‘Give them a reason to believe in you’

The Observer sat down for an exclusive interview with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Friday. Dr. Rice shared her experiences in foreign policy-making and offered guidance for aspiring leaders.

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Never has a woman served in the highest public office in the United States, and men outnumber women in Congress, 517 to 118. But, three women have stood at the helm of United States foreign policy formation as secretaries of state. Dr. Condoleezza Rice, the second woman and first African American to hold the position, spearheaded American efforts to promote democracy in the Middle East and helped to lead the country through the Iraq War’s beginning, Sept. 11, the collapse of the Soviet bloc and German reunification.

Rice, who received her master’s degree in political science from Notre Dame in 1975, served as national security advisor from 2001 to 2005 and as secretary of state from 2005 to 2009 under the Bush administration. Rice said she was able to lead within the male-dominated security field because she was confident.

“Early on in my career, I think when I walked in the room, people might have been a little surprised that I studied military affairs, and Soviet military affairs at that, but when you walk into a room like that, you have to walk in with confidence,” Rice said. “And what makes you confident is the sense that you’re well prepared. So, I always felt that I was well-prepared and I never felt out of place in those circumstances. But I think there’s no doubt that when I walked in the room there were a few raised eyebrows, right at the beginning.

“But you get used to that, and you get to the place where you just move on and do the business that you’re there to do.”

A seat at the table

Connecting with leading foreign policymakers helped Rice to break into the ranks of the field’s most elite thinkers, she said. Among these interactions was a critically important meeting with Brent Scowcroft, national security advisor under Presidents Ford and George H.W. Bush, during a 1985 arms control meeting at Stanford University.

“When President George H.W. Bush won the presidency, Brent [Scowcroft] went to be his national security advisor, and Brent asked me to come and be his Soviet specialist on the National Security Council,” Rice said.

After her time within the Bush administration, Rice returned to Stanford in order to remain eligible for tenure at the university. She then met George Shultz,

Library celebrates 50 years

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The NBC broadcast of Saturday’s football game inevitably scanned the familiar image of the Hesburgh Library’s iconic “touchdown Jesus” mural, but this building has offered the Notre Dame community much more than a picturesque backdrop over the past 50 years. The University will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Hesburgh Library throughout the 2013-2014 academic year, and this celebration began with a kick-off event in the library’s main concourse on Friday.

University Librarian Diane Parr Walker said an important goal of the year-long 50th anniversary celebration is to reconnect with both University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh’s initial vision for the Library and the meaning of the famous “Word of Life” mural.

Walker said when Hesburgh was initially planning the Library, which was the Memorial Library from its founding in 1963 until it was renamed the Theodore Hesburgh Library in 1987, he insisted that it be big enough to hold at least

Sexual assault reported

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual assault reported Saturday, according to an email sent to students the same evening.

The reported sexual assault occurred in a North Quad men’s residence hall late Friday, police said. The assault was committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

In the email, police warned students of the risk of sexual assault.

“Sexual assault can happen to anyone,” the email stated. “College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance than a stranger. This means that the person perpetrating the assault could be part of the campus community. "Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends are important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault.”

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available online from NDSP and from the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention.

Following the email from NDSP, student body vice president Nancy Joyce sent an email to students inviting them to gather at the Grotto on Sunday evening “to pray for the healing of our Notre Dame family.”
Irish coach Brian Kelly reacts following a personal foul call against Notre Dame’s binge during Saturday’s 17-13 win over Michigan State. The 22nd-ranked Irish moved to a record of 3-1 after the victory over the Spartans.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**
If you could be any building on campus, which would you be?

- **Chris DeLillo**
  - Grad student
  - Off-campus
  - “No place else but BrO’Neill.”

- **Kristen Loehle**
  - Freshman
  - Cavanagh Hall
  - “Touchdown Jesus because it overlooks everything.”

- **Patrick Rauh**
  - Senior
  - Off-campus
  - “Main Building because I love the Dome.”

- **Lauren McGrath**
  - Senior
  - Off-campus
  - “South Dining Hall because it is the classiest place to eat.”

- **Joshua Sy**
  - Sophomore
  - Off-campus
  - “The Grotto because it’s by the lakes.”

- **Eileen McTigue**
  - Freshman
  - Badin Hall
  - “LaFun — everyone goes there to hang out.”
Rice

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the then-secretary of state under President Ronald Reagan, at the Hoover Institution. Shultz invited her to a hunchen club, where she engaged other preeminent foreign policy intellectuals.

“You have to find people who will advocate for your career, who believe in you. … You have to give them a reason to believe in you,” Rice said. “So, you have to be good at what you’re doing, but in the case of both George Shultz and Brent Scowcroft, they were very senior people. … And so I got to know them, and they began to introduce me to other people in the field.”

Rice said Scowcroft and Shultz helped her to envision her career, even though they were not from similar backgrounds or of the same demographics as her.

“I know that people say you need role models to look like you,” Rice said. “It’s wonderful, if that’s the case, but my mentors were white men. They were old, white men, because those were the only people who believed in my field. Had I been waiting for a black, female Soviet role model, I’d still be waiting. First, only come about when you’re willing to take that first step. Even if there is somebody in the field who doesn’t look like you, don’t make that a constraint.”

A world of ideas and research

Rice graduated from the University of Denver in 1974 with a bachelor’s degree in political science and from the University of Notre Dame in 1977 with a master’s in political science. She then received her Ph.D. at the age of 26 from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981.

Though her expertise positioned her well to be an influential policymaker, Rice said her time in academia made it more difficult for her to depend on others to supply her with specialist knowledge while serving as a high-level policymaker.

“Never say I’m an academic, what I mean is that there is no greater profession for me than teaching and the world of ideas is passionate,” she said. “My academic background, of course, gave me the depth of expertise, … starting with the work that I did at Notre Dame. And then the work I did in great depth. I probably knew more about the foreign policy and economics, becoming a specialist on the Soviet Union, deepening that knowledge. One of the hard things when you’re a policymaker is that if you’re an academic, you like to know things in great depth. I probably never knew as much international staff than they knew about themselves, at one point in my life. When you are a policymaker, you never know as much as every- thing in depth — you’re go- ing to have to depend on other people’s expertise. That is a little bit hard sometimes, for academ- ics, to make decisions when you aren’t the expert on an issue.”

As a result of her studies, espe- cially at Notre Dame, Rice said she developed a very strong sense of the “important values.”

“I am actually a Presbyterian minister’s daughter, and I’ve been deeply religious all my life. This important link of faith and rea- son, the recognition that faith and reason are not mutually exclu- sive, is very important and has been very important in my develop- ment,” Rice said. “I think Notre Dame gave me a major. Like for me in that.”

The essence of leadership

Developing the ability to adhere to personal values while making decisions is a critical component of good leadership, Rice said.

“Sometimes you have to collabo- rate and be sensitive to others. Sometimes you just have to say, ‘No, we’re going to do it that way,” Rice said. “Both women and men have to do that. I think women are any more collabora- tive or any less tough. If you’re go- ing to be a leader, you’re going to have to face any of those challenges.”

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“Work twice as hard”

Realizing she would be unable to turn her childhood dreams into a fulfilling career, Rice said main- taining an open mind allowed her to develop a passion that she eventually made into a career. “It may actually not even be the first passion that works out,” Rice said. “I went to college to be a music major, and I thought I was, and having recognized that I was probably going to end up teaching 13-year-olds to murder Beethoven that night, I decided to find an- other way.”

“Fortunetely, I wandered into a class in international politics in my sophomore year, and I thought, ‘Oh, that’s what I want to do.’”

Rice said you have to find something you’re really passionate about, because if you aren’t passionate about something, you’ll spend the time to become really good at it,” she said. “Becoming good doesn’t mean becoming great. It means becoming good enough that you have the surface and becoming superficially good. My parents used to say to me, because I grew up in segregated Birmingham, Ala., where prejud- ice was all around us, … You have to be twice as good.”

Now, that’s actually not a bad idea even if you’re not growing up in segregated Birmingham, Ala. Because if you think you have to be twice as good, you’ll work twice as hard. And so, I always felt like I outworked everybody.”

Rice said getting involved in politics requires a sense of gutierrez.

“You actually have to give the political system a chance,” Rice said. “There are a lot of real- ly good people in Congress, people who have very much faith in our political sys- tem. I know that a lot of people are skeptical about Washington, D.C. People don’t trust the judicial system, but we’re a democracy.”

“We have to own our institu- tions. We have to own our politi- cal process.”

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three million volumes. She said the Hesburgh Library now holds four million volumes, but Hesburgh’s demand was ambitious because the University collection was only a quarter million volumes at the time.

“It was a really grand vision for the time, when this was still just a small liberal arts college,” she said.

In an interview with author Bill Schmitt for the book, “Words of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of Hesburgh Library’s Message, Mural, and Meaning,” Hesburgh said his vision for the Library was one of making Notre Dame intellectually vibrant so that it may serve the world.

“I wanted in 1963, and still desire today, for the Memorial Library literally to stand for the future of Notre Dame as a place of unmatched intellectual achievement, free inquiry and providential contributions to mankind,” Hesburgh said. “Let providential contributions to achievement, free inquiry and the transmission of knowledge across time and space.”

We like that, in addition to Christ the teacher, [the mural] depicts scholars and thinkers and the mission of the Library we’re honoring is to connect people with knowledge across time and space.”

Opening celebration

Friday’s event featured free commemorative bead necklaces, a giant “birthday” card, the opportunity to praise the Library in a video message, a book signing by Schmitt, live music from the Oblates of Blues and short speeches by Walker, Provost Tom Burish and University President Fr. John Jenkins. An Bon Pain provided free cookies, cupcakes and bottled water as well. Walker said the 50th anniversary is an “important milestone” and a chance to reflect on Hesburgh’s desire for Notre Dame to have “the best Catholic university library in the world.” She said it is important to consider how far the Library has come. She said what was once a physical card catalog is now fully digital and what was once a small private collections is now a large and diverse collection accessible to academics worldwide.

“Scholars from around the world can benefit from our unique treasures without leaving the comfort of their own offices,” she said. Next to speak, University Provost Tom Burish said he spent a good deal of time in the Library as an undergraduate at Notre Dame and even carved his name into a library desk while studying for his final psychology exam at the University.

Burish said the celebration was about thanking Hesburgh and remembering the past, but also about committing to prepare the Library for the next 50 years.

“We’re not only here to remember the past,” Burish said. “We’re here to talk about the library of the 21st century and to commit on this 50th anniversary to create that library right here.”

The success of this commitment will be determined by the experiences of students and faculty 50 years from now, he said. “I hope that a student in 2063 that decides to carve, or lose, their name into a desk finds that it is the same wonderful library it was for students and faculty before,” Burish said.

University President Fr. John Jenkins, following Burish, said the purpose of the day’s event was to simultaneously celebrate the past and future of the Hesburgh Library.

“We honor a great, great past and a great, great vision, but we also celebrate a great, great future,” Jenkins said.

“A crossroads of the campus”

Bill Schmitt signed copies of his book “Words of Life: Celebrating 50 Years of the Hesburgh Library’s Message, Mural, and Meaning” during the event on Friday.

Schmitt said he wrote the book as a means of commemorating the Library’s anniversary and what the anniversary means for the University.

“The goal of the book is to celebrate Notre Dame through the celebration of the building and its history as well as its future,” he said. “It’s a reminder that libraries are about people as much as they are about books and information in general.”

Schmitt said the idea for the book came from the Office of the University Librarian and other University administrators.

“They realized what a lot of people don’t realize: There are a lot of stories that are representative of Notre Dame in the Library’s history,” he said. “The Library tells a lot of those stories not just as a building but as a crossroads of the campus.”

Planning for the future

Walker said the library opened in Sept. 1963 and the “Word of Life” mural, also known as “touchdown Jesus,” was finished and the Library dedicated in May 1964. She said these two important dates will book-end the academic year as well as the 50th anniversary celebration.

Walker said the 50th anniversary commemoration will also continue with academic lectures and other events throughout the year. This will include promotion of the new Center for Digital Scholarship, which opened on the first day of classes in August, she said.

The Center is an example of the Library’s continuing efforts to meet the changing needs of faculty and students, which is one of the biggest achievements of the Library’s 50 years, she said.

“Most significant is how the Library has evolved and adapted with the rise of digital information and technology,” Walker said. “I’m proud of how this Library has handled the change.”

Walker said such advancements will continue so that the Library remains a place of inspiration for students and faculty.

“The Library will continue to inspire intellectual inquiry and academic excellence for the next 50 years and beyond,” she said.

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South Bend mayor shares vision for city

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Before South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg leaves for his deployment to Afghanistan in Feb. 2014, he took the time to meet with the Notre Dame’s College Democrats to share his vision for South Bend. Buttigieg spoke specifically about its progress as a community, and the importance of the connection between Notre Dame and the greater South Bend area.

“Notre Dame’s always been pretty special and pretty important,” Buttigieg said. “Some people are raised by wolves, I was raised by Notre Dame faculty. I grew up here and when I was a kid I ran around Lafun.”

Buttigieg spoke about his upbringing and his journey to the position as Mayor. Before becoming the youngest mayor of a city of over 100,000 people, Buttigieg studied at Harvard and then Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

He said he “wasn’t sure [he] was going to come back” to the South Bend community. However, he said, “Gradually, I realized I could make myself useful here at home.”

Buttigieg recounted the moment when he won the open seat election for Mayor.

“On New Year’s Day [in 2012], I took office,” Buttigieg said. “It’s like the dog chasing the car, finally catches it.”

Buttigieg, joking with the group, said he wondered what he was supposed to do when he got to the office. “I mean, I knew what I wanted to do for South Bend, but what do I literally do right now?” he said. “Do I check my email or make a phone call first?”

Buttigieg said because South Bend was built by the auto industry, the rotting structures left behind after the industry’s heyday set a tone for the city he grew up in. He said he advocates for the development of downtown and “wants South Bend to believe in its home.”

With the 150th anniversary of the City in 2015, Buttigieg said the time is right for change. “It’s a great moment for that psychological feel,” Buttigieg said. “So we have great timing for [change], but it’s fragile.”

Buttigieg laid out his three-point plan for city development during the meeting. The first, he said, is making “the basics of life easy for people who live here.”

Next, he said, is what he likes to call “the good government goal.” Buttigieg said he wants to improve different things like efficiency and transparency.

He said his third goal centers around economic development. “If we’re not an auto making town anymore, then what are we?” Buttigieg said. “Obviously, a huge part of the answer is here at Notre Dame.”

Buttigieg said his vision for South Bend involves a deep commitment to the connection between Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

“When I say engage with South Bend, I don’t mean only volunteer,” he said. “I want you to benefit from [the relationship between South Bend and Notre Dame],” he said. “Come eat downtown. It can even be something as simple as going to a ballgame downtown.”

Buttigieg said he sees the future of South Bend as one that utilizes the talent that is present on campus in a way that works for the students. He said he “would love for this city to be more of a resource for you and what you want to do.”

“You should be able to find something compelling from the business world to a service organization,” he said.

Co-President of College Democrats, Junior Sean Long said his engagement with South Bend began because he volunteered on Buttigieg’s campaign.

“[Mayor Buttigieg] really exemplifies the reason we should get involved in South Bend.” Long said, “Whether or not it’s interning in [Mayor Buttigieg’s] office or starting your own business, in South Bend, Pete shows that South Bend is not just a place where we go to school,” Long said. “It’s a place we can live after we graduate.”

Buttigieg ended his discussion with the College Democrats by saying, “Hunt down ways that South Bend can help you. That is how we make [the relationship between Notre Dame and the South Bend community] work.”

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Two summers ago, I travelled to Pennsylvania for a Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) with the Refugee Resettlement Program of Collegeville Charities. Despite my best efforts, there was not much of value to every individual experience on this trip as an Assistant Director of SSLP, I was able to learn about the refugees who I had the opportunity to help. The refugees I worked with in our office and I had the opportunity to visit with refugees who have been resettled in the U.S. and are now living in the region. These people have come from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, but they all share one thing in common: they are looking for a better life. They have been forced out of their homes and countries due to war, persecution, or economic hardship, and they are seeking refuge in the U.S. to start a new life. I was able to experience the challenges and successes of helping these refugees as they adjust to life in the U.S. and begin to build a new life for themselves.

But the most important lesson I learned from this experience was the power of hope and resilience. Despite the difficult circumstances they face, these refugees remain hopeful and determined to build a better future for themselves and their families. They are willing to work hard and overcome obstacles to achieve their goals. I was struck by their strength and perseverance, and I was inspired by their resilience in the face of adversity.

I also learned the importance of community and support. The refugees I worked with in our office were supported by a network of individuals and organizations who were dedicated to helping them succeed. They were provided with the resources they needed to begin a new life, including housing, food, and medical care. The community around them was also supportive, and they were able to find work and build relationships with others who had similar experiences.

Overall, my experience working with refugees in Pennsylvania was a humbling and rewarding one. It reminded me of the resilience and hope that are present in all of us, and it showed me the power of community and support in helping people overcome challenges and build a better life. I am grateful for the opportunity to have had this experience, and I will continue to work to support refugees and people who are facing similar challenges in the future.
Reforming our patchwork welfare system

Conor Durkin
Thinking Differently

Last week, Republicans in the House of Representatives passed a controversial bill that would cut spending on food stamps and institute harder work requirements for food stamp eligibility, on the grounds that spending on the programs has grown exponentially and must be curtailed. But this ignores the obvious. In the aftermath of the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression and a “jobless recovery” that has left millions out of work and in poverty, of course spending on welfare programs will grow, and cutting that spending is, at best, incredibly and fundamentally ill-advised. But that’s not to say that our welfare programs couldn’t stand to be reformed — by changing not the amount we spend, but the manner in which we spend it — in an effort to make our current system simpler, fairer and more labor-market-friendly. As it presently stands, our government has a slew of programs all devoted to fighting different aspects of poverty, like Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), energy subsidies and public housing, to name a few. All of these programs have specific eligibility requirements outlining the amount one can receive based upon income, and allow you to receive subsidies targeting their specific element of poverty. I happen to think there’s a better way: Get rid of all these programs and replace them with cash payments. That might sound odd at first, but replacing our current system with a system of cash transfer payments would yield a number of positive results. For one, it could deal with some of the incentive problems in our current system. Economists have for one, it could deal with some of the incentive problems in our current system. Economists have

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Quit judging, start supporting one another

Ms. Peha:

As I read your viewpoint article — “What It Means To Be A Woman” (Sept. 18) — I am discouraged. I am discouraged that the comments of a boy caused you to have an eating disorder at such a young age and discouraged that there are college-aged men who cannot respect a woman’s right to say “no.” But most of all, I am discouraged that you feel you need to blame women for their own objectification. At the beginning of your column, you cite the various barriers women have had to face in their struggle for equality. You failed to mention one of the biggest and most problematic barriers of all: ourselves. Instead of putting what other women are doing under the microscope, we need to support each other. We stand no chance of getting ahead if we are not all fighting on the same side. Instead of shaming a woman for posing for “Playboy,” why are we not focusing on the fact that the unrated version of the “Blurred Lines” music video has over 20 million views on YouTube? This song — which I was shocked to hear that you love, in spite of its blatant disregard for boundaries and perpetuation of the idea that rape victims were, in the end, “asking for it” — is an excellent example of men, not women, exploiting the female body. In fact, in both stories that you shared, the ones that are enforcing the gender stereotypes are men, not women. How can you blame women for doing something that men have conditioned us to do for years? Further, the fact of the matter is that some women are porn stars, dumb blondes and great cooks. But some women are also successful politicians, bestselling authors and world-renowned scientists. Celebrating our unique and diverse qualities as women means also celebrating the stereotypes, regardless of your opinions on them.

I was also disheartened by your apparent disdain for feminist writing. After all, at its basis, feminism is simply the belief that men and women should be equal in all aspects of life. Why is it so wrong for women to stand up for themselves and object to unequal treatment from men? If you feel that objectification is something that is not discussed enough in our society, I encourage you to watch the documentary “Miss Representation,” which recently was added to Netflix’s streaming service. Sheryl Sandberg’s book “Lean In” also provides great insight on the growing role of women in the workplace. At the end of the day, women need to look out for each other, and there is no time like the present.

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The Nolan Batman series has been equally lucrative franchise. This is quite different from DC’s recent attempts at making blockbusters, among which only Superman and its batman counterparts have achieved the same resounding success. From direct to the establishment of franchises such as Iron Man, Thor, and Captain America. These franchises individually have provided due to the monetary success that this film no doubt instantly cemented the Avengers as a new extreme success as their batman counterparts have. However, it would appear that DC is now considering making movies for the Flash and Wonder Woman. As for Marvel, they have recently announced that they have decided to make a movie for Ant-Man, less recognizable than icons like the X-Men or the Avengers. Personally, I find the news of a Guardians of the Galaxy movie far more enticing than any other possibilities. Marvel announced that they would be making a film adaptation of Guardians of the Galaxy at last year’s San Diego Comic Con, and followed up at this year’s Comic Con by introducing the all-star cast portraying the characters and director James Gunn to all of the excited Marvel fans. The more notable actors being featured in the film are: Chris Pratt (who you may know from Parks and Recreation), Zoe Saldana (who played Neytiri in Avatar), Dave Batista (formerly on WWE), and Benicio del Toro (Che) among many others. Although Guardians of the Galaxy is a relatively unknown comic book series, it seems like an awesome new way to expand the Marvel repertoire into a yet-untapped source.

I myself have read some of the Guardians’ comic books, and I must say I was tremendously excited to hear they were planning on adapting the series into a movie, the characters in this series are complicated multilayered people/animals (in the case of Rocket Raccoon) who all have very different attitudes and perspectives on life. Marvel has already begun filming the movie, as of this summer, and is planning on bringing that to us in August of next year. This next endeavor, alongside movies such as Thor: The Dark World and Captain America: The Winter Soldier will no doubt help Marvel solidify its current position as the invariable superhero film behemoth of the moment. That having been said, Marvel is now trying to expand into television with the new series “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” set to air on ABC at eight o’clock this coming Tuesday the 24th. This also strikes me as interesting because although DC does not appear to have enjoyed as much success as Marvel on the silver screen, they do seem to have garnered relatively more success with series such as Smallville (origin story of Superman) and Green Arrow.

It should stand to reason that Marvel will be able to make a successful run at television with this new show, seeing as how it presently has so much momentum but that has yet to be seen. All of this recent superhero news makes me wonder what the future holds for actual comic books. Could it be that print or perhaps e-comics will be making a comeback with younger generations as these recent movies drive children’s tastes toward the Marvel and DC universe? Or has a golden age of comic books perhaps seen its last page turners and moved on to different media? These are interesting questions, so interesting in fact that they pushed Disney to acquire Marvel Entertainment back in 2009. Clearly, there will always be a special place in our hearts for the battle between good and evil played out between our superheroes and super villains. Perhaps it is also comforting to distract ourselves from our world’s woes with these awesome imaginary heroes, who inspire us even when the real world can’t.

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Offensive flexibility could be enough for Irish

While Notre Dame’s defense took a notable step toward establishing its identity by limiting Michigan State to 13 points and 254 yards, the offense seemingly took a step backward, struggling to 224 yards behind an unimpressive performance from quarterback Tommy Rees. Neither Notre Dame nor the Irish offense was going to be, it wasn’t going to be a beauty contest,” Kelly said afterward. “I felt like it was going to be this kind of game.”

Michigan State entered the matchup with the top-ranked defense, both in terms of yards allowed and opponent pass-efficiency rating, and an offense that had surpassed the 300-yard threshold only once in three games (vs. Notre Dame), meaning, while the predecessor to a team that reached the national championship game largely on the prowess of the defense. The point is, everyone expected the defense to rule the day, and that is exactly what we got.

Still, the statistics from Notre Dame’s offensive showing were underwhelming. Rees completed only 14 of 34 attempts for 142 yards while Notre Dame’s running backs combined for only 82 yards.

The meager production seems to suggest a critical lack of identity for the Irish offense. After all, Notre Dame put only 17 points on the board while benefiting from 115 penalty yards, more than half as many as they tallied themselves. The running game still has not come into its own, and the passing attack that had been so proficient was wildly inefficient and unproductive.

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Insider

The junior running back gave Notre Dame the lead early in the first half with a seven-yard run.

Running backs

It was junior Cam McDaniel once again who led the Irish backs statistically, although he only managed 44 yards on 16 carries. Atkinson showed his elusiveness in a limited role, but the unit as a whole gained only 82 yards on 32 carries, albeit against a very strong Spartan defense.

 Receivers

The unit’s lack of production can be tied to Rees’ struggles and a bevy of pass-interference penalties against Michigan State. Freshman Corey Robinson led the team with 54 yards on three catches, and senior receiver TJ Jones made a great play to reel in Notre Dame’s first touchdown.

Offensive line

Michigan State had recorded nine sacks through three games, so the fact that the Irish did not allow a single one is impressive. Although Notre Dame could not dig out running lanes for its backs, the offensive line did its job against a talented front.

Defensive line

Junior standout Louis Nix and Stephon Tuitt both had a few highlight plays—Nix with two tipped passes and Tuitt with a sack. Senior Kona Schwenke and sophomore Jarrett Jones each logged good minutes while sophomore Sheldon Day did not play due to injury.

Special teams

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Defensive backs

After starting on the bench, junior safety Matthias Farley came down with a third-quarter interception and returned it in 29 yards. KeiVarae Russell made some tough tackles, freshmen Devin Butler and Cole Luke saw significant action and the entire secondary showed little cause for concern.

Linebackers

Junior Jarrett Grace and graduate student Carlo Calabrese each notched eight tackles. As a whole, the linebackers were solid in run support and helped the defense contain the Spartans.

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Coaching

Kelly opened up the aerial attack to avoid running into the teeth of the Michigan State defense for much of the game and allowed his running game and defense to run out the clock. He knew how to attack the Spartans and guided his team to its third victory.

Overall GPA: 3.11

Notre Dame captured a victory from the nation’s top-ranked defense, and even if the damage had been earned against lesser competition, it was no insignificant task for the Irish. Notre Dame’s defense took a significant step forward, and even in an off-day the Irish offense found a way to put enough points on the board to win.

Play of the Game

Cam McDaniel finds the end zone on a seven-yard run

The junior running back gave Notre Dame the lead early in the fourth quarter with his second rushing score of the season. Up 17-10 after the touchdown, Notre Dame held the Spartans to a field goal, the rest of the way and secured the victory at home.
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Michigan State's Cornerbacks

Atkinson 6-23 Hill 13-34
Carlisle 3-9 Cook 4-4
McDaniel 16-44 Langford 14-68
Niklas 1-7 Langford 1-12
Daniels 3-6 Mumphrey 1-7

TACKLES
Calabrese 8 Williamson 10
Grace 8 Allen 9
Jackson 7 Drummond 7
Tuit 6 Bullough 7
Nix 6 Jones 5
Shumate 5 Hoover 5

DEFENSE
Tuit 1 sack
Farley 1 interception

STATISTICS
RUSHING YARDS
119
135
142

PASSING YARDS


Time of Possession
29:22
30:38

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Irish benefit from penalties

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The Irish gained 115 yards on ten Michigan State penalties. Seven of their 14 first downs came via penalty yardage. The Irish also incurred eight penalties for 86 yards.

The Irish managed only 224 yards against the Spartans, the smallest total they’ve accumulated in the Brian Kelly era. The 14 first downs were a season low for the Irish, as were the 142 passing yards and 14 pass completions.

Freshmen receivers step up
Freshmen receivers accounted for 91 of Notre Dame’s 142 receiving yards. Will Fuller caught his first career reception, a 37-yarder in the first quarter. Corey Robinson, meanwhile, had his first multi-career catch performance, with three receptions for 54 yards. His long was a 24-yarder, and he ended the game as the leading receiver for the Irish.

Punt block ends streak
Junior punter Kyle Brindza’s blocked punt in the first quarter was the first block allowed by the Irish in their last 255 punts attempted. They hadn’t allowed a block since 2008 against Boston College.

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Irish junior safety Matthias Farley, center, makes a tackle during Notre Dame’s 17-13 home defeat of Michigan State on Saturday. Farley registered one interception in the game.

Defense (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

but how they played together that allowed the Irish defense to return to form.

“We have all the guys, we have all the ability, we could put many guys in different spots,” Grace said. “It’s more about just settling down a little bit. We’re all brothers out there. When we’re out there, I feel like it’s going to be gelling no matter what.”

In addition to new starters, some young talent saw the field for the Irish as well. Freshmen cornerbacks Cole Luke and Devin Butler shared significant time on the field together down the stretch, and Kelly believes that their performance demonstrates the strength of the Notre Dame defense.

“We played a lot of freshman on both sides of the ball,” Kelly said. “It’s kind of how we put this team together, is that we need to count on the depth, especially in this freshman class.”

Senior tri-captain and corner-back Bennett Jackson showed confidence in his younger peers, while also providing some guidance for their first experience with extended playing time.

“I just told them they got on the field through their participation in practice and how well they practiced this week,” Jackson said. “I told them don’t do anything you don’t necessarily do, play your game, stay calm, stay confident, and execute your fundamentals and you’ll be fine.”

The Irish secondary held the Spartans and sophomore quarterback Connor Cook to only 142 passing yards, 8.3 yards a pass, and eventually forced Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio to replace Cook with senior Andrew Maxwell to try and spark his offense on the final drive. Even with the success, Kelly said he is not finished tinkering with his lineup.

“I wouldn’t say we’re at a point where we’re definitely sold we have the 11 guys in the right place,” Kelly said. “We think we’re closer. We still have to do a little bit more work.”

Regardless of this game’s rotation, or that of future matchups, Jackson believes the Irish will continue to succeed, invoking the same theme as Grace: brotherhood.

“(The rotation) didn’t really alter my game at all,” Jackson said. “I think we took a step forward. We just continue to grow our brotherhood on defense, and build that confidence and chemistry as a defensive unit.”

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\[\text{SCORING SUMMARY}\]

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Irish junior running back George Atkinson carries the ball during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday. Atkinson finished the game with 23 yards on six carries and added 67 yards on three kick returns in Notre Dame's 10th straight home win.

Irish sophomore receiver Chris Brown extends while attempting to make a catch in Saturday's contest. Brown did not have a reception in the game, while freshman receiver Corey Robinson led the Irish with 54 yards receiving.

Notre Dame grinded out a 17-13 victory over Michigan State on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish defense limited the Spartans to 254 yards of total offense and one touchdown, while the offense mustered 224 yards against Michigan State's top-ranked defense. The Spartans committed 10 penalties for 115 yards, and seven of Notre Dame's 14 first downs came by way of penalties.

Irish senior quarterback Tommy Rees prepares a handoff for junior Irish running back Amir Carlisle against the Spartans.

Irish senior cornerback Bennett Jackson tries to wrestle down Michigan State running back Jeremy Langford.

Irish junior defensive end Stephon Tuitt, pictured here during Saturday's game, recorded six tackles and a sack.

Irish junior running back George Atkinson carries the ball during Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday. Atkinson finished the game with 23 yards on six carries and added 67 yards on three kick returns in Notre Dame's 10th straight home win.
**“Dads”**
Airs Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. on Fox

Continuing on the heels of a completely unnecessary American standards album and the success of the “Ted” title font, Seth MacFarlane expands his Fox empire by trying his hand at another live-action sitcom. The draw of “Dads” comes from its hopeful youngsters: MacFarlane’s best bad Seth Green and creepy, tough guy Giovanni Ribisi. With old-timers Martin Mull and Peter Riegert playing the youngsters’ respective dads who move in with their kids, the show seems an obvious commentary on the effect of rising life expectancy on the unaffordability of retirement.

If the actors transcend the material, they’ll take what little they are given in terms of writing, jokes, all that, and their superior acting will make it bearable. On the other hand, if they just live up to the standards of their scripts and the plot, or overact (ie. chew on the scenery), it might be entertaining to watch as a train wreck because of how bad it will be. Also, look forward to many stale jokes at the expense of Brenda Song’s character, as the pilot’s significant stereotyping has already been the subject of complaints by the Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

**Prediction:** 10 seasons

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**“Brooklyn Nine-Nine”**
Airs Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. on Fox

With the premiere of “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” having aired last Tuesday, there is just enough time to catch up for this Tuesday’s episode, and I suggest you do just that. The ensemble NYPD troop may be well-worn territory, but this single-camera sitcom captures it in a fun, light-hearted manner. This refreshing take on the overdone cop drama is to be expected from the one-time show runner of “The Office” and creator of “Parks and Recreation,” Michael Schur. Andy Samberg stars as a childish detective butting heads with his new captain, played by veteran Andre Braugher. The dynamics of the entire cast come naturally, with the first episode already taking on the confidence of a well-developed series. After the recent success of Fox’s ensemble comedies, including live-action “New Girl” and animated “Bob’s Burgers,” “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” shows a lot of similar promise.

**Prediction:** Might just hit the spot

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**“OTHELLO”**
Ensemble cast wows audience

By MEIGHAN THOMASSEN
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“Excellent writing! Perdition catch my soul, but I do love thee! And when I love thee not, Chaos is come again.”

So said the unfortunate Venetian general Othello after he discovered his new wife, Desdemona, was unfaithful — or so he was told.

Last week Notre Dame welcomed the Actors from the London Stage for their hypnotic and sensual performance of William Shakespeare’s “Othello.” With only five players, a few chairs and a briefcase filled with props, the ensemble set up shop in Washington Hall Monday through Sunday night. For such a difficult and serious play, the Actors expertly used their wit and deep knowledge of the text to appeal to the diverse audience, who gasped, laughed and cried throughout the entire two-and-a-half-hour show.

In a tragedy of rumor, lies and love too passionate, Shakespeare’s “Othello” allows his treacherous enemysign, Iago, to ensnare his mind with jealous thoughts. Desdemona could not be a more virtuous or beautiful woman, but Othello is equally blinded by his rage as he is by his love. From there the happy couple’s life spirals down, down, until Othello loses all.

The lean cast list meant all actors in the company played multiple parts. In some cases, the actors’ double or triple personalities leant humor to the script, but after the first few scenes, it became easier to watch the players seamlessly morph from one character to the next. The unity of voices and movements highlighted the text’s rhythm, rhyme and philosophy.

Alina Wright (starring as Desdemona, Baianna, Montano, Second Senator, Officer) was enchanting to watch on stage, especially when she had to woo herself as both Desdemona and as the officer. Richard Neale (starring as Iago, Duke, Gentleman) played the villain perfectly, and the audience could empathize completely with Jack Whitan’s (Cassio, Brabantio, Lodovico, Officer) desire and frustration. Even when the scenes became hysterical and a little over-done, the actors never broke character(s) or allowed one personality to tinge the other.

The Actors from the London Stage will return in the spring of 2014 to perform “As You Like It” and “Much Ado About Nothing” in the fall.

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**“Masters of Sex”**
Premieres Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 p.m. on Showtime

“Masters of Sex” is to biology majors what “Game of Thrones” is to fantasy nerds. Expect nudity and a riveting plotline from this Showtime drama. Beyond the somewhat risqué title, “Masters of Sex” is truly a show that focuses on science but mixes in allure, akin to Bill Nye the Science Guy on “Dancing with the Stars” this year. “Masters of Sex” tells the story of trailblazers William Masters, played by Michael Sheen and Virginia Johnson, played by Lizzy Caplan, who did groundbreaking research in human sexual reproduction and sexual disorders in the 1950s. Amidst “Mad Men”-esque housewives and the falsely pristine American dream, Masters and Johnson were the first to delve into the taboo of sexual experience, studying 10,000 instances of human sexual behavior. Their work continues to spark the interest of the scientific community, and now, it seems promising that it might spark interest on TV.

Chances are that with this show, you’ll learn something you can apply in your Evolution and Society class or your Human Biology class or your Gender Studies class . . . or elsewhere.

**Prediction:** Not-so-PO pleasure to be renewed for future seasons
If you were only paying attention to matchups, it was a pretty quiet fourth week of college football. Unlike Alabama—Tennessee, which was no must-see, season-defining game. But when several Georgia, Georgia Tech and Northwestern players banded together to use the acronym “APU” written on their gear, they took a stand that could have far more implications for college football than any single game can.

“APU” stands for All Players United, a new campaign started by the National College Players Association (NCPA) for better treatment of student-athletes on a wide range of issues, including player safety, education opportunities and compensation.

What’s so important about these players’ protest? It didn’t change the outcome of any of the games they played in, and it won’t change NCAA policy in the immediate future. All the same, this protest is significant because it’s a historic milestone in the push for NCAA reform. Never before have players protested on the field during a game.

All of this is hugely important because the NCAA and its president, Mark Emmert, can’t ignore the writing on the wall much longer, no matter how hard they try.

Just a week ago, Emmert said, “Our job is to maintain the mental tone is there’s very few members, and virtually no university president who thinks that it’s a good thing for the student-athletes into paid employees.” Literally into professionals. Then you have something very different from collegiate athletics.”

Emmert makes $1.7 million a year. That’s $1.7 million more than any of the college athletes who make his salary possible. It’s bad enough that Emmert can’t realize the hypocrisy, but college athletes isn’t a $1.7 million dollar industry. It’s a one billion dollar industry, and almost none of it goes to the people who make it possible.

There’s nothing wrong with professionalism or playing for school pride. But it’s reprehensible to use amateurism as a way to deny someone their fair share of the student-athlete is suing for the revenue that goes to the people who make it. The 20-year-old Texan left running off four straight birdies on the back nine at the Deutsche Bank Championship came to life 15-under 267, became the first player to win the FedEx Cup even with a four-shot lead, the final round was a battle. There were two triumphs on display on the first tee. He knew he could still win the FedEx Cup even if he didn’t win the Tour Championship. The only thing he figured good golf would take care of everything, and it did.

Stenson became the first player to win the Tour Championship wire-to-wire with no ties since Tom Watson in 1987, the first year of this 30-man showcase. Spieth made work for it.

The 20-year-old Texan left one last impression on his remarkable rookie season by running off four straight birdies on the back nine at East Lake to pull within one shot after Stenson went well over the 14th green and made his bogey. Stenson could hear the cheers and knew what he faced over the last four holes.

“i'm not just a pretty face. I can put 1-and-1 together,” the Swede said with his dry smile. He drilled a 3-wood into the fairway on the par-5 15th that set up an 8-foot birdie. Ahead of him on the 17th, Spieth was between clubs and chose to hammer a 9-iron that he caught heavy enough that it just touched the front bunker. He made bogey and had to settle for a 64.

“I was just looking up and thinking that I needed more instead of being satisfied with what happened,” Spieth said of his four straight birdies.

Spieth wound up No. 7 in the FedEx Cup, the highest ever for a rookie. He began the year with no status on any tour and finished at No. 1 in the PGA Tour money list, and No. 21 in the world.

The last challenge came from Steve Stricker, who rolled in an eagle putt on the 15th hole to get within two of Spieth and parred the 16th green, and then missed two birdie chances from 18 feet on the 17th and 18th for a 65. He tied for second with Spieth.

Stricker didn’t realize that making any of those last two putts would have been worth an extra $1 million for finishing second in the FedEx Cup. Spieth already cared about winning, knowing he needed birdies and for Stenson to make a mistake.

“I knew the putt meant a lot. I didn’t know it meant much,” he said with a smile. He finished third in the FedEx Cup playoffs and received a $2 million bonus.

Stenson, who finished at 13-under 267, became the first European to win the Tour Championship and received the FedEx Cup.

His amazing summer began with a tie for third in the Scottish Open. Stenson followed with a runner-up at the British Open and the World Golf Championship at Firestone, third place at the PGA Championship and a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

“Obviously, the work was done before,” Stenson said. “It’s not like I woke up in the middle of July and played fantastically.”

The Tour Championship was his second win in three tournaments since the FedEx Cup playoffs.

“Since the Scottish Open, it’s been just an incredible run,” he said. “I’m speaking in terms of how it’s not a tough day out there. To hang in there the way I did, I’m really satisfied. It’s not quite sunk in yet. I had to fight hard mentally to keep all this aside, and I managed to do that. It’s going to feel better the week after this. I’m pretty sure about that.”

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midfielder Patrick Hodan supplied four. After Shipps’ goal, the Eagles’ defense prevented further quality shots from the Irish. Of Notre Dame’s 17 shots, only three were shots on goal, and Clark credited Boston College’s defensive work for slowing down the Irish.

“I think the team played well but they weren’t able to convert in the final area,” Clark said. “I think you’ve got to give their defense a lot of credit for holding us. They played defense well as a team, so we had a lot of shots but not a lot of good shots.”

As for the Irish, it was a quiet night on defense. Notre Dame held the Eagles to just five shots and three shots on goal, but the offense drove the pace of the game and helped the defense by keeping the ball away from Boston College.

“I think we had the ball most of the time,” Clark said. “We had to be sharp defensively, but I think it was more we had a lot of the ball.”

Now that the Irish have proven they can control a possession game, they have to take the next step and find the net more consistently, Clark said.

“We didn’t play the final chances,” Clark said. “We weren’t able to put the ball away.”

The Irish are next in action against Duke on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Stadium.

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dropped their first set to North Dakota State, 25-21, before bouncing back to win the next three sets, 25-20, 25-20 and 25-12. The Irish had 71 digs against the Bison (0-12), and senior libero Andrea McHugh recorded her 1,000th career digs, making her just the 13th Notre Dame player to achieve the milestone.

Notre Dame’s four-match winning streak ended when the Irish faced Georgia (10-2) on Saturday. After dropping the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-14, Notre Dame bounced back with a 25-17 victory. The Irish were unable to complete the comeback, however, as they dropped the final set, 25-23.

Despite Notre Dame’s two losses, Irish senior defensive specialist Sammie Brown earned a spot on the all-tournament team. She had 38 kills, 28 digs, and 19 assists over the course of the weekend and led the Irish offense.

“Sammie Brown had a very good weekend,” Brown said. “She’s really developing into a great all-around player. She plays good defense, serves and earns points. That was probably the bright spot of the team this weekend, the emergence of [Sammie].”

Brown said she was proud of how the Irish played on offense over the weekend.

“There’s always things to work on,” Brown said. “There’s always chances to get better. Our hitting percentage has come up a lot, and we want to continue that. We could do a bit better job with blocking and defense. Mainly, we need to get more comfortable with each player on the court.”

The Irish open ACC play when they face North Carolina on Friday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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Irish junior Jake Kildoo (25:05.4), sophomore Michael Clevenger (25:05.4), senior Martin Grady (25:05.6), graduate student Patrick Lesiewicz (25:05.7) finished in second place through seventh place, respectively.

Piane said the Irish planned to gather points in the meet by placing a large group of runners among the top finishers.

“That was honestly what we wanted to do,” Piane said. “We were pretty confident that we would win. But to be a good cross country team, you have to run together and we did that. They really supported each other out there.”

The Irish finished with the low score of 20. No other team finished with a score below 66, and eight of 10 teams finished with scores over 100. The top five finishers for each team contribute their finishing position to an aggregate score.

“Piane said even if the Irish had used the finishing positions of their sixth and seventh runners, they still would have won. Lesiewicz finished seventh overall and Irish freshman runner Scott Milling was the seventh Irish finisher, coming in 13th overall with a time of 25:44.2.

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“Our goal was to win, but also to run as a group,” Piane said. “Six of the guys finished together but Scott Milling was right behind them.”

The Irish next run at the Notre Dame Invitational on held on the Notre Dame Golf Course on Oct. 4.

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Irish begin fall play with separate Invitational

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The Irish opened their season with success across the board this weekend at both the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Ball State Fall Invitational in Muncie, Ind.

Notre Dame split its team up across the two open tournaments to provide the entire roster with opportunities to play and gear up for the season, Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

“We have 12 on the team and for us to get all 12 a lot of matches we’ve got to split up,” Louderback said. “We got to play a lot of matches and also play a lot of teams we don’t usually play. It was a little different than in the past because we’ve never had 12 on the team, but it was good to play so much.”

The Wolverine Invitational pitted the Irish against opponents from Purdue, Tulane, Arizona State, Michigan, and DePaul from Friday through Sunday.

Notre Dame won 13 of 15 matches on Friday to begin the event at Michigan. No. 35 senior Britney Sanders, No. 87 sophomore Quinn Gleason, No. 117 senior Jennifer Kellner and freshmen Monica Robinson and Mary Closs earned victories at No. 1 through No. 5 singles against Purdue. Senior Julie Sadzicki also won at No. 8 singles against the Boilermakers. Notre Dame and Purdue split the doubles matches on Saturday, with each team taking two victories.

The Irish nearly achieved a sweep and beat Tulane at No. 2 through No. 5 singles against the Green Wave on Saturday.

The invitational allowed the Irish to play teams they typically wouldn’t have the opportunity to play, which teaches players how to adjust to opponents’ different playing styles, Louderback said.

“It’s nicer to get to play some players you’ve never seen or played,” Louderback said. “You may be forced to play a little differently because you’re figuring out how to play them while the match is going on. Tulane, I don’t think we’ve played them for 15 years.”

The wins kept coming against Arizona State on Saturday, as Notre Dame added seven more singles wins to its weekend total.

The matches against the Sun Devils provided the Irish with a scouting report for a rare match-up between the two teams early in the season.

“We haven’t played Arizona State in a long time but we’ll play them in the second match in the spring,” Louderback said. “It was good to get a look at and see how they play.”

On Sunday, