Saint Mary’s reveals alarming data on Indiana girls

‘These numbers are a call to action’

By KAITLYN RABACH
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s College became the fifth all-women’s college in the nation to release a report drawing together publicly available data on the status of girls ages 10 to 19 in its home state of Indiana. College president Carol Ann Mooney said in a press conference on Thursday.

A team of six Saint Mary’s faculty and 60 students spent well over a year compiling data for the 60-page report titled “The Status of Girls in Indiana 2013” report (SGI), Mooney said. “I am proud to unveil The Status of Girls in Indiana 2013 report,” Mooney said. “We believe that it is the first comprehensive study of the health and well-being of girls from 10 to 19 in Indiana. It is the first comprehensive study in Indiana, and it was a team effort.”

Manager continues passion on the field

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

If there’s one constant in Irish football, it is that in their pristine golden helmets the players look good. For the past few seasons head equipment manager Ryan Grooms has been the man responsible. Grooms said he became a football equipment manager in order to remain involved in the sport when he could no longer play. “I played high school football and couldn’t continue my career in college due to a medical condition, so I get to be part of the game.”

‘I work for everybody back home’

By NICOLE MICHELS
Assistant Managing Editor

Editor’s Note: This is the second story in a series featuring Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s graduates serving as members of Congress. This series, titled “Trading Golden Dome for Capitol Dome,” will run on Fridays.

Student partners with service group to form Girl’s Club

By KAITLYN RABACH and REBECCA O’NEIL
Saint Mary’s Editor and News Writer

With the help of a Saint Mary’s junior Sarah Hossfeld, St. Margaret’s House, a day house for women and girls, introduced the Girl’s Club — a program to help adolescent girls recognize their individual worth — to the South Bend community in the summer of 2013.

On Thursday, Kathy Schneider, executive director of St. Margaret’s House, spoke at a College press conference where a comprehensive report titled “Status of Girls in Indiana in 2013 (SGI)” was released. Schneider, an expert reviewer of the report, shared the
QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What are you most looking forward to in Saturday’s game vs. Michigan State?

Bret Basilone senior off campus “Partyin’ my face off.”

John Rodgers senior off campus “Spending quality time with my buddies.”

Sean Fitzgerald senior off campus “Kicks and Eggs.”

Diego Rayas sophomore off campus “Homework.”

Kyle Gurola senior off campus “Seeing Oe’s family.”

Anna Gonzalez sophomore off campus “To have the opportunity to watch the game from the press box and the sidelines.”

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In the beginning, the University of Notre Dame was a log chapel alongside a lake in northern Indiana. Following the chapel’s construction, a church was built, and this same church became the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year.

Sacred Heart Church, now the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, was consecrated on August 15, 1888. Fr. Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica, said the building’s exterior has not changed since that day in 1888, although it took four additional years to complete the spire and bell tower.

“Fr. Sorin was very progressive in terms of education theory, but he was very conservative in his tastes,” Rocca said. “The bells in the tower were made in France, and all the stained glass windows came from France. In the Basilica, we have maybe the largest collection of 19th century French stained glass in one place.”

The original Sacred Heart Church was 90 feet long by 38 feet wide, Rocca said. Because the original structure was torn down as the second one was constructed, he said the two represent a continuity of communities although the exterior building changed.

When the history is traced back to the 1847 origins, the current Basilica is the oldest church built in North America by the Congregation of Holy Cross, according to Rocca. Acknowledging its historical significance and lasting vitality, Pope John Paul II declared the church a basilica on Jan. 17, 1992.

“Basilica is an honorary title given to a church for a number of reasons,” Rocca said. “First, it has to have great historical significance... and another reason would be because it’s a place of pilgrimage. We usually have 100,000 people visit the Basilica each year.

Thirdly, usually a church that is designated a basilica is a living, vibrant community of faith, and our Basilica is a place where worship is celebrated regularly.

“Finally, a church that has been dedicated a basilica should be beautiful and well cared for. It’s no doubt that the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is one of the most beautiful churches around.”

The designation as basilica followed a 14-month multi-million dollar renovation financed by former University trustee Thomas Coleman, Rocca said. “[During this renovation], all the frescos were redone and all the stained glass windows were cleaned,” he said. “The church received new lighting, air conditioning, carpeting and a whole new slate roof.

“It was especially important that those paintings be restored because many of them had been covered with dust and dirt and intense smoke and had become dull. They were redone using the same method used in the Sistine Chapel to restore Michelangelo’s frescoes.”

Rocca said the completion of the spire with the bell tower in 1892 represented the fulfillment of one of Fr. Sorin’s dreams.

“One of the reasons Fr. Sorin wanted a nice bell tower was because he had been buying all these bells in the 1850s. He loved bells,” Rocca said. “These bells were made in France, and the first Sacred Heart Church had two wood enclosed towers that could not support bells. For the longest time, he was collecting these bells from France, and he built a giant black crate in front of the Main Building to hold the bells until he could build a proper tower for them.”

The bells currently housed in the spire of the Basilica are the same ones acquired by Sorin, Rocca said.

“There are 23 bells up there plus one additional bell that weighs eight tons,” he said. “The 23 form what is called a carillon, which means the bells can play carols or tunes. We believe that this is the oldest carillon in North America.”

Rocca said the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is not synonymous with Sacred Heart Parish, which is housed in the crypt of the building and is a “totally separate operation” with its own pastor and programming. The only person buried in the basilica proper is former University president John Francis Cardinal O’Hara, who led Notre Dame before World War II, he said. O’Hara served in the military archdiocese and went on to be the bishop of Buffalo, New York, and archbishop of Philadelphia, Penn.

“The story goes that the people of Philadelphia loved Cardinal O’Hara and... they wanted him to be buried in the crypt of the cathedral in Philadelphia,” Rocca said. “But Cardinal O’Hara wanted to be buried with his fellow Holy Cross priests and brothers in our Holy Cross cemetery here.”

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Though the true 125th anniversary occurred on August 15, Rocca said a celebration was held on August 16th to commemorate the original consecration while still observing the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on the 15th. A “pick-up choir” made up of mostly past and current members of Notre Dame’s liturgical choir sang for the Mass celebrated by Holy Cross Bishop Daniel Jenky of the diocese of Peoria, Ill., he said.

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Chemotherapy can be a long and painful experience for a cancer patient, but a recently recognized series of clinical studies on an antiemetic in patients receiving chemotherapy is to move antiemetic drugs largely responsible for the progress in moving patients from hospital stay to their normal routines. “Twenty years ago, chemotherapy patients would be confined to the hospital, but in the past fifteen to twenty years, we have seen huge advances, although we still need to do better,” he said. “Only about one-half to two-thirds of patients have what we would characterize as good outcomes with current antiemetic drugs.”

Navari’s recent contribution to the field is the clinical testing of one such drug, generically known as olanzapine. He said he first got the idea to try clinical trials involving the drug nearly a decade ago from a colleague. “A friend of mine at the time was working with a population of patients needing antipsychotic drugs, and he noticed that one drug in particular, Zyprexa — the brand name of olanzapine — had the unique side effect of greatly reducing nausea,” Navari said. “After he told me this I immediately thought of its potential as an antiemetic for chemotherapy patients.”

Over the next several years Navari led a team that conducted Phase I, II and III clinical trials on olanzapine’s effectiveness as an anti-nausea and anti-emetic agent. “In the first phase we were merely testing different dosages and combinations for efficacy and safety, finding out that the best dosage was around ten milligrams per day,” he said. “Then we moved on to the Phase II trials and found that it compared favorably to other antiemetic drug regimens, without worse side effects. Finally in the Phase III trials with a much larger number of patients we compared it to the standard of care and found that it was just as good in preventing vomiting, but much better in preventing nausea.”

These clinical studies were concluded roughly two years ago, according to Navari, but the research is still being disseminated and only recently published last year. Evidence of the study’s impact in the field of oncology was demonstrated over the summer when the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, a well-regarded non-profit alliance of nearly two-dozen leading cancer centers, endorsed olanzapine as the first-line antiemetic therapy. In addition to olanzapine’s demonstrated effectiveness, its status as a generic drug provides an additional benefit for patients.

“The patent protection on the antipsychotic indication of olanzapine expired during the study, so now it’s available as a generic drug and hence is much more affordable for patients, amounting to only fifty cents a dose,” he said. “While getting FDA approval for an antiemetic indication in chemotherapy would be prohibitively expensive, doctors are fortunately able to prescribe it for off-label use in this context.”

As a result of the comprehensive evidence, evidence-based research performed by Navari, he said he hopes cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy will be able to come closer to achieving some semblance of normalcy in their daily lives. “I would say that it is very satisfying to know that what I’ve done will help so many people,” he said.

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Lecturer examines effects of politics on religion

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William McGurn, a former speechwriter for President George W. Bush, addressed the intersection of religion and government in a lecture titled, “New Gods on the Public Square” in the McCartan Courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School on Tuesday. The lecture was part of the 2013 Notre Dame Symposium.

McGurn discussed the effects of politics on religion, and he specifically addressed Notre Dame’s opposition to the HHS mandate issued by the Obama administration, which requires all health plans to provide free coverage for contraceptives.

“The principal stand Notre Dame has taken on the contraceptive mandate is gutsy,” he said. “The Irish didn’t go down without a fight.”

McGurn said the contraceptive issue is indicative of a changing system of beliefs in the United States with regard to religion. “The great challenge of the contraceptive mandate is not legal, political or constitutional,” he said. “The primary challenge is an orthodoxy that no longer assumes that religion in American public life is a good thing.”

This resistance toward religion in American society has negative effects that reach outside of the political sphere, McGurn said. “Even with the constitution firmly on our side . . . religious liberty will become increasingly fragile because the understanding is no longer ascendant in the institutions that shape American public opinion,” he said.

McGurn cited the thought of Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman who studied American democracy in the nineteenth Century, to support his argument that religion plays a critical role in society. “Tocqueville saw how the diffusion of civil society helped guarantee freedom for all by deluding the power of government,” he said. “The profusion of church . . . makes our communities better off in a way that would be almost impossible to replicate if it were to be shoved off the public square.”

McGurn also compared the relationship between religion and government in modern times to the same relationship in 1776. “The founders understood enlightenment ethics,” he said. “Yet . . . the choices they made show that they believed religion . . . was vital to the success of freedom.”

In response to those people who are non-religious or who might be in favor of governmental involvement in religious institutions, McGurn acknowledged the validity of their counter-argument. “For a person that . . . sees religion as . . . an enemy . . . it is truly logical to ask why it should merit special protections,” he said.

However, there are serious faults in current health care policies that threaten to impinge upon religious freedom, McGurn said. “Even Americans who have strong moral objections to contraception . . . and abortion must not only tolerate these things but pay for them when their fellow citizens want them,” he said. “We who make the case for religious liberty . . . speak a language that has been abandoned by the rest of America.”

The solution, McGurn said, is to restore liberty and increase the understanding that allows faith and freedom to flourish in America. “God, Country, Notre Dame.” These words should be a sign of humility,” he said. “They are a reminder that country and Notre Dame mean nothing unless they are tethered to the God who means truth.”

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importance of both compiling statistics on girls and creating programs that specifically target boosting girls’ self-esteem.

“This summer, St. Margaret’s House created the Girl’s Club for girls ages right to 13,” Schneider said. “Throughout the summer, the girls went on field trips, tended a Unity Garden and took part in a Darkroom Project where they explored their world through photos. They participated in discussions about their talents, their dreams and their hopes for the future.”

The club was made possible through an Indiana Community Grant. Hossfeld said. She said the purpose was to create a place where young girls had the opportunity to “just be girls.”

“I recognized that many girls in that age group needed special time for themselves,” Schneider said. “Especially those who grow up with low economic status — I mean, the whole family is struggling and so often the girls this age are taking care of younger siblings — they’re working all the time.

“We wanted to make the time for girls to be girls, where they can have fun, they can dream and think about what their future will be.”

Schneider said the positive self-image Girl’s Club tries to promote helped foster a healthy vision of the future for many of the participants.

“We invited many community leaders to come talk to the girls about their futures,” Schneider said. “Wonderful, dynamic women who could be role models to these girls came and asked the girls, ‘What do you want to do when you grow up? What are your gifts? What are your talents?’

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Schneider and Hossfeld said some girls had a little trouble naming their future goals at first, but with some coaxing they were able to articulate their dreams.

“That is the first step in developing a strong sense of self-esteem,” Schneider said.

Hossfeld said in her sessions, which ran from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, she worked on exercises where the girls shared their voice and opinions.

“I think a lot of it is understanding that they have a voice,” Hossfeld said. “They have so many stories they want to tell, things they want to do in the world and just empowering them to know that they can use that and make a difference if they want to.”

Hossfeld said she wanted to make sure important topics like self-body image and physical health were discussed in some of the sessions.

“We talked about body image and did the Barbie project where we talked about if Barbie was a real girl what she would look like and how unrealistic that is,” Hossfeld said. “We also started a unity garden and planted a variety of different vegetables and talked about healthy eating.”

Hossfeld said more serious topics such as sexual abuse were discussed as well.

“I really wanted to keep a good balance of light-hearted topics and serious topics,” Hossfeld said. “It’s really been about giving them attention, and something special just for them that they can come and do each afternoon, get to know other girls their age, and doing something they like to do and cover topics they didn’t know we could cover.”

Hossfeld said she saw major growth in all of the girls’ excitement and self-esteem over the course of the summer.

“A lot of the girls came in very defensive,” Hossfeld said. “They didn’t know anything about me they had just got this random invitation in the mail. So the first thing that I had to do was get them to open up to me and let them break down their walls. Once they did that the results were amazing. Now they’ll come in and they’ll be like ‘Sarah, this is my day’ — or, ‘I’m upset today’ or ‘Can I write in my journal today?’

“I mean, they will tell you anything so I think the biggest progression is seeing how closed off they were and now they’ll just come in and have an hour conversation with you and they’ll tell you anything you want to know.”

Hossfeld said went back after the semester started and visited some of the girls. She said she was excited to hear that many of the girls remained friends even outside of the club.

“They all formed relationships with each other,” Hossfeld said. “A lot of them even now in school will talk about how they do things together since they met over the summer in the club.”

Schneider said she is thankful for Hossfeld’s mentorship and knows the program would not have been the same without her.

“Sarah’s a wonderful mentor,” Schneider said. “You know her magic was that she truly cared about these girls. You know, she would walk in and smile and make them feel like the most special girls in the world and that is worth more than any program in the world. It really takes someone with an open heart and time and a way of being with people that is just open and loving. That will do more than any program can ever do.’”

Schneider said she is looking forward to continue building on the organization’s relationship with Saint Mary’s College. She said resources that Saint Mary’s offers, like the recently released SGI, immensely adds to the work St. Margaret’s House is doing for women.

“We have a fantastic relationship with Saint Mary’s College and it is such a great partnership with all women’s place like St. Margaret’s House,” Schneider said. “The young women who come as nursing students, as work study students, as summer service students, as interns they all add to the life of St. Margaret’s house. It’s a two-way street and I am so grateful for all the support Saint Mary’s College has given to St. Margaret’s House over the years.”

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Fr. Bob Dowd, C.S.C.
He served the poor in East Africa and now seeks to integrate research and real-world efforts to alleviate extreme poverty.
He founded Notre Dame’s Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity.
He teaches a new generation of Notre Dame students how to put their talents at the service of others.

What could you do?
Come and see...
Manager

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safe and protected as much as I can do,” Grooms said. “It’s Coach Kelly’s role that determines the success for the team but it’s not more than for these guys to win.”

Grooms said he is in charge of maintaining the locker room and coaching all players on their duties, grooms said he and his staff work to provide players and coaches with any and every item of equipment they need.

“First and foremost is player safety. It all starts with helmet fittings, that’s the most important, and then everything trickles down,” he said. “We fit them with all their equipment — helmets, shoulder pads, shoes, but pads you name it. I work closely with Adidas on a daily basis to order the apparel and footwear, anything you see a player or coach wearing we take care of from the equipment room.”

In order to prevent concussions and other injuries it is essential to make sure the players are always wearing the proper protection. “The biggest fear of the job is player safety — there’s a lot of concussion talk,” he said. “We’re doing everything we can every day to make sure we’ve got our helmets properly fit — checking the air, checking the chinstraps. ... We do routine maintenance reports on all equipment, ... You just want to make sure the players are always safe.”

In addition to their formal duties, Grooms said he and his staff make an effort to provide a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for players who visit the equipment room. “We are very close with the players, whether we want to or not. We try and make sure that we have a good atmosphere for those guys to come into, whether it’s to get away from school or get away from the locker room, they know they can come to the equipment room and just hang out,” he said. “It’s an area where they can just be themselves and not have to be the starting receiver or running back or whatever it may be. An area where they can kind of get away and have a good time.”

As head equipment manager Grooms is responsible on a daily basis for a 25-person staff, which consists of one full-time assistant equipment manager and 24 student managers.

Grooms said these student managers work hard and were well without receiving much recognition. “The three senior managers, the juniors and the sophomores on a daily basis really make practices work. They make things run smoothly. They’re not seen and they don’t get heard about and they do an outstanding job,” he said.

Grooms said he enjoys showing the locker room to visitors because it reminds him how fortunate he is to work in a place other people dream of seeing. “It’s so unique to be able to bring people into the locker room and see their reaction,” he said. “I catch myself sometimes taking it for granted ... walking in to [the locker room] is walking into my office, which is pretty cool to say. When I get to bring people in for their first time and they see how special it is, it’s a reality check.”

Grooms said his favorite moment in the long and storied tradition of Notre Dame football was the 2012 victory over USC that capped an undefeated season. “My favorite moment in Notre Dame football history, because I lived it myself, was when we beat USC last year. To see the reaction of the guys, the coaches and everybody coming together, it was awesome,” Grooms said. “Nothing like being 12-0, I’ve never done that anywhere else. To do it at Notre Dame and at this level of competition, and to know where we were going to go after that, you can’t match it.”

The position of a player losing equipment happened two years ago on the night of the game against Michigan, he said. Former Irish place kicker David Ruffer realized he forgot his kicking cleats in the equipment room in Notre Dame Stadium after the game had reached Ann Arbor, Mich.

Grooms said the reason his staff had not brought the cleats with the rest of the team’s foot ware is that kickers often refuse to let anyone else transport their kicking cleats. The guys are by far, and I say this in a good way, the worst guys on the team,” Grooms said. “They don’t let their kicking shoes or their tight ends. They bring [the shoes] in their backpack because they don’t want anybody else to handle them.”

Grooms contacted the team’s doctors, who had yet to leave campus, and after police and firefighters helped them get into the locked stadium equipment room, the doctors brought Ruffer’s cleats to the game.

Grooms is in his fourth year as head equipment manager for the football program. He said he has worked with the equipment staff at five different universities in the past 14 1/2 years, 11 of those years as a full-time manager rather than a student. His last position prior to coming to Notre Dame was as the head equipment manager at the University of Minnesota.

The traditions and fans of Notre Dame football make it very different from the other schools at which he has worked, Grooms said. “I’ve been fortunate to able to go from job to job and to advance each time. You get to one place and you learn about the program, and it doesn’t have to take that long. Well, there is a learning curve at Notre Dame with how special a place it is and with the world-wide, not just nation-wide, following that Notre Dame football has,” he said.

Grooms said he is happy his path as a professional equipment manager has brought him to Notre Dame.

“believe it, I live it in Notre Dame, at the end of the day you can’t beat it,” Grooms said.

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Alumni host Football Fridays

By KATIE McCARTY

News Writer

When alumni flock to campus for home football games, they can always be sure to find a welcoming place to go the day before the game.

Specifically, they can visit the Notre Dame Alumni Association’s Football Fridays event for food and entertainment. Tim O’Neill, a 1994 graduate and member of the Alumni Board, is the director of the Alumni Association and the Alumni Association is up to this, event gives alumni another reason to come back for football weekends and see all the great things the Alumni Association is doing,” O’Neill said.

The event is held the Friday of each home game from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and all alumni are invited to attend for free. The Football Fridays event includes relatively cheap tailgate food, performances by alumni and student bands and a big screen television showing ESPN highlights and Notre Dame football highlights. Other student groups, such as the Notre Dame cheerleaders, occasionally perform at the event as well.

Football Fridays takes place between the Hammes Bookstore and the Eck Visitors Center, and O’Neill said organizers ensure the event ends before the pep rally.

O’Neill, who with his brother forms a piano band called the O’Neill brothers, produces albums featuring both their own music and the work of other alumni. Among the other pieces by other Notre Dame graduates are four albums that the University has asked the brothers to produce.

“We did the Spirit of Notre Dame album about a year ago, which features music by about 30 Notre Dame alumni,” O’Neill said. “Because we had made all these relationships, the Alumni Association asked us to help get Notre Dame alumni back for Football Fridays.”

The Alumni Association markets the event with incentives such as a raffle for two sideline tickets for the football game and one dollar hotdogs. While they are there, he said alumni can also update their information for the Alumni Association’s records.

This weekend, Don Savioe, a professor in the music department, and Pat McKellen, class of 2011, will perform together, singing both original songs and Notre Dame favorites. O’Neill said the Football Fridays event before the Temple game was a huge success.

“It was a record number of participants,” O’Neill said. “So we are pretty much keeping this Friday’s event the same, just with different musicians there.”

The Alumni Association wants Football Fridays to be a place for alumni to reconnect and forge new friendships.

“It’s a casual social atmosphere,” O’Neill said. “Come learn and be entertained.”

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partisan conflict.

“It’s not usually the easiest path as a Democrat in Indiana,” Donnelly said. “But, what I al-
ways knew was that the people of Indiana are common-sense, are willing to listen, and are a
lot more focused on what’s right and building our state than they are
worried about party labels.

“So, I never worried about party labels, and the other part
is what you learn at Notre Dame is that you do your very best,
you stand up for what is right, you try to have an effect on
those things you can change, [but] on the things you have no
control over, you can’t worry about them.”

At Notre Dame, Donnelly ma-

jored in government and also studied business.

“While I didn’t have a busi-
ness degree or business minor, a lot of my electives were in the
business area, so I tried to com-
bine [government and busi-
ness] while at Notre Dame,” he
said. “I had an interest in be-
coming an attorney, and I think that mix really lent itself well to
that field.”

After graduation, Donnelly prac-
ticed law, worked at his family’s printing and rubber stamp
company and served on the Indiana State Election
Board. In 2004, he ran for and
secured Indiana’s 2nd district congressional seat after several
unsuccessful campaigns.

“I had never actually expected
to run for office again,” Donnelly
said. “That was probably for a
15-year period. I just raised my
family and tried to be a good
member of the local communi-
ty, then was asked by members
of the local Democratic Party
if I would consider running for
Congress.”

Donnelly said serving as the
representative for Indiana’s 2nd
district prepared him to
work as a senator for the state of
Indiana.

“What made it easier is that in
many ways, the 2nd district is a
microcosm of the state, and the
state is a microcosm of the coun-
try,” he said. “And so, the needs of the people of the 2nd district, the concerns of the people of the second district, were reflective of the entire state.”

Donnelly said his time in the
House, in part, guided his goals as a senator.

“I came in with areas that I
wanted to focus on, based on my
time in the House,” he said. “No.
1, first and foremost, would be
that every Hoosier who wants a
job, can have a job. When Mom
and Dad are working, every-
thing works much better for the
family—everything works much
better for our state. So, a huge
portion of my efforts have been in
making sure that we continue to
grow our economy and create
more jobs.”

As a member of the Senate
Armed Services Committee,
Donnelly said resolving the
United States’ involvement in
Afghanistan sits at the top of his
priority list.

“I’ve been focused on mak-
ing sure we have a solid plan to
come home from Afghanistan,
without it in a way that enables
Afghanistan to stand up on
their own and have our men
and women back home in South
Bend and in Rising Sun and in
Merrillville and in Indianapolis,
rather than in Kabul,” he said.

Donnelly is following the
situation in Syria closely and
soliciting opinions on the issue
from his constituents, his com-
munications director, Elizabeth
Shappell, said.

“Jobs support President
Obama’s decision to seek
Congressional approval,”
Shappell said. “Like all Hoosiers,
I strongly condemn the use
of chemical weapons and is
carefully reviewing proposed
options for ongoing humani-
tarian assistance and possible
military action.”

Donnelly announced his sup-
port for same-sex marriage in
an April 5 post on his Facebook
page. His desire for all people
to feel comfortable in Indiana mo-
ivated this decision, he said.

“My feeling is that as we look
at this, as a state, Indiana wants
our citizens, he said. “To our
brothers and sisters, our sons
daughters—I want them all
to feel that no matter what their
beliefs, they can find a home in
Indiana. For our companies,
[w]e don’t want them] to lose
extraordinary talent and ex-
traordinary people because we
werent welcoming them to
this issue.

“As I said, this is no way any
suggestion to any Church as to
what they should believe or
what they should do. This
is simply recognition that we
want Indiana to be a welcoming
state.”

Donnelly said his experience
in the House, his role as a father
talking with friends, inform his
policy positions. Staying
connected to his constituents
also shapes his actions as a
Senator.

“I go home every weekend,”
Donnelly said. “There is so
much more wisdom in Indiana
than there is in Washington, D.C.,
and so in a typical day at
home I’ll be visiting with a
group of farmers. I’ll be visiting
with a group of small business
people. I’ll stop at the local
supermarket to get something,
and people are more than happy
to come up and tell me what they
think. I get my knowledge, my wis-
dom, from everyone back home.
... I keep that sign in the office
up there, ‘Hoosier Common
Sense’, because that’s what we
try to do. I think that is what
the country needs, and that is what
I try to reflect every day.”

These frequent interactions
with his constituents keep
Donnelly grounded.

“What I never forget is that
I’m the hired help,” he said. “I
work for everybody back home.
That’s my obligation.”

Donnelly’s connection to
Notre Dame also shapes his be-
liefs, he said.

“I think [University President
Fr. John Jenkins] is an extror-
inary president,” Donnelly said.
“I think [University President Emeritus Fr. Monk Malloy] was as well, and I
went to school there when
[University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] was our president.
Fr. Hesburgh made it very clear that you have an ob-
ligation to not only look out for yourself, but to look out for your brothers and sisters, and tried
to make sure that everyone who graduated from Notre Dame understood that you had a big-
ger obligation than just making
sure that you’re all squared away.

“We’ve had extraordinary leadership. ... Obviously, Our
Lady really looks out for the
school because of who she has
put in charge.”

Donnelly said he remains ex-
tremely grateful for his Notre
Dame education, which contin-
ues to shape how he approaches
the world around him.

“I never in a million years ex-
pected to be able to go there,” he
said. “I was just a middle-class
kid; it was almost just beyond
my wildest dreams. ... What
Notre Dame does is it colors the
way you look at every issue so
that it’s not just about yourself,
or it’s not just about a narrow set
of views. But you look at things
in a way that says, ‘How does
this affect all of us? How do we
make our country better? How
do we make our nation stron-
ger? How do we do what is fair
and what is just?’

“I say a little prayer that I can
do that every day, and I’m far
from perfect. I don’t hit a home
run every day. But I do my best,
and that was shaped in large
measure by folks like my par-
ents, by Fr. Hesburgh. ... They
ground you very well, and if I
had to do it all over again I’d do
it in a heartbeat. I wouldn’t go
anywhere else.”

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well-being of Indiana girls. The report highlights various aspects of a young woman’s life, including standards of test scores, graduation rates, obesity, depression, abuse, substance abuse and physical maltreatment.

Over two years ago, Mooney said she attended a conference and the administrators of the South Bend, Indiana, area, who had developed a comprehensive report on the status of girls in Indiana. “The report was so compelling,” Mooney said. “The college has a long history of being a women’s institution, and we thought it was a great fit for our students.”

According to a College of Men’s and Women’s Intercultural Leadership.

“When President Mooney came to us for help facilitating the administrators project, we thought it was a great fit for Saint Mary’s,” Meyer-Lee said. “The College has a long history of working with the state of Indiana, and we were engaged in different ways, and of course, about girls. So, we were delighted to mobilize faculty and students to help them,” Deom said. “I was particularly struck by data showing that girls’ performance in math and science tends to be lower falling on the isTep compared to boys, but significantly lower on measures of girls affected by depression and suicide.”

Mooney and Meyer-Lee said Kristin Kuter, assistant professor of mathematics, was the faculty member who took the initiative to make this project a reality. “I became involved in the SGI project when President Mooney challenged the College to take on the task,” Kuter said. “Four women’s colleges have done similar reports for Wisconsin, California, North Carolina and the District of Columbia. I saw it as an exercise in exploratory data analysis where we could teach my students.”

Although other states have published similar reports, Meyer-Lee said Saint Mary’s is the first institution to have its students contribute so profoundly in the report. “One of the strengths of a small college in general, but certainly at Saint Mary’s, is that we involve students in everything we do at every level, in many committees, in administrative projects and in research,” Meyer-Lee said. “For this project, whole classes contributed to aspects of the report. We found that students were not only engaged in different ways, but really found subjects they were passionate about and were serious about their contributions to the report.”

Meyer-Lee said one student, Gina Deom, class of 2013, even chose to focus her senior comprehensive project on the Indiana girls’ education section of the report. “Every student at Saint Mary’s is required to complete a research project, really, a body of work or exam in their major before graduation,” Deom said. “My senior project, I had actually pulled together data from different studies and pulled out information about allowing her to work with data affecting her fellow Hoosier girls.”

“I gained insight into some of the challenges facing girls in my home state,” Deom said. She said she was particularly struck by data showing that girls’ performance in math and science wanes somewhere between grade school and high school. “Why are girls performing similarly in math and science on the isTep compared to boys, but significantly lower falling behind on AP, SAT and ACT testing regarding math and science?” Deom said. Kuter said the most shocking statistics for her were centered around mental health and body image statistics. “I didn’t realize that the figures of girls affected by depression and suicide were as high as they are, and that girls in the eighth grade seem to struggle with poverty.”

President Mooney reacted similarly. She said the compiled data makes it clear there are a lot of stressors on girls in Indiana. “Depression, inactivity and obesity were significantly higher for girls in Indiana than the rest of the nation,” Mooney said. “Suicide rates were also statistically higher.”

As part of Saint Mary’s larger connection with organizations in the South Bend communities, Meyer-Lee said the College asked several expert reviewers to examine the report prior to its release. Two of those reviewers include Kathy Schneider, executive director of Saint Margaret’s House, a community day house for women and children, and Linda Baechle, president and chief executive officer of VWC’s North Central Indiana, both of whom spoke at yesterday’s press conference.

“I have worked in this community with women and children struggling with poverty for 22 years,” Schneider said. “This report confirms much that we know about girls: that many are receiving great educations and moving toward productive lives that include higher education and work. Yet it also exposes that too many girls suffer from low self-esteem, are victims of sexual and physical abuse and struggle with poverty.”

Schneider said three statistics in the report, strongly call for further action to be taken: according to the report, one-third of Indiana’s female students in grades eighth through 12th reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day, almost half of all black and African American girls ages six to seventeen are living in poverty and 14.5 per cent of Indiana’s female high school students reported being raped.

“I think that statistics call us to do more with our programming,” Schneider said. “These numbers are a call to action and these numbers tell us that there are too many girls suffering from low self-esteem and we should be working at a younger age to help these girls build their self-esteem.”

Meyer-Lee said the report is significant because contributors sorted through highly detailed data in different studies and pulled together overwhelming demographic studies that educators, policymakers and others will be able to evaluate.

“Never before has this data been pulled together to form a true picture of what is happening with girls in our state,” Meyer-Lee said. “Not that a picture is formed, lawmakers, nonprofit leaders and activists can see the issues in a readily accessible format and address them. Data is very powerful and I believe this report will be an example of how decisions are driven by data.”

President Mooney said she hopes policy and decision makers will see the report as an additional tool to make informed decisions regarding girls in the Hoosier state.

“I believe this report will be an additional tool to make informed decisions regarding girls in the Hoosier state,” Mooney said. “This report shows that gathering information into one usable document can have a strong impact when presented in a clear and understandable format.”

Mooney said, “It is my hope that our faculty and students may have sown seeds for improvement in the lives of girls in Indiana.”

To read the report online, visit saintmarys.edu/StatusOfGirls.

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Saint Mary’s President addresses freshmen

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On Thursday, Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney addressed the Class of 2017 as a part of the Common Experience component of the Cross Currents Program to help young women understand the meaning and importance of their Saint Mary’s education, said Patricia Fleming, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs.

As a part of Cross Currents Program, the first year students are asking themselves “Why am I here?” and Dr. Mooney can help answer that question, Fleming said.

Mooney arrived at Saint Mary’s College 44 years ago, as a first-year herself, and can remember those early days very vividly and how she was very intimidated, coming from a small town, Fleming said.

“Basically, I was a country kid, and when I got here, I thought everybody came from Chicago, Cleveland or New Jersey and they were all wiser members those early days very vividly and how she was very intimidated, coming from a small town, Fleming said.

Mooney spoke of her experience, and did not know how.

“I never had such an experience,” Mooney said. “I knew everybody in my town. If I went to a dance, it was the same old people I had known since kindergarten. There was no mixing.”

“I hope you grow in a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty and complexity of the created world... I hope you deepen your understanding of what it means to be human and really develop your empathy with other human beings”

Carol Ann Mooney
Saint Mary’s President

She said she eventually overcame her shyness, but not after crying out on the island, leaving the mixer three minutes after entering. A junior, who lived down the hall, helped her through her fear of meeting new people, she said. Mooney said her peer told her, “If you can talk to me, you can talk to other people.”

She said French was an important part of her education. She had a strong desire to study abroad in France and attended class five times a week in order to achieve that goal, she said. But after three years of disrupted French in high school, Mooney said she was placed in a class with girls who had taken five or six years of the language.

“I studied French every single night, for hours, convinced I was going to fail and never go to France,” Mooney said. However, she said her hard work paid off and she spent an entire year in France. However, she said that did not mean she saw her experience in a positive light from the beginning. With tough French classes and a struggle to adapt to life abroad, Mooney said she learned a lesson. She then shared this lesson with the first-year class: Give it a chance.

“Immerse yourself in something,” Mooney said. “For me it was classwork. I was excited about my classes. I really loved the fact that they challenged me.” Her second piece of advice was a bit simpler: sleep. Mooney said she got all the way through law school without staying up past 11 p.m.

“You cannot feel good about anything if you’re so sleep deprived that you don’t know what’s going on,” she said. Mooney continued her speech laying out three important lessons or experiences she hopes students in the class of 2017 will experience over the next four years at the College.

“I hope you grow in a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty and complexity of the created world,” Mooney said. The second lesson Mooney said she hoped students would learn during their experience at Saint Mary’s was empathy for others.

“I hope you deepen your understanding of what it means to be human and really develop your empathy with other human beings,” Mooney said. “That you have a greater capacity to put yourself in the shoes of another and have empathy for her, for her situation.”

Finally, Mooney said she hoped each individual would develop their spiritual life while at College. “Whether you are of a different Christian faith, or you’re Jewish, or Muslim, or Hindu or of no faith tradition at all, I truly believe there will be a hole in your life, a sadness or an emptiness, a hollowness, if we don’t find some sense of purpose that calls you beyond yourself,” Mooney said.

Mooney said every Belle chose Saint Mary’s for a unique reason and she knows this institution will continue to have something to offer to everyone.

“I hope part of the ‘why’ is that we offer things that are not available everywhere,” Mooney said. “I urge you to take advantage of what we have to offer... I urge you to please plunge into the rich life available here.”

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Add medical amnesty to du Lac

The Observer editorial

According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, “more than two dozen [Indiana] students under the age of 21 have lost their lives due to alcohol poisoning since 2004.” In July 2012, Indiana responded to this statistic by enacting the Lifeline Law, which gives individuals immunity from police action if they are intoxicated but actively seeking medical help for a person with alcohol-related injuries or complications.

Notre Dame recently instituted the Office of Community Standards (OCS) to replace the Office of Residence Life. However, the procedural changes that OCS implemented do not include or mention a medical amnesty policy guaranteeing students the same immunity the Indiana Lifeline Law gives citizens. A minor can still face disciplinary action from the University if he or she is caught for possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol. Any student, regardless of age, can confront disciplinary consequences for public intoxication.

Several nearby universities, such as Indiana University, Purdue and Ball State, have implemented medical amnesty clauses in their student codes of conduct. Additionally, our sister school, Saint Mary’s College, observes medical amnesty and actively educates incoming students about this policy.

Gannett Health Services conducted and published a study of Cornell University’s medical amnesty policy (MAP) in 2006. According to the resulting research paper published in the International Journal of Drug Policy, “Results include consecutive increases in alcohol-related calls for assistance to emergency medical services during the two-year period. Survey results suggest that, following initiation of the MAP, students were less likely to report fear of getting an intoxicated person in trouble as a barrier to calling for help.”

Notre Dame’s student government is pushing for the University to add a medical amnesty clause to “du Lac: A Guide to Student Life.”

“It is not a new issue, but the Indiana Lifeline Law adds a new component that will hopefully help us look at medical amnesty through a new lens,” student body president Alex Coccia said.

“We want there to be absolutely no hesitation in calling for help if you see a person in need of medical attention.”

With these signs pointing to the benefits of medical amnesty policies, the University’s administration still resists implementing them at Notre Dame. Administrators argue the University does not need such a policy because students at a Catholic institution should not need the promise of amnesty in order to act as good Samaritans, but rather, should do so because it is morally correct. They also assert the individualized disciplinary outcomes that OCS uses should absolve students’ fear of helping peers who need medical attention.

However, because the University does not guarantee disciplinary immunity, some students still may hesitate when deciding whether to seek help for a peer who needs medical attention. If the Office of Community Standards’ first priority is students’ safety, it should follow its sister school by implementing a medical amnesty policy to ensure that students do not hesitate to protect one another.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Where is there dignity unless there is honesty?”

Cicero
Roman author, orator and politician

Unmasked heroes

Mia Lillis
We are ND

When I was in middle school, I had a few fights with friends who betrayed my trust. Whenever I went to my mother with such concerns, her advice was always the same: “Mia, someday you will learn that you can only trust God. Everyone else will disappoint you.” While this was less than helpful advice for a ten-year-old girl who just wanted friends she could trust, my mother’s words resonate with me today, especially in the context of unmasked heroes.

There have been countless heroes unmasked in our time. For those of us gutsy enough to forgive Anthony Weiner after his twitter fiasco two years ago, Carlos Danger was a slap in the face. Others who held Aaron Hernandez on a pedestal have floundered in the wake of his murder accusations. The unmasked hero is by no means a phenomenon constricted to the 21st century. Even to this day, people are devastated to discover that Mahatma Gandhi’s sexual behavior was appalling, or that Martin Luther King, Jr. had a chronic problem with extramarital affairs.

Of course, public figures are not the only unmasked heroes. We all admire people in our everyday lives, whether they are peers, figures of authority, or parents, and the proximity of such heroes makes recovery from their unmasking that much more difficult. What do we do when a peer or a figure of authority that we emulated reveals deep-seated, violent racism or is accused of a horrific crime?

We may instinctively enter into a state of shock or denial. It is easier to blindly believe that someone you admire is without fault, for this state of denial circumvents any obligation to reexamine where your faith lies. But eventually, we are faced with irrefutable evidence that someone we have considered a mentor or role model has committed an egregious offense, and we are forced to accept reality.

Sometimes, we can forgive our unmasked heroes. For example, when they are found guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs, we can perhaps forgive them for succumbing to the pressures of their environment. But sometimes, the transgressions of our heroes are inexcusable, and we must cease to call them heroes. For example, when they are found guilty of violent, racist crimes or sexual assault, of violating another human being to such an awful degree, it is not our place to so readily grant forgiveness. Furthermore, continuing to publicly laud such people rubs salt into the wounds of their subsequently silenced victims. However, this is not to dismiss the benefit we may receive from unmasked heroes. Gandhi may have committed misdeeds of domestic violence and mistreatment of women, but his other actions also led to his country’s freedom. Aaron Hernandez may have been involved with several murders, but his other actions inspired thousands of individuals across the country to push themselves to new athletic heights. It is inappropriate and insensitive to continue praising such individuals, but this does not negate the positive impact that these individuals’ other actions have had on our lives.

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The answer is straightforward. We become desensitized when we dehumanize others. Once Jews, academics, gays, gypsies and political opponents are no longer societal equals, they become mere cattle to be herded and slaughtered. That desensitization is the root cause that once empowered Adolf Hitler while in Paradise, it is a magic carpet that still seduces mankind throughout the ages unless it is consciously checked at every turn.

So while sitting in the center of the old Nazi power base, I visualized the destructive aftermath of bombing missions that reduced the very spot where I sat into hollow structural shells and rubble. I imagined the enormous pain many innocents felt in the aftermath, especially those who at heart were not Nazis but did nothing to thwart the Third Reich while sitting quietly in fear. I wondered if such selective complicity in the American political system could eventually nibble at the fringes of political anarchy, especially when various Tea Party victories continually spout something outrageously silly like “President Obama really hates America” or “Obama is a Muslim.”

While in Berlin, I studied the facial character of an older German woman who reminds me of a friend’s grandmother. Her expressions and mannerisms mirror “Gigi” back home. I looked into the eyes of young men who, but for a generation of time, could have been clothed in a military uniform fighting against my father when he was his same age. I passed younger children who inquisitively roamed while their parents shopped and realized they would not have been together a generation ago. Instead, they would have been separated at youth camps being hosed with vital desumanizing principles. Today’s faces, sent back to a different era, might all have belonged to ruthless bigots.

World War I ended 70 years after the height of WWI, in a rebuilt, economically viable and freely functioning democracy where students clutch their smartphones while riding a bus—like back home on my daily commute to work. Businesses offer me cash through an ATM, a myriad of shopping choices, and fast or fine food opportunities, just like home. Currently, the Germans are amid a national election just like last year when we chose our president. Their advertising advocates slogans to tax millionaires, save the environment, better educate their children and maintain economic stability—familiar themes found not only in the United States or Germany, but also in democracies around the globe.

While in Europe, I lost touch with the darkness. Who is the Ohio State or Michigan State favorite? I mistook a German newscast to report a bomb blast in Washington until I received a trash collection e-mail notice. “Due to street closures from the Navy Yard shootings,” trash would be collected tomorrow. Life—or more appropriately, 12 deaths in this case—continued like it does everywhere with an occasional nutty outburst and tragedy. My European excursion ultimately reminds me of a 1960s “Twilight Zone” television episode. An apprehensive astronaut, Roddy McDowall, crash-landed on a remote planet. McDowall distrusts aliens, sight-unseen, and is frightened to face them, but his badly wounded partner is more positive. Just before his death, he urges McDowall to be a model to aliens that people are alike all over, even on another planet. McDowall eventually relaxes and encounters benevolent aliens—just as his partner had predicted—who replicate his earthly residence down to the minuscule detail for him. Strangely, though, a young alien girl always seems sad when around McDowall. After he enters his new home, a wall slowly slides open, and McDowall sees a sign that reads “Earth Creature in his native habitat.” Realizing that he has become a caged exhibit, McDowall yells towards the heavens to his partner, “You were right! People are alike everywhere!”

We may be alike everywhere, but our respect for and tolerance of individuality prevents us from caging our futures.

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Approach strangers and ask to sit with them.

Sit alone for one meal each day.

The dining hall can be a scary place. Where do you sit? Who do you sit with? When do you go? How do you coordinate with friends’ schedules? These are important questions people ask every time they walk toward the hallowed halls of dining. For one meal each day, I let all these questions fall to wayside.

No worries accompanied me on my bike ride to North or South. I knew it did not matter when I went or where I sat because I was sitting alone—or sometimes, I was sitting with strangers.

Why would I do such a thing?

Because you dared me to.

Following in suit with Barney Stinson (pun intended) I took every day to heart—challenges accepted.

Can I sit with you?"

Gasp. Yes, I was that person: the person that goes up to strangers and asks to sit with them.

Throughout the course of the week, I approached strangers sitting alone or in groups and asked to join them in their apple-slice munching.

The experience was eye-opening.

Revelation: People do not like to be approached by strangers.

Perhaps this is a good thing, a reinforcement of what our mothers have been teaching us since childhood: "Don’t talk to strangers."

In theory, this attitude is safe and practical. But in Notre Dame dining halls, is there really a reason to feel hostile toward strangers? Every friend is at first a stranger.

The looks on people’s faces were priceless, a mixture of confusion, shock, and distrust. Naturally—a stranger approaching you and asking to eat with you could only mean one thing: they’re really weird.

In this case that was true: I am weird. But I am a weird individual who is nonetheless worth getting to know. In fact, I’m actually kind of cool in my oddity. And just because I am approaching you for an unexpected blind friendship date doesn’t mean I’m a creep.

Most people were very standoffish at first. I could see a look of skepticism in their eyes as they hesitantly said yes.

The first few minutes were painfully awkward most of the time.

Eventually I explained to these people that I work for the Observer and accepting a dare to sit down with strangers. Their attitude immediately changed towards me.

Once had a logical reason for approaching them, they really opened up to me, all reservations washed away, and I ended up having some great conversations.

I have to pause though and wonder why my explanation was necessary to their acceptance of me. During Fresh-O, the golden days of awkwardness, it was completely acceptable to sit down with random people at the dining hall. In fact, that is how I made some good friends—being completely open to every new person you encountered, seeing them as potential friends first and foremost.

After eating a meal with some wonderful strangers this past week, I wonder if perhaps we should encourage that Fresh-O mentality, seeing strangers who approach us as not only as weirdos, but as friends.

Revelation: People sitting alone like to sit alone.

It was refreshing, sitting alone with the newspaper in my hand.

As three Socratic dialogues sat in my book bag and I sat in the dining hall, for the first time in a long time, I was able to peacefully read or observe my surroundings.

A common misconception is that people sitting at the dining hall don’t want to be sitting alone. Most solitary diners will tell you this is not true.

As I ate one meal alone every day this past week, I really began to enjoy the time to myself.

Notre Dame is a busy place. From roommates to classes to clubs, you can go an entire day without a moment to yourself. For many solitary diners, a quick meal at the dining hall is their time to recuperate.

At first, I felt as if everyone was staring at my beloved baked Alfredo, pepperoni, sausage, and broccoli pasta and me. Cue the extreme paranoia due to sociopath delusions.

Once I got over the worry of what people thought of me, I began to revel in my isolation. Other people’s conversations served as white noise to my thoughts as I started to get in the groove.

I would alternate between newspaper everyday, reading at least one article from every section of the paper and every news source—some provided outside the dining hall and others accessible by my handy dandy little iPhone.

As it being a PLS major didn’t give me enough insight into all the random and pertinent obscurities of the human mind, the cornucopia of news sources—from CNN to the Observer to Buzzfeed—gave new perspectives. I learned about finance and Syria and Miley Cyrus and SMC soccer. What a wonderful world! I feel like now I can fudge my way in a conversation with my business friends—thank you, New York Times—and with my 10 year old cousin—thank you, Celebrity gossip Selena Gomez update.

When I finished with my reading, I would just sit and eat and think until my stomach started revolting against my overconsumption of pasta and cheese.

I noticed the well-executed dance that individuals go through as they almost slip on their way to putting away their tray.

I noticed the orchestrated clapping when said person failed in their attempt not to drop their tray.

I noticed the girls who went to get a second helping of fro-yo—right on.

I noticed how many friends who came up to me and offered I sit with them.

I noticed plenty of wonderful things that I usually overlook.

At the end of these dares, I have come to a few conclusions:

1) People who ask to sit with me might just be looking for a friend. From now on, if some lonely or individual asks to eat with me, I will say yes if I can.

2) Sitting alone is a type of meditation. It’s a time to remove myself from Notre Dame and instead, spend some time catching up with myself and catching up with the world outside South Bend.

3) Both of these dares, I will willingly undertake again.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON

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With the loss of several fan favorite comedians and the transition of Seth Meyers from the Weekend Update to NBC’s “Late Night” show, Saturday Night Live is set to be revamped with some of the biggest changes in its almost four-decade long history.

Earlier this year, it was announced that Jason Sudeikis, Fred Armisen, and Bill Hader would all be departing SNL to focus on different projects. Armisen will continue to work on his hit show “Portlandia” while Hader has returned to writing for “South Park.” With these popular actors leaving, fans wondered about what would happen to one of America’s most beloved shows. This week, NBC announced that six talented young comedians would take up the mantle of these legendary stars. Notable among them is Beck Bennett, whom viewers should recognize from AT&T’s infamous “It’s Not Complicated” commercials featuring little kids, and Michael Patrick O’Brien, longtime SNL writer.

Fans have also been concerned about the Weekend Update segment since Seth Meyers is preparing to leave to host the “Late Night” show in February. SNL creator and producer Lorne Michaels told the media this week that the show will return to a two-host format, with Cecily Strong starring alongside Meyers.

This is a somewhat surprising move, as Strong only made her SNL debut last season and this position is an almost guaranteed path to stardom. Previous occupants of the chair include Amy Poehler of Parks and Recreation, Tina Fey of “30 Rock,” and Jimmy Fallon, host of “Late Night” and future “The Tonight Show” host. However, Lorne Michaels seems confident in this decision. He said, “Cecily, from the first show, was right there.” She regularly appeared on the Weekend Update last year as the “Girl You Wish You Hadn’t Started a Conversation With at a Party.”

Also, Tim Robinson, who was introduced as a new cast member last season, will become a member of the writing staff. Saturday Night Live is set to start its 39th season on September 28th with Tina Feygas host.

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THE KICKBACK

If you ask me to associate the words “kick back” with a single musician, survey says Jack Johnson would come back 75 percent of the time. No matter the song, album or venue, Jack Johnson plays the tunes of a kick back.

It’s unforced, genuine calm that reverberates through every pluck of his guitar and there is nothing more soothing than the final result.

So on “From Here to Now to You,” his latest project, JJ’s cool is as enjoyable as ever before. Even better is the fact that his music sounds just as soothing as it did five years ago, yet you can tell the subtle progressions he has made throughout his career in order to refine his natural sound.

The album starts out with the heartwarming single “I Got You,” which keeps an up-tempo vibe yet still gets its compassionate point across without sounding too cheesy. Then “Washing Dishes” follows and does nothing more than settle the listener into a kick back-type of groove. “Tape Deck” and “Radiate” are a few other examples of those kinds of songs, with addicting hooks and a little more bounce in their steps that will surely have you humming along.

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No more electric guitars, upbeat drum patterns and experimental sounds. It’s all back to basics, what made him the Jack Johnson that the world has come to love over the last few years.

If you’re in a bad mood, listen to this album. It will instantly spring you from your blues. If you are in a good mood, listen to this album. It will instantly make you feel on top of the world. If you are looking just to lie around and relax, listen to this album. It will instantly put you in a carefree space where nothing can go wrong.

This is the first Jack Johnson that can do all of that, and feel totally committed to each of these feelings at any given time. It’s natural, it’s adaptable, it’s Jack Johnson, “From Here to Now to You.”

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Why we truly love sports

Casey Karnes Sports Writer

When you were watching a football game last weekend, chances are you saw a play that made you say “Wow!” for it might have been a touchdown catch or leaping interception, but for me it was a run by giants second-year running back David Wilson against the Denver Broncos.

As soon as Wilson received the handoff, defenders swarmed him, forcing him to spin back to his left. This was no ordinary spin, as Wilson did the limbo with the defenders, contorting himself so that his spine and helmet were parallel to the ground. He somehow managed to keep his balance by getting one hand on the ground during his 360 degree spin, recovering only to find three Broncos defenders rushing at him with no protection. In his race to the sideline, Wilson managed to bounce off two would-be tacklers before finally being tugged down by the defense.

What did this amazing run earn Wilson? Only a measly two yards, but also respect from me and all of the other guys he transfigured with his acrobatics.

Athleticism transcends sports. It’s what makes basketball, baseball and football so enthralling because we want our team to win. Yes, but there’s a reason we call them the “greatest athletes” of our generation. They are our generation’s Greek gods, god-like specimens capable of Herculean feats that one day it’ll be them leaping over mountains in more than just their imaginations.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 1111 West Ireland Ave., 574-631-6000. Ads must be submitted by 2 p.m. Monday. Classification rates are as follows: 30 words or less, 50 cents/word; more than 30 words, 40 cents/word. The charge is 5 cents per character, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without incurring additional charges.
NFL

Reid bests former team

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The look was strange: Andy Reid in all red on the visitors’ sideline.

The result was similar to what he gave Philadelphia in his 14 years in charge of the Eagles.

Reid’s homecoming was a smashing success for the new Kansas City coach thanks to a dynamic defense that forced five turnovers and sacked a harried Michael Vick six times in the Chiefs’ 26-16 victory Thursday night.

Vick even limped off with 1:07 to go after the final sack and fumble, but stayed around to hug Reid following the final play — just after Donnie Avery gave Reid a Gatorade shower on the sideline.

Kansas City, which has not had a giveaway in opening 3-0, has won one more game already than it did in 2012 — when it earned the first overall draft pick, then hired Reid days after he was fired on the heels of Philly’s 4-12 finish.

The usually stoic Reid showed some fire to match his bright red outfit late in the first half when he thought the Chiefs got a bad spot. He came out to the hash mark to yell at the officials, then walked off at halftime still gesturing his displeasure.

That was far more emotion than he displayed when he entered the stadium with the Chiefs just before kickoff. Although the Philly fans gave him a warm ovation, some standing in tribute to the man who won 140 games and six division titles for them, Reid walked briskly along the sideline, never turning his gaze toward the stands.

He certainly had to like much of what he saw on the field from his defense, particularly Houston.

The third-ranked Tigers still had a good game plan. I was pleased with how we were able to run the ball but disappointed with some execution in the first half. ... But we cleaned it up, we battled hard and got it to the second half and we ended up coming alive.

Boyd’s 30-yard scoring pass to Martavis Bryant capped a critical third-quarter sequence — including an apparent Wolfpack touchdown negated by an official’s whistle — that allowed the Tigers (3-0, 1-0 ACC) to seize momentum in front of a hostile crowd.

Boyd found Bryant for another touchdown, with Bryant snatching the ball from defender Niles Clark for a 15-yard score that made it a three-possession game early in the fourth.

Sammy Watkins added 10 catches for 96 yards, helping Clemson finish with 415 total yards.

Shadrach Thornton scored the Wolfpack’s first touchdown on a 21-yard run in the second for a 7-6 lead, but N.C. State (2-1, 0-1) couldn’t complete the upset in coach Dave Doeren’s first league game.
Walsh
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will begin their seasons Monday night at 10 p.m. at Riehle Fields.
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Walsh-Howard
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Sports Writer

Walsh and Howard will face off Monday night for their second game of both teams’ seasons.

Despite graduating many players, Walsh will look to repeat the success that brought it to an old-fashioned championship game. According to junior captain Margaret Fisher, the Wild Women will have to place a heavy load of responsibility on the freshmen class.

“We had a lot of seniors graduate, so the majority of our team is freshmen,” Fisher said. “I’m optimistic because they’re very athletic.”

Coming off a difficult season, Howard also has high expectations for the year, senior captain and quarterback Clare Robinson said.

“We didn’t do that well last year,” Robinson said. “There was a little bit of disorganization. We have a couple of girls this year, though, and we’re pretty optimistic.”

Howard struggled with pre-season preparations and did not practice until yesterday, making it difficult for Robinson to get a feel for her team.

“T’m [living] off-campus, and the new intramural registration system meant that we didn’t have an e-mail list for all the girls, so scheduling was a challenge,” Robinson said.

Robinson will lead Howard as its starting quarterback, while junior Julianne Carson will make her first start under center for Walsh.

Walsh and Howard will put their optimism to the test when the two teams meet Monday at 10 p.m. at Riehle Fields.
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Lyons-Pasquerilla West
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Pasquerilla West will face Lyons on Tuesday in a match-up of teams looking to reload after losing key players to graduation. Lyons captain and receiver Christina Bramanti said Lyons is currently in a rebuilding year, but believes the Lions have several possible game-changers in their freshman class, including a new talent under center.

“We have a lot of great freshman for the future,” Bramanti said. “Kristen Lombardo, our freshman quarterback, has a lot of potential.”

Bramanti said she also expects the Lions’ receiving corps, especially sophomore receiver Alexa Lodeneiqui, to be a major strength for the team.

On the other sideline, Pasquerilla West will attempt to recapture the team chemistry that drove it to a 7-1 season last year. The Purple Weasels have a tough fighting spirit and will be ready to play when the lights come on Tuesday night. Senior captain [Brianna] “Breezi” Toole said.

Toole said Pasquerilla West would also rely on young talent to replace some of last season’s contributors.

“We lost some key players from last year, but we have a young squad that’s ready to fill their shoes,” Toole said.

The rebuilding Lions will take on the Pyros’ young talent Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.
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Farley-Pasquerilla East
By EVAN ANDERSON
Sports Writer

Farley and Pasquerilla East face off Tuesday night in a game featuring two dynamic offenses. Pasquerilla East’s offense features senior quarterback and junior [Nicole] “Nik-Nik” Ameli, two of the fastest girls in the world, Kuse said.

“They’ll be huge assets in both our running and passing games.”

Kuse also had a few words for the competitors who might doubt her young team.

“I think we’re going to surprise a lot of teams that don’t expect much from our dorm,” said Kuse. “They’re going to want to see if we can make it through to the end.”

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Aided by senior running back Giselle Sabal and an influx of talent returning from study abroad programs, Smith and the Finest will look to ride a wave of momentum generated by a several wins toward the end of last season.

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MLB

Dodgers clinch NL West with win at Arizona
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Los Angeles Dodgers soaked everyone in sight with champagne in the clubhouse. Many players raced back out for a celebratory dip in Arizona’s Chase Field swimming pool.

From last place to an NL West title in less than three months, they sure let loose.

Burdened by high expectations and a horrible start, the Dodgers relieved their pent-up pressure with a joyful celebration after becoming the first team this year to clinch a playoff spot.

Hanley Ramirez homered twice as they rallied to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-6 on Thursday.

“I want to keep going,” Ramirez said. “I think that we’ve got a couple of more steps to do. We’ve got to keep working and stay together all the way through to the end.”

Ramirez was back in the lineup after being sidelined five of six games with an irradiated nerve in his lower back. He’s played 1,090 regular-season games but will be making his first trip to the postseason.

Only three active players have played more games without making the playoffs.

Despite an NL-high payroll of $324 million-plus on opening day, the Dodgers got off to an 30-42 start and were last in the division, 9 1/2 games behind the first-place Diamondbacks, before play on June 22. Los Angeles has gone 38-23since, including an unreal 42-8 run that coincided mostly with dynamic Cuban defector Yasiel Puig’s call-up to the major leagues.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

**Notre Dame hosts Catholic Championships**

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The Notre Dame men’s team has won the meet an astounding 23 times and has come away with the title all but twice since 1995. The Irish women’s team has been almost as successful, winning the invitational 19 times. Despite Notre Dame’s past success, junior Jake Kildoo said the team’s primary focus this early in the season isn’t even on winning the meet.

“This meet is really a tune-up for our top runners,” junior Jake Kildoo said. “It lets us get our legs used to racing again. This meet will be all about learning to run together and learning how to better run as a team.”

With only 10 Division I teams in the 37-team field, the unique event pits teams from all over the competitive spectrum against each other. The meet starts with an open race featuring men and women running together—albeit separate distances—another unique aspect of the National Catholic Championships. The 5K women’s championship race follows the open race, and the men’s five-mile championship race caps the invitational.

On the men’s side, Kildoo said the Irish gameplan involves running a team race, especially considering the soggy conditions after this week’s rainy weather.

“We’d like to win the team race with a pack of five or so guys at the front,” Kildoo said. “It looks like it’s going to be sloppy, so we just want to worry about putting in a good, solid effort and staying together as a group.”

In Notre Dame’s first meet of the year, the Crusader Open, the Irish took both individual crowns, as senior Sydni Meunier claimed the men’s and women’s titles respectively. The Irish women also won the team title behind a top-six sweep, while the men’s team finished second behind Valparaiso.

Kildoo said the Irish take a different approach to the National Catholic Championships, particularly with the Notre Dame invitational looming in two weeks.

“Unlike some other races, we’ve trained specifically for this meet,” Kildoo said. “We’re not trying to break any records or anything wild, and we’ll be running on tired legs because of the training, but we’re all fit enough to run a good race. As a plus, we’ll be ready for when the Notre Dame Invitational comes around.”

The National Catholic Championships get underway with the open race at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Notre Dame Golf Course. The women’s and men’s championship races follow at 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively.

**SEC’s Slive criticizes NCAAs**

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive remains very critical of the NCAA’s rules governing agents, an issue that continues to plague his league.

“I feel like the current NCAA rules and regulations are part of the problem, they’re not part of the solution,” Slive said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. It was virtually a repeat of his message at SEC media days three years ago when agent-related incidents also prompted investigations at three schools.

Slive is adamant change is needed.

“What we had hoped for was for a total rethink of the rules and regulations as they relate to agents,” Slive said. “A task force was formed and began to do some work and then for reasons I’m not clear on, the conversations ended.”

He’s pushing for changes in the NCAA that include affording prospect-heavy leagues like the SEC, which had 63 players chosen in this year’s NFL draft, the authority to create their own rules to curb such problems.

The agent issue is back in the news again foremost once again even as several SEC teams are in the mix to extend the league’s national title streak to eight seasons.

A recent Yahoo report said a runner for agents provided improper benefits to football players at Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi State.

It’s potentially the most damaging of several issues involving an SEC team, player or coach since the summer.

Sports Illustrated cited widespread violations at Oklahoma State that began under current LSU coach Les Miles. Texas A&M Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel was suspended for a half-game by the school for “inadvertent” rules violations involving autographs.

Still, Slive said it’s nothing like the situation he inherited in taking over the SEC in 2002.

Five football programs at that time were on probation or under investigation. He said with individuals and organizations “progress is two steps forward with an occasional one step backward.”

No coaches were cited as participants in any wrongdoing in the Yahoo report, and Slive said such allegations are about individual not institutional behavior. All three schools have said they’re reviewing the allegations, and Tennessee has made the only current player named in the report — defensive lineman Maurice Couch — ineligible.

“There is no relationship to these events that have occurred recently to what took place years ago, because first of all our institutions deal with these issues in a very, very comprehensive, clear way with integrity,” Slive said. “We have a very different environment than what we had in 2002 when I came.”

Mississippi State and Tennessee’s football programs are currently on probation for previous violations.

Slive said universities should be able to help players, not hinder them, when it comes to agents.

“We need to create rules that allow our student-athletes to deal with agents in sunshine, not deal with runners that are going down back alleys,” he said. “We need to provide a different way to deal with agents, so we’ve been disappointed that this hasn’t taken place.”

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Tampa Bay — what could have been, allowed his eighth home run — his career high in September, losing to the Blue Jays 6-2 Thursday night for their fifth straight loss.

Hiroki Kuroda lost his second straight decision as the Yankees return home to face San Francisco and the Blue Jays will take the field in Houston. 12 of its final six. Kuroda also has stumbled of late: four of its final six. However, which dropped 3½ games back for the second AL wild-card berth, lost two of three in Toronto while scoring just six runs and hitting .198 (19 for 96).

In danger of missing the playoffs, the Blue Jays stumbled against Boston and hitting .198 (19 for 96). The Blue Jays will take the field at 3:30 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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St. Edward’s – Zahm

By ALEX CARSON
Sports Writer

Both St. Edward’s and Zahm hope to improve their seasons with a victory when the two teams meet Sunday.

St. Edward’s senior co-captain Andrew Blonigan said he is looking forward to this season thanks to a talented crop of newcomers.

“We started off on a bad note last year and trailed off due to a lack of attendance, but we’re looking to build on a strong group of incoming freshmen this year,” Blonigan said. “Freshman defensive end Bob Ross could play a large role in determining whether the Big Red or Griffins fulfill that goal.”

The Big Red and Griffins clash Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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O’Neill-Keenan

By MITCHELL MEERSMAN
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Keenan will begin its title defense Sunday against O’Neill. Keenan are concentrating on winning Sunday’s game, as there is a lot at stake for the first half on a home run by Brett Lawrie’s grounder.

Curtis Granderson cut the deficit in the sixth with the Yankees’ first home run since Brennan Ryan connected last season’s John Lackey last Friday, but Toronto made it 3-1 in the third and scored on Brett Lawrie’s grounder.

Rookie Todd Redmond (4-2) gave up four runs and four hits in a career-high seven innings with seven strikeouts and a walk. Sergio Santos pitched the eighth but the Blue Jays needed three relievers to get through the ninth, when Carrion slapped relieved with the bases loaded and one out, then finished his 32nd save in 34 chances. Jose Bautista put Toronto ahead with an RBI double in the third and scored on Brett Lawrie’s grounder.

Carrion said the Blue Jays struggled at the beginning of the year, so our hopes are high.”

Junior David Taiclet will enter his second season as a starting quarterback for the Juggerknots.

“It’s a very good arm, he’s very accurate and he’s a leader on the team,” Weber said of Taiclet.

Alumni and Knot will meet in a season-opening showdown Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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Irish split squad to start fall play

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The Irish end their long summer layoff today at the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Ball State Fall Invitational in Muncie, Ind.

The relatively large 12-athlete team will be split between the two tournaments, both of which will conclude Sunday. Juniors Molly O’Koniewski and Katherine White and sophomores Darby Mountford and Alaina Roberts will be playing at Ball State, while the rest of the team will compete in Michigan.

Irish coach Jay Louderback, however, said there was no particular differentiation between the team members sent to the different tournaments.

“Our big thing is trying to get everyone as many matches as we can this fall,” Louderback said. “A lot of our kids didn’t play tournaments this summer, so they need to play. They haven’t played since the NCAA [tournament] in May. So it’s just where we feel like we can get them the most matches.”

The Ball State Fall Invitational is a “flighted” tournament, meaning there will be several brackets of players who compete with each other over the course of the weekend.

“We’ll probably have one or two [players] in each draw, and they just play it out,” Louderback said. “It will probably be 16 in a draw, so they’ll play four singles and four doubles over the weekend.”

Assistant coach Catrina Thompson will be at the helm in Muncie, where the Irish will be joined by a field that includes Arkansas State, Butler, Eastern Kentucky, Illinois State, Miami University and Valparaiso.

At the same time, Louderback will be busy watching the rest of the team in Ann Arbor, where the tournament will be in mock-dual format, meaning the entire squad will line up against another school, much like during the regular season.

Louderback said he is excited to see how his team matches up to the hosting Michigan team and a Purdue squad that beat the Irish in a 4-3 squeaker last season, as well as other sides they might see later this year.

“Arizona State will be there, and we play them in the Kickoff Classic in January. That’s our second dual match of the year, so we’ll get a shot at seeing them and playing against them,” Louderback said.

“DePaul, who’s very good, and then Tulane, who we’ve really never played or seen, [will be there], so it’ll be good.”

“They’re all good teams and our kids should be pushed every match they play, so it should be good.”

But Louderback stressed that the most important part of the weekend is getting back into playing shape and adjusting to a new season.

“We’re going to have a lot of new doubles teams this year, so we get a chance to see our kids play doubles against some other teams, with new partners,”

Louderback said. “We’ve been practicing a lot, having good practices and then playing each other some, but our kids’ biggest thing is getting back in there.”

The Irish get back at it today, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Ball State Cardinal Creek Tennis Center and continuing at 9:30 a.m., at the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor. Both tournaments are set to conclude on Sunday.

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Notre Dame travels west for Kansas Invitational

By CONOR KELLY
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With just three matches remaining before Notre Dame begins its inaugural season in the ACC, the Irish (5-3, 0-0 ACC) will travel to Lawrence, Kan., for the Kansas Invitational this weekend.

The tournament will feature four teams from four different conferences, giving Notre Dame a number of different looks before beginning the conference season.

The Irish will open Saturday morning against North Dakota State of the Summit League before taking on the SEC’s Georgia later in the night. Notre Dame finishes play Sunday against the host Kansas State of the Big 12.

The weekend will present a challenging slate for an Irish team looking to win in its final preseason tournament.

“Those are two really strong conferences,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said of the SEC and Big 12. “And those are two teams [Georgia and Kansas] that have done really well. We’re looking forward to playing at that level of competition.”

Though conference play has yet to begin, Brown said the results of these games can be important in determining NCAA seeding at the end of the season, so Notre Dame has dual goals of refining its play while earning victories.

“The two go hand in hand,” Brown said of her team’s objectives. “I think having the opportunity to play tough opponents in our pre-conference schedule is good.”

The Irish open against a young North Dakota State (0-9) squad that has won just one set — in a 3-1 loss to Wisconsin on Sept. 7 — thus far. For a team featuring eight freshmen, Brown said the youth of the Bison has shown.

Brown said there is one facet of her team’s play that needs to keep improving its standard.

“Those are two [teams] that have done really well,” Brown said. “But we expect them to play us tough.”

Later in the day, the Irish will take on Georgia, whose only blemish on its record is a loss to No. 12 Nebraska on Sept. 7. Notre Dame will have to contend with the front court duo of senior outside hitter Britany Northcutt and junior middle blocker Lauren Tek nip, who have already combined for 152 kills on the year.

On Sunday, the Irish will face 7-3 Kansas, which recently swept the Inntowner Invitational in Madison, Wis. Due to Notre Dame’s stringent policy regarding missing class, the Irish will once again be forced to play three matches in two days, a feat that can take a toll on the team.

“Kansas was super accommodating to our class policy, allowing us to start on Saturday morning (at 10:30),” Brown said. “It’s challenging for sure and not something that we normally have to deal with in the regular season. It’s tough on the body.”

Aside from winning games, Brown said there is one facet of the game in which she’d like to see her team improve over the weekend: offense.

Despite the efforts of junior outside hitter Toni Alugbue and middle blocker Jeni Houser, who have notched 98 and 89 kills, respectively, the Irish have hit just .191 as a team, something Brown is looking to improve upon.

“We just need to generate more kills,” Brown said. “We need to keep improving our offense.”

The Irish will take the court against North Dakota State at 10:30 a.m. at the Hureij Family Athletics Center in Lawrence, Kan. Notre Dame then faces Georgia later Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Kansas on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Chaos and Purple Weasels to face off Sunday

Pangborn to face Walsh; Ryan and McGlinn play in West Quad match; Lyons opens against Badin

Cavanaugh-Pasquerilla West

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Sports Writer

Although Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla West are coming off strong seasons, both teams will sport young lineups when they meet Sunday night.

Cavanaugh must adapt to a new quarterback this season if it hopes to replicate last year’s success. Cavanaugh senior captain Meaghan Ayers said, however, the season’s first few practices have given her the confidence that another playoff season is not far out of reach.

“Everyone is adjusting to working with a new group of girls, but based on our practices so far, I don’t foresee that being an issue once the season starts,” Ayers said.

Pasquerilla West also suffered significant losses from last year’s team, but senior captain [Brianne] “Breezi” Toole, expressed optimism for another strong season.

“We lost a few good players who graduated and went abroad, but we still have a lot of solid players, including some girls who played for our B-team last year,” Toole said.

Though both teams are young, they have high expectations to make it to Notre Dame Stadium for the interhall championship game. Toole invoked the television show “Friday Night Lights” to describe her team’s attitude.

“Clear eyes, full heart, can’t lose,” Toole said.

With preseason practices behind them, Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla West will look to hit the ground running when they meet Sunday at LaBar Fields at 6 p.m.

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Pangborn-Walsh

By ALEXANDRA LANE
Sports Writer

As Pangborn and Walsh complete their final preseason practices before the two teams meet in their season opener Sunday night, both teams’ captains expressed positive outlooks on the new season.

Pangborn senior co-captains Mary Kate Veselik and Molly Shawhan said they are both excited to see their team this year.

“We are looking forward to this year, as the year Pangborn makes it to the Stadium,” Veselik said. “This game on Sunday is the beginning of that run.”

Junior Walsh co-captains Maggie Fisher and Molly Johnson said they also have high hopes for the season.

“We lost a lot of seniors, but the freshmen look pretty athletic,” Fisher said.

Both squads will look for leadership from their returning junior players. Juniors Caitlin Gargan and Lisa Quinn will split time at quarterback for Pangborn, while juniors Andrea Hawkins and Anna McNamara will be key players in the secondary for the Phoxes.

Junior Julienne Carson will start at quarterback for Walsh, while junior running back Kathleen Brown will also look to boost the Wild Women’s offense.

Both teams’ captains are confident in what their new-comers can bring to the field.

“We have a lot of athletic freshmen on the Walsh team that we are looking forward to putting in the game,” Johnson said.

Veselik named freshman running back Anne Arnason a player to watch in Sunday’s matchup, nothing less is eager to see what Arnason and the other freshmen can add to the team.

The Phoxes and the Wild Women will begin their seasons Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Ryan-McGlinn

By CORNELIUS MCGRATH
Sports Writer

Freshman stars will look to take center stage when Ryan and McGlinn open their seasons with a Sunday showdown.

Ryan freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty will take over as the starter for the Wild Cats and try to lead the team to another playoff season. While senior captain and offensive linesman Andrea Carlson said she expects jitters from Conaty, she also believes the young quarterback is ready for game action.

“Kathleen is feeling a little nervous, but, above all, she is just really excited to get her first game under her belt,” Carlson said.

The Wildcats lost a lot of experience on offense and are trying new starters at quarterback, receiver and center. Despite the team’s inexperience, Carlson said she is confident the replacements will improve Ryan’s offense.

“I believe the team is stronger this year because we have a good mix of girls from seniors right through to freshmen giving us fantastic strength and depth,” Carlson said. Similarly, defending

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champions McGlinn will also look to their freshman class to give the team a new world dynamic. Senior captain and receiver Tara Crown said she knows the Shamrocks can’t be complacent if they hope to continue their success.

“Coming off such a strong preseason, our freshman look very promising, and I hope they can surprise our opposition,” Crown said. “The team knows that we have to play just as hard as we did last year to win a championship, and it is not a right.”

Crown also pointed out McGlinn’s defense, led by senior co-captain and corner back Kaitlyn Keelin, is one of its strongest assets.

“Having Kaitlyn leading the defense is huge for us, her leadership will be vital to our team’s success,” Crown said.

McGlinn will face off against Ryan on Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Lyons-Badin

By MEGAN WINKEL

Sports Writer

Lyons and Badin have taken different approaches to this season, but both teams will look to earn a victory when they square off Sunday.

Taking into account the makeup of its freshmen-laden squad, Lyons looks to approach the year with a new strategy, senior captain and receiver Christina Bramanti said.

“Last year, we had a lot of plays, and we weren’t really perfect at any of them, but this year we want to have a handful of plays but be very good at all of them,” Bramanti said. “Everything is a lot more simplified, which is a good level to start at with the freshmen.”

While the new players lack experience, Bramanti believes there are many benefits to having a young team.

“The freshmen provide us with a lot of new talent and new potential for the season,” Bramanti said. “Also, having a young group of girls helps with bonding in the dorm and on the team because we’re all getting to know each other.”

Badin heads into the season with an equally young team. The goal for the season, however, remains the same as the team looks to replicate its past success, senior captain and quarterback Kristina Techar said.

“Last year we made the playoffs which was a big deal because we hadn’t made playoffs in a long time,” Techar said. “That is our goal again this year, as well as going even further.”

Techar said the Bullfrogs are ready for anything in their pursuit of a championship.

“We don’t know what’s coming, so we’re just going to play it by ear and roll with the punches,” Techar said.

The Lions and the Bullfrogs face off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Howard–Welsh Family

By RENEE GRIFFIN

Sports Writer

Interhall football kicks off Sunday for both Howard and Welsh Family, which will face each other in the first game of their respective seasons.

Howard senior captain Clare Robinson said she believes the Ducks can overcome preseason difficulties to win their opening game.

“We actually have just assembled our team with our first practice this week, but we have a bunch of returners who will be able to step up right away,” Robinson said.

Welsh Family senior captain Steph Lobaccaro said she is confident in her team’s experience level and its enthusiasm for the start of the season.

“I think that we’re a mix of veterans and new players,” Lobaccaro said of her squad. “Our strength is the energy we have. We’ve been practicing two to three times a week, kind of going over plays and making sure everyone’s as excited as we are.”

Lobaccaro said the Whirlwinds hope to build off their successes from previous seasons.

“We’ve made it to the playoffs the past two years I’ve been on the team, so we have a really good foundation,” Lobaccaro said. “Hopefully, this is the year where we go further in the playoffs than we have before.”

Robinson said she thinks Howard can make some improvements from last season.

“We had some issues last year getting people to go to games and bonding as a team, so hopefully we can get the Ducks flying again,” Robinson said. “I’m one of the few returning players who was on the team for our last championship in my freshman year, so we’re trying to have a return to glory this year.”

The Ducks and the Whirlwinds face off Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Pangborn-Breen-Phillips

By ERIC RICHELSEN

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Breen-Phillips and Pangborn will look to start off the season strong in a battle of teams looking to take the next step.

After a 1-5 season last year, Breen-Phillips will look to improve via a talent influx in its freshman class, senior captain Molly Toner said. Toner said she believes the Babes could become a flag football powerhouse in the next few years if the young players live up to their potential.

“We have a really athletic freshman class who is excited to contribute to the continual improving [Breen-Phillips] flag football program,” Toner said.

The first obstacle in the Babes’ road to glory is Pangborn, a team with its eyes on a run to Notre Dame Stadium. After a 5-3 season last year and some sophomore and freshmen additions, senior captain Mary Kate Veselik said she is optimistic and confident this season could be the Phoxes’ year.

“We are returning a lot of key girls from last year,” Veselik said. “[It’s] stadium or bust. [It’s] time that Pangborn wins in Notre Dame Stadium.”

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Irish to tee off in Tennessee

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

It may not be a confer-
ce or regional champi-

ship, but the Mercedes-Benz
College Championship in
Knoxville, Tenn. will still be
one of Notre Dame's tough-
est tests of the year.

Starting Friday and con-

tinuing through Sunday, the

tournament features an
impressive 17-tee field that
includes Arkansas and
Tulane, both of which are
ranked in the Golf World
Preseason Division I rank-
ings. Other competitors in
the field include Michigan,
South Carolina, Mississippi
State and host Tennessee.

"It certainly is a competi-
tive field, and we'll be chal-

lenged by many teams," Irish
coach Susan Holt said. "We're always trying to win, and early in the year, it's hard to tell how good everyone really is, with new players and all. Ultimately, the team that plays the golf course is the team that wins."

The Irish are coming off a
third place finish at the Mary Fossum Invitational at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing, Mich. Despite the team's solid finish, Holt said she still sees plenty of room for improvement.

"As a team, we need to be more consistent," Holt said. "Our scores are too spread out. We need to tighten up overall. We do have the talent and ability, we just need to execute."

Consistency will be key on the historic Cherokee Country Club, which was founded in 1907. Although the Irish have played in the Championship before, this will be the first year Cherokee has hosted the invi-
tational and the first time Notre Dame has ever com-
peted on the course. Still, Holt is optimistic about how her team will fare.

"It's supposed to be a very good golf course," Holt said of Cherokee. "It'll be a new look for us, but I'm sure it will have a lot of character, so I'm looking forward to getting down there and seeing how our game matches up."

Several Irish golfers, in-
cluding junior captain Ashley Armstrong, are off to hot starts and will be in the mix for the individual tournament title. Armstrong finished tied for second in the tournament at the Mary Fossum Invitational.

"Ashley was coming off an injury at Michigan State," Holt said. "She was relieved and excited that she could play, and she went out there and pounded it out. She's a grinder, and she has a complete game, which shows in the way she was able to still be competitive."

In the squad's search for consistency, players can look to Armstrong for an example of steady play, Holt said.

"Our whole team can learn from [Armstrong] moving forward," Holt said. "What it comes down to is you just need to find a way to compete."

Another Irish golfer who has gotten off to a good start is junior Kelli O'ride, who recorded top-15 finishes in both of Notre Dame's tour-

ments this season.

"Kelli is off to a fantastic start," Holt said. "She re-
committed herself to her game this summer, and it's really showed. I'm happy for her that it's paid off so far."

The Irish begin play at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship at Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville, Tenn., today at 10:10 a.m.

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By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

remained scoreless.

The Irish made adjust-
ments at halftime, howev-
er, and entered the second
period more aggressive, tak-
ing more shots and gener-
ing better chances. Before Scafidi's goal, Notre Dame forced Angelhol

to make four saves in the second half alone.

"We were a little bet-
ter as the game went on," Waldrum said. "I was pleased at how we moved forward on offense, and it
was great to that goal and avoid overtime because anything can happen then."

The Irish defense, mean-
while, kept the game even with a physical style that quickly shut down any Syracuse counterattack. With the shutout, freshman goalkeeper Kaela Little posted her fourth clean sheet of the season.

"I think our backline was pretty solid today," Scafidi said. "We kept it tight back there and didn't give the ball away easily."

For Waldrum, the de-
fense's performance was simply more of the usual in an outstanding start to the season.

"We've been good all sea-
son defensively," Waldrum said. "Defensively, I don't worry about us too much. But I'm proud of how we're playing. That's two shutouts in three ACC games. Clean sheets are really impor-
tant to us. Our defense is the kind of you can build around." More importantly, Scafidi said the Irish are gaining more and more confidence as they move onto the second part of a tough four-game home-
stand of conference opponents. The ACC is a tough con-
ference, so we need to make sure we get wins at home," Scafidi said. "Not every one is going to be pretty, but good team needed to put up results, and that's what we did tonight."

The Irish next play against No. 21 Maryland on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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well can we press the other team? How well can we transition? How good are our set pieces? These are the three main things we look at every game and a lot of different elements feed off of these three factors."

Against Boston College (2-2-1, 1-1-0), though, the Irish seek noth-
ing less than perfection, Clark said.

"We have little yardsticks that we use to measure our perform-
ance," he said. "You're always shooting for perfection and I don't think we have ever attained that goal, but, certainly, that's our aim."

The Irish travel to Newton, Mass., on Saturday to face Boston College at 7 p.m. at the Newton Campus Soccer Field.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Question what’s being offered if you are considering a contract, new position or any other matter that can influence your life personally or professionally. Just as an amateur and clear way of dealing with people will ensure you get what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do whatever needs to be done and keep moving. Refusing on others will lead to disappointment and frustration. A relationship with a friend or colleague will improve and lead to an interesting opportunity. Love is in the air, and greater commitment should be included in your personal plans. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 33, 37, 40.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consonance is on what you can do to help others. Fixing up your residence will add to your entertainment and pleasure. A physical overhaul will make you feel good and help you prevent whatever you want to do with greater confidence. Love is in the air, and greater commitment should be included in your personal plans. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 33, 37, 40.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don’t procrastinate when there is so much to do. A change at work will improve your status and your personal life. Network more and expand your friendships with people who work in your industry. Romance will bring high rewards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Find simple alternatives to fix any problem you face at home or with family. Being secretive will help you avoid interference. Take care of the way people from different backgrounds handle similar situations. A change is in order.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Size up your situation and concentrate on what will bring you the best results personally. Don’t rely on anyone to do your job. You’ll open up new opportunities by stepping into the limelight and handling whatever you face with fluency and confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be on the lookout and have some fun. Nurturing important relationships will be just as necessary as completing your chores. Romance and planning outings that will bring you closer to someone special will be well worth your time and effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take care of domestic concerns. Renovations or making a residential move will enrich your life and jumpstart your imagination and ideas for future successes. Come up with alternative solutions to promote a cause or help others who are there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An opportunity may arise that will be too good to walk away from. Share your ideas and you will form a partnership that can enhance your life. Mixing business with pleasure will pay off emotionally and financially. Love is in the air, and greater commitment should be included in your personal plans. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 33, 37, 40.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Look over your money matters and consider what you can do to utilize your skills and talents to the fullest. Don’t underestimate your ability or let anyone deter you from following your dreams. Romance and planning outings that will bring you closer to someone special will be well worth your time and effort.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your future will unfold from the various people who can influence your life. Nurturing important relationships will be just as necessary as completing your chores. Romance and planning outings that will bring you closer to someone special will be well worth your time and effort.
**Irish beat Orange on late goal**

**By GREG HADLEY**

After 89 minutes of scoreless soccer Thursday night, No. 4 Notre Dame seemed destined for overtime and a possible crushing defeat against Syracuse. Then, with just three seconds left in the game, junior defender Sammy Scofield’s header in the game, junior defender Scofield said. “Morgan weren’t going to get the kick flicked it to me, so it was re-

sisting assist.

With a minute to go, the Irish (7-1, 3-0-0 ACC) made one last desperate push to try and avoid extra time. With 30 seconds left, freshman midfielder Morgan Andrews drew a foul outside the box and sent the free kick on goal. The shot was punched out on the goal line by orange senior goalkeeper Brittany Anghel, but was cleared off the line. A corner kick got past Anghel in the 13th minute when junior forward Lauren Bobbioso’s header off a corner kick got past Anghel but was cleared off the line by Orange senior midfielder Rachel Blum. The Irish led in first half shots, 7-2, but Syracuse clamped down on defense, and the game was punches out on the goal line.

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