university community.”

We can no longer be content with protest; we must create a culture such that the unborn and their families enter into a world created for them. Now, the largest pregnancy resource centers in the world are run by those who identify as “pro-life.” Planned Parenthood offers ultrasounds and pregnancy tests, but the Women’s Care Center offers them for free.

In the past, developing artificial contraception was the preeminent work being done in fertility studies. Years ago, the rhythm method really was as ineffective as everyone said it was. Now, effectiveness of Natural Family Planning has risen to 99 percent, with no side effects (and it can cost under $10 a year), while the British Medical Journal has reported that some of the newest artificial contraceptives, including Yasmin and Yaz, more than double the risk of fatal blood clots.

The new promoters of Natural Family Planning are tweeting #iusafeNP “because a woman’s body isn’t broken.”

Many men, rather than assuming women will manipulate their bodies through artificial hormones, now seek birth regulation methods that understand the human aspect of what is natural to womanhood.

Continued research must be done to study the effects of new birth control drugs. Can the Elfa pill cause an abortion? As the FDA label for the drug states, “There are no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women,” while “embryotoxicity was noted in all pregnant rats and in half of the pregnant rabbits following 12 and 13 days of dosing.”

The pro-life movement begins with the premise that no man or woman can be killed merely because he or she is different. It is a direct attack on human dignity to end a human merely because of differences in physical or mental ability, religion, race, or stage in life. We fight the claim that a more developed human being has more dignity than a less developed human being. After all, every human body is composed of a “clump of tissues” and a “bunch of cells.” We fight for all of humanity: man, woman and child.

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Inside the production truck, dozens of screens are filled and broadcasts "college football live" from the set. Night, while the stage is constructed Thursday morning, the technical equipment is put together and four-and-a-half to disassemble. "It's pretty much a traveling circus," Fisher said. "We're together for 14 weeks in a row and we get along most of the time. That's really the only way it could work. We couldn't just have a different crew all over it. We'd never get it done in time.

"It's like a band on tour. Some of the truck drivers even used to be with rock bands."

Fisher said the crew has to deal with the occasional hiccup, but for the most part everything goes smoothly. Earlier this year, while stationed at Florida State, the broadcast signal went dead for four seconds.

"The blimp got in between us and the satellite," he said. "I ran out of the truck and said, 'Guys, can you fly a little to the right?'"

**On-air talent**

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Notre Dame will be one of the featured teams on "GameDay" again this Saturday, but this time it will be in Norman, Okla., before the No. 5 Irish and No. 8 Sooners face off in primetime.
By KEVIN NOONAN  
Scene Editor

At equal turns darkly comedic and chillingly suspenseful, “Argo” brings vividly to life the little known story of the rescue of six U.S. diplomats from Tehran, Iran in 1979 in the middle of the Iranian hostage crisis.

The film, released Oct. 12, stars Ben Affleck (who also directed and produced) as Tony Mendez, the real-life CIA agent who orchestrated the escape of the Americans under the guise of being a Canadian film crew scouting filming locations for a science fiction movie titled “Argo.”

The audience knows the outcome going into the theater, but that didn’t matter to people sitting on the edges of their seats in genuinely concerned, “you could hear a pin drop” silence for the majority of the film.

This film sees Affleck on the director’s chair for the third time in his career, and once again he shows impeccable talent at masterfully recreating the feel of the environment in which his stories take place.

In 2007’s “Gone Baby Gone,” the destitution of the downtrodden Boston neighborhood and the underlying problems with which it’s riddled.

Affleck’s 2010 bank robbery thriller, “The Town,” again illustrated an impoverished Boston neighborhood, but this time painting a picture of the kill-or-get-killed nature of those residents who managed to rise above it through crime.

“Argo” may be Affleck’s first venture out of his hometown, but it is also his best effort to date at creating a textured portrait within his film that goes beyond just the characters on screen. Tehran in 1979 was a city in upheaval, and the storming of the American embassy and the hostage crisis that ensued was in many ways a boiling point in Iran of years of oppression by a cruel leader and anti-American animosity.

The film’s opening scenes depict this chaotic, mob-induced storming and this along many scenes throughout the movie depicting various scenes of anarchy and fear, including firing squads in the streets, gives the audience a taste of the pure terror that defined the American embassy workers’ lives after the complex was overtaken.

The main characters are colorfully displayed in the film, and the performances behind them bring the story to life. Bryan Cranston plays Jack O’Donnell, Mendez’s boss who works frantically in Washington D.C. to make sure all the pieces come together, including some tense and explicit conversations with highly ranked White House officials. John Goodman plays John Chambers, a real-life Hollywood makeup artist who frequently worked with the CIA over the course of his career, and teams up with veteran producer Lester Siegel, played by Alan Arkin, to create the fake backstory of the sci-fi film.

Goodman and Arkin provide much of the comedic relief of the film, showing the gilded nature of Hollywood in the 1970s. The film provides an interesting contrast in this sense, pitting the flashy, hedonistic character of Hollywood, and by extension America, at the time against the stark, violent reality of the upheaval in Iran going on at the same time.

Though these core characters are well developed and feel very real, the film is held back the slightest bit by the sheer number of characters involved. In addition to those main players, there are the six Americans on the run, their Canadian hosts and a seemingly countless number of names and faces involved in the escape plan.

The result is the lack of development of some of the key components of the story, especially the six American diplomats.

Additionally, as this is “based on a true story,” its historical inaccuracies have drawn further criticism. Namely, though the film succeeds in not falling into the trap of being simply American propaganda, it downplays the involvement and risk undertaken by other nations in order to pull off the rescue, especially Canada, Britain and New Zealand.

Overall, though, the film wholly succeeds in capturing the story and historical context of one of the most creative and daring rescue missions in American history, and is definitely a must-see.

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Studio: Warner Bros. Pictures  
Starring: Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin
Belles prove their worth against conference teams

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

With three tough matchups over fall break, the Belles’ five-game winning streak ended after falling to Adrian 1-0 before bouncing back with a 4-1 win over Albion. Saint Mary’s rounded out the week with a 1-1 tie against Calvin in double overtime.

Coach Michael Joyce said Calvin was the toughest competition over the break. “Every other team we’ve played very close,” Joyce said. “Even when we’ve lost, the game could have gone our way with a finished chance, or a big save. Calvin is very good and we don’t seem to match up particularly well against them.”

Despite Joyce’s feelings about the Belles’ ability to match up, the Belles managed to stay in the competition when senior Maddie Mckeees converted a corner kick into a goal with 10 seconds left in regulation. Neither team was able to pull ahead in overtime, however.

“Overtime is tough,” Joyce said. “An extra 20 minutes after a long game can be hard to get up for, but we’d worked hard in regulation to come back and tie the game only to lose it in overtime, so the motivation was there.”

Joyce said he was happy with the tie, especially taking into account the amount of effort his team put forth. “We had a couple good chances we didn’t put away. We had a couple point plank after the keeper was beat, and cleared two balls off the line in the last 35-39, the following week. While Luck is the man of the future in Indianapolis, he is not the top rookie quarterback. Atop the rankings stands:

1. Robert Griffin III

Lufthy expectations were placed on the Baylor graduate after the Redskins traded three first-round draft picks to select him, but “RG3” has all but exceeded those expectations. The dynamic quarterback has impressed the league with his ability to run and has already compiled over 2,000 total yards. Griffin’s best performance came in week four when he orchestrated a fourth-quarter comeback against the Buccaneers. Although the rookie has also struggled at times, he has turned in the most consistent week-to-week performances compared to the other rookie quarterbacks. His high-reel plays and deceptions are just icing on the cake for the top rookie quarterback so far this season.

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By KATIE HEIT
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The Irish started their season off with a bang, claiming nine of the 10 events in swimming as well as two diving events in the 48th Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 12.

With 16 underclassmen, the early win could be a sign of good things to come for Notre Dame this season. Sophomore Erin Foley said as a whole, the team performed extremely well, no matter the experience.

“We’ve been working really hard,” Foley said. “It was nice to see where we were at so early on in the season and overall it went really well. We had a lot of promising wins that foreshadow a good season.”

Foley said the win will be a good tone for the season with an unusual meet.

“Swimming is usually a really individual sport,” Foley said. “You’re on your own. It’s a cool way to start off the season, where every race is a relay. It’s nice to start off the season doing something different. You can see where you are individually and see what you can do as a team throughout the season.”

The Irish success will be put to the test Friday when they take on Auburn. Foley said if the Irish continue to focus and work hard on the little things during practice they will be able to succeed.

“I think we still have a long way to go,” Foley said. “There are little improvements we can keep making. We can focus on technique and emphasize the little things like starts, turn, and finishes because if we keep working on them it really will help in the long run.”

Notre Dame will test its success Friday against Auburn at 5 p.m. at the Martin Aquatics Center in Auburn, Ala.

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Squad faces tough regional matches

By MEGAN FINNERAN
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The Irish spent the tail-end of fall break competing at the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional Championships in East Lansing, Mich., competing Thursday through Monday. Advancing deepest into the tournament were senior Spencer Talmadge and junior Greg Andrews, who advanced to the finals Monday in doubles.

“Overall it was a great tournament for [Talmadge and Andrews] and they are playing at a very high level,” Irish coach Bob Bayliiss said. Talmadge and Andrews faced No. 8 Farris Gosea and Tim Kopinski of Illinois in a tough match, falling 8-5 to the Illini duo. The beginning of the match took a 2-0 turn in favor of Illinois and the Irish were never able to bounce back.

“We certainly had many opportunities to be up 2-0, but instead found ourselves down 2-0,” Bayliiss said.

Despite the fall in the final round of play, both Talmadge and Andrews performed better than expected.

“Greg’s doubles continues to approach his singles level which is something we were hoping for,” Bayliiss said. “Spencer is beginning to come into his own and assuming a lot of responsibility. He is much more consistent on returns than he has been in the past.”

The duo sought revenge for Notre Dame on Sunday with an 8-4 win over Michigan’s Barrett Franks and Vlad Stefan to advance to the finals. Franks and Stefan had knocked out Notre Dame freshmen Kenneth Sabacinski and Nicolas Montoya in the third round of play.

The progression began Friday morning for Talmadge and Andrews when they first faced Lucas Waak and Eric Honert of Valparaiso, defeating the pair 8-2. In the second round they took down Rodrigo Campos and Zeeshan Ismail of Youngstown State, 8-4. The third round of play brought Denis Bogatov and Harry Jadun of Michigan State, with the Irish easily winning 8-0.

Outside the doubles performance, multiple Irish players advanced past the first round of play but many struggled to break deep into the tournament.

“Several of our guys lost matches that I thought we were certainly capable of winning,” Bayliiss said. “Part of that was inexperience, part of that was adjusting to the quicker course of Michigan State, and part of it was not seizing the moment.”

Freshman Quentin Monaghan beat Drew Lied of Michigan State 6-4, 6-1 in the first round before falling to Ohio State’s Connor Smith 6-2, 6-4 and Andrews advanced to second round by beating Alex Robles of Wisconsin 6-1, 6-4 before Hunter Callaghan of Ohio State knocked him out of the tournament by a 6-4, 6-4 count.

Notre Dame has a break in the fall season before returning to competition at the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships, which begin Nov. 8.

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in the men’s foil. The Irish made an appearance in the top finishers in the men’s epee as well, as Kaufl claimed 11th and freshman Matt McGrath claimed 14th.

“Courtney is one of our best. We expect that out of her, same with Gerek,” Kaufl said. “I thought I fenced pretty well; we all did. It’s a long tournament and it’s still early in the season. It’s good to survive a long tournament even if you don’t quite make it all the way.”

Even though the North American Cup is not a collegiate competition, the tournament offered Irish athletes the opportunity to gain national points to be in the national team for the World Championships, World Cups and future Olympic games. Interestingly enough, this setting is more familiar and comfortable for the Irish fencers, rather than being intimidating, Kaufl said.

“It’s a little more familiar, because all of us have a lot more experience doing those things than we do in the collegiate setting. We’ve been fencing these events all our lives,” Kaufl said. “College is a big shift. Events like the NAC allow you to be in a more familiar scenario, you talk to your old coaches, and spend time with your teammates outside of a college tournament. You end up seeing them more as pure fencers and less as collegiate athletes.”

Despite the influx of young talent this Irish team possesses, including McGrath and Kiefer, the team’s experience will carry it through each other and says, “We’re ready. Everyone just kind of looks at each other and says, ‘We’re ready. This is possible. If we do a couple things very well but very simply, we’ll do very well.’”

The Irish will look for experience to prevail going forward. In less than a week, the collegiate season kicks off with Notre Dame. On Sunday, the Irish will host the Notre Dame Invitational in the new Castellan Family Fencing Center. The Invitational competition will go on throughout the day.

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Slow start costs Irish victory

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Against an imposing field of teams at the Wisconsin Invitational, the Irish men finished with a 26th place finish, while the women’s team placed 12th.

Although these were not ideal results for the Irish, men’s coach Joe Piane said this race was a good learning experience for both squads and he expects the runners to learn from some of their mistakes in the race.

“We obviously expected to do better in this race, but I think our runners learned a lot,” Piane said. “We needed to be more aggressive and competitive early. I believe the experience we got from this race will benefit us in future big races.”

The field in Wisconsin included 37 nationally ranked teams and the slow start proved costly for the Irish. “When you start off slow in a race like this, you are in trouble,” Piane said. “If you are not aggressive early, you could be behind 300 other runners and good luck trying to get through that traffic.”

Senior Rebecca Tracy had the best individual performance for the women’s team. She placed 56th and registered a time of 20:32 for the six-kilometer race. The next best performance for the Irish women came from junior Kelly Curran, who finished in 65th place with a time of 20:37.

The Irish women also received solid contributions from some of the younger runners. Freshman Molly Seidel finished in 70th place with a time of 20:41 and sophomore Gabby Gonzales came in 127th place and had a time of 20:57.

Senior Jeremy Rae was a highlight for the men’s team. He finished in 14th place out of 316 total runners and registered a time of 23:40 for the 8-kilometer race. Piane said he was impressed with Rae’s performance, especially the way he was able to get off to a good start.

“(Rae) ran very well and very aggressively early and that is the key to success in these big races,” Piane said. “This was a great run for him against great competition and he is gaining confidence every race.”

The Irish will be in action this Friday for the Big East Championships in the Bronx, N.Y.

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Weekend victories extend Irish win streak to six

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Irish maintained their winning ways during fall break, reeling off three victories in a row and extending their win streak to six matches.

Before the break, Notre Dame (15-6, 8-1 Big East) took down DePaul in three sets. The Blue Demons (7-15, 2-7) had no answer for Notre Dame’s balanced attack, led by sophomore right side hitter Jeni Houser, sophomore outside hitter Toni Alugbue and senior middle blocker Hilary Eppink. Houser and Alugbue each contributed 13 kills in the match, while Eppink chipped in with 10.

After handling DePaul, the Irish turned their attention to Georgetown and Villanova. Junior captain and outside hitter Andrea McHugh knew her team could not take either squad lightly, but thought that the Hoyas (7-15, 1-8) were the tougher opponent.

“Georgetown was probably our toughest opponent from the past weekend,” McHugh said. “They had a very dynamic [middle hitter] that ran a variety of sets and also had a quick arm swing. One of our main goals was to stop her and ultimately get a double block on her every time.”

The Irish were dominant against the Hoyas, only trailing in one set. Alugbue again led the Irish with nine kills and a .643 hitting percentage for the match. McHugh and Houser each added seven kills. The victory over Georgetown extended Notre Dame’s win streak to five matches, marking the longest streak on the 2012 season.

The Irish would extend that streak one more match two days later, when they swept Villanova in three sets. Their victory over the Wildcats (10-14, 4-5) marked the fifth time in six matches the Irish swept their opponent. McHugh attributes all of her team’s recent success to focus and sticking to a game plan.

“We are all really focused and come to practice each day wanting to get better,” she said. “One of our main focuses is our side of the net and making sure we play ‘Notre Dame’ volleyball. While the opponents we face play some role in the outcome, we primarily focus on what we can do as a team on our side of the net to come out victorious.”

McHugh also said keeping a focused mentality has helped the Irish maintain their streak of wins, and moving forward they are going to try to maintain that mentality.

“Our focus and mentality coming into each match has allowed us to play the way we have,” McHugh said. “We continue to get closer to one another on and off the court, which creates better chemistry and trust when we are playing or practicing. Also, our coaches prepare us really well during film and practice and sure we feel confident going into the match.”

The Irish will prepare this week to welcome Pittsburgh to the Joyce Center on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Sanders qualifies for singles final

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Early this month, the Big East named junior Britney Sanders its women's tennis player of the month for September. If her performance in the first four days of the Midwest Regional Championships is any indication, it’s an honor she’s trying to hold on to for four more weeks.

Sanders, the No. 98 individual in the nation, qualified for Tuesday’s singles final with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Northwestern junior Belinda Niu, who is ranked No. 117. The Monday evening match was the third of the day for Sanders, who upset No. 9 Michigan sophomore Emina Bektas in three sets in the quarterfinal earlier in the day.

“The longer I’m here, the better I play,” Sanders said. “It works really hard to win every match so after every match I feel like there is no way I have enough energy to play the next round, but when I’m on the court, somehow find a way.”

The win over Bektas marked Sanders’ first win over an opponent ranked in the top 10.

“ar is she known to have one of the biggest serves in college women’s tennis so I was extremely happy every time I broke her serve,” Sanders said. “I was down in the third set against her 3-4 when she was serving. I knew if I lost that game she’d only need one more to win and I didn’t want that to happen. So I did whatever I could to get her serves back and stay in the points and was able to break her to bring it to four-all. If I had lost that game I might have lost the match.”

But her first doubles match of the day, the tournament final, did not end in Notre Dame’s favor. Sanders and doubles partner junior Julie Sabacinski, who are ranked No. 36, were beaten 8-6 by Illinois sophomore Melissa Kopinski and senior Rachael White. It was the first loss of any kind for Sanders so far this fall.

Sanders was not the only Notre Dame athlete who stood out from her competitors on the Illinois campus.

Each of the four Irish doubles pairs won at least two matches and made it to the round of 16. Junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrissie麦Guaffigan made it all the way to the semifinal round before being knocked out by Kopinski and White, who won in the tiebreaker by a final score of 6-3, 7-6.

“I was disappointed, especially in the doubles, since we were just so close,” Kellner said. “Chrissie and I always enjoy playing together, however, and she played absolutely amazing.”

Kopinski and White also knocked off Notre Dame freshman Quinn Gleason and junior Jo Ann Manningham in a close 9-7 match in the round of 16 on Saturday. The only Irish pairing that didn’t fall to the Illini were freshman Molly O’Koniewski and sophomore Katherine White, who lost 8-2 to the No. 10 pairing of junior Linda Abu Mushrefa and junior Nida Hamilton of Northwestern in the round of 16.

The Irish also had several impressive runs in the singles draw. Gleason made it to the round of 16 in just her second collegiate tournament, while Kellner was knocked out in the same round by No. 12 Northwestern senior Kate Turvy, who will be Sanders’ opponent in the tournament final.

Sanders will face off against Turvy at the University of Illinois Atkins Tennis Center at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the hopes of capturing her first collegiate tournament title. A win in the final would guarantee an automatic berth at the National Indoor Championships in Flushing, N.Y., on Nov. 8-11.

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Weaver leads Irish to silver

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While the rest of the school was on break, No. 17 Notre-Dame was hard at work at the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic in Norman, Okla. The team impressed, taking home a second-place finish out of 18 teams.

The Irish were able to overcome especially windy conditions to finish with a three-day total of 24-over par 888, with all five golfers carding a third score better than their second.

“Yesterday, it was extremely windy and the conditions were against us,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “I am very proud of how we performed today, even with those conditions continuing here in the final day.”

With extremely windy conditions making the course tough to play, the Irish were still able to overcome six other ranked teams in the field to finish second. The only team to finish in front of Notre Dame was the host, No. 18 Oklahoma, who carded a tournament-best 5-under par 859.

The Irish were able to card six rounds under-par throughout the tournament.

“To be an elite golfer, you have to overcome the hazards that are thrown at you and we did that today,” Holt said. “We stayed focused, made adjustments and overcame our second-round scores.”

Individually, the Irish were led by freshman Lindsey Weaver. Weaver finished with a 5-under-par 211, good enough for a tie for a second-place finish behind Oklahoma’s Chi-rapat Jao-Javanil. Though finishing ahead of all but one other competitor, Weaver was still not totally satisfied with her performance, Holt said.

“Lindsey is doing a lot of things well,” Holt said. “Lindsey is disappointed about finishing second again, but she is going to win a tournament, she is too good not to.”

With that performance, Weaver tied the mark for third-best 54-hole score in school history. Weaver also led the Irish with 13 birdies.

Sophomore Ashley Armstrong finished tied for 13th with an 8-over-par 224, while junior Kristina Nhnm finished with an 11-over-par 227 and tied for 30th.

The Irish next travel to Wilmington, N.C., to participate in the Landfall Tradition this weekend.

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Fencing | North American Cup

ND grabs title in men’s, women’s foil

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On Oct. 15, a contingent of Notre Dame fencers lost St. Louis after competing in the North American Cup. More than 2,000 athletes competed in the individual tournament, which included events for all three weapons. Senior Courtney Hurley and freshman Lee Kiefer led the Irish, as Hurley claimed first in the women’s epee and Kiefer brought home another first-place finish for the Irish in the women’s foil.

“As a team, we did very well. As our first tournament, this is definitely a check,” junior fencer James Kaul said. “I think we opened really well. We’re just really happy with how we did.”

The men had a strong showing as well, headed by senior Gerek Meinhardt who finished second...
Irish one stroke off lead at Georgetown Invite

Notre Dame put forth a strong showing in the opening day of the fall season’s final tournament in Beallsville, Md., on Monday. With one round left to play, the Irish are one stroke back of Toledo at the Georgetown Invitational.

Last week, the Irish sent four individual competitors to the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational in Muncie, Ind. Sophomores Peyton Vitter, Patrick Grahek, David Lowe and Tyler Wingo made the short trip. Wingo turned in a strong showing in the three-round tournament, using matching rounds of 69 in his final two outings to finish tied for second at two-over-par after an opening-round 74.

“Tyler did a fantastic job,” Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. “I actually saw a lot of his first round and what I liked was he was a little bit off his game but he just kept grinding out there and he got in with a 74. But then he played really super golf … I think that’s the type of golf we expected from Tyler when we recruited him, and the experience he is getting this year having a chance to play, and he’s doing a great job. He learns every time out … and he’s figuring things out as we go and he’s doing a super job.”

Vitter placed second among Irish competitors with his finish of 10-over-par, good for a share of 13th place. Grahek was not far behind at 12-over-par and tied for 19th place. Lowe rounded out the Irish slate and finished tied for 28th with his three-day score of 17-over-par.

Both Wingo and Vitter are among Irish competitors at the Georgetown Invitational — Wingo as part of the starting lineup and Vitter as an individual.

On Monday, the Irish worked their way into a share of the lead with Toledo after both teams shot rounds of 290 in the morning play. Notre Dame improved to shoot 286 in the afternoon but fell one stroke behind the Rockets, who turned in a second round of 285. Michigan State recorded the low round of the day with its second-round score of 286. The Spartans sit in third after beginning the day with a round of 300.

Irish senior co-captain Paul McNamara recorded consecutive rounds of 71 to pace Notre Dame at even par for the day. McNamara is tied for fourth, four strokes back of leader Brian Churchill-Smith from Eastern Michigan.

“Paul actually started out with two double bogeys but then he played four-under the rest of the day to shoot even,” Kubinski said. “He was the low man [from our team] this morning.”

Irish junior Niall Platt and Wingo are currently tied for 10th at two-over-par with junior and Andrew Lane following at four-over-par and tied for 17th. Wingo turned in Notre Dame’s lowest round of the day with his round of one-under 70 in the afternoon. Junior co-captain Andrew Carreon finished at nine-over-par after carding a second-round 77 and is tied for 42nd. Vitter is tied for 45th at ten-over-par.

As they head into the final round of their fall season, the Irish are in a good position, Kubinski said.

“Honestly, we made several double bogeys today,” he said. “We got off to a rough start in both rounds but then we played super. So if we can just get out to a good start tomorrow I think we can win it.”

The final round of the Georgetown Intercollegiate will begin at 8:30 a.m. today on The Members Club at Four Streams.

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in the Bulldog zone allowed Irish junior center T.J. Tynan to open the scoring 15:04 into the game. The Irish scored again with 2:32 left in the first period. Irish junior center and captain Michael Johnson in one of the final four games, but wanted to show Summerhays he had confidence in the junior by playing him after Thursday’s loss. Summerhays said the key to the game was shutting down the Bulldogs after Summerhays’ goal. “We’re able to bend but not break,” Summerhays said. “They scored a goal and we were able to shut them down from scoring another goal and go into the third period with a two-goal lead. That’s huge.”

The Irish open CCHA play in a Big East championship game this weekend where they will travel to Northern Michigan for a pair of games Friday and Saturday. Both games start at 7:35 p.m.
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Irish junior midfielder Mandy Laddish moves up field during Notre Dame’s 2-2 draw against Rutgers on Oct. 7.

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Irish split home-opening series with Bulldogs

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

After a 3-1 loss to No. 13 Minnesota-Duluth last Thursday night, the No. 9 Irish defeated the Bulldogs 4-1 on Friday in the first two games at Compton Family Ice Arena this season.

No. 9 Irish men's soccer head coach Jeff Jackson was pleased with the team's second period performance.

"It was a game that we certainly weren't treating lightly and we were a pretty good team. So that was a game that we certainly weren't treating lightly and we talked about it all week," Jackson said.

"We had guys last week who were making good plays getting pucks in behind the defense, forchecking [and] creating turnovers and to-night we were trying to do stuff too much one-on-one, as opposed to doing stuff that made us successful last weekend," Jackson said. "And we're playing a better team, probably too."

Although a poor first period hindered the Irish on Thursday, a strong opening 20 minutes Friday propelled Notre Dame to a win. A turnover by Minnesota-Duluth junior winger Joe Basaraba was quickly capitalized upon by Irish senior forward Ryan Finley, who buried the puck into the net the rest of the game.

Irish sophomore defenseman Robbie Russo, right, checks a Minnesota-Duluth forward during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs on Friday.

Irish sophomore forward Steven Summerhays and under the crossbar. Irish coach Jeff Jackson was unsure why his team — which went 2-0 in the season-opening Ice Breaker Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., the previous weekend with wins over Maine and Nebraska-Omaha — had an undisciplined first 20 minutes.

"The whole game was probably dictated by the first period," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We took some foolish penalties. I don't know if we were too emotional, because I didn't see that last week at all."

After Minnesota-Duluth increased its lead to 3-0 in the second period with goals from senior winger Dan DeLisle and sophomore winger Justin Crandall, Irish junior right wing Bryan Rust worked his way from behind the goal to pull the Irish within two at the 15:07 mark of the second period. Neither team, however, found the back of the net the rest of the game.

Irish defender Luke Mishu bubbles upfield during Notre Dame's 7-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Oct. 3.

Irish men's soccer head coach Joe Monaco said before the past two contests, the last Notre Dame hat-trick originated from the feet of former Irish forward Bright Dike on Sept. 1, 2009. Now the Irish have recorded one in consecutive games.

A trio of late goals by Irish senior forward Ryan Finley alleviated early concerns of offensive stagnation and sealed a 3-0 win over Providence for the home team. One week after Irish junior forward Harrison Shipp recorded a hat-trick in No. 7 Notre Dame's 6-1 victory against Seton Hall, Finley did the same on Notre Dame's senior day.

"We talk about it at half-time and I felt Providence, to some extent, [was] trying to take the tempo out of the game," Clark said. "And we had just to be careful we didn't get frustrated to be quite honest with you. I wrote two words down — tempo and patience. We had to speed the tempo up. And then we've got to be patient, we've got deliver an upset, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"I was very worried about this game because … [Georgetown coach] Brian Weise, … he said they were really lucky to win," Clark said. "And he said, including [their] game here, the hardest game he had was at Providence. And I have watched [the Friars'] videos against Marquette and … Seton Hall, and they lost all these games. And they actually are a pretty good team. So that was a game that we certainly weren't treating lightly and we talked about it all week."

After an opening stanza in which both offenses struggled, combining to unleash only five shots, both teams began the second half aggressively.

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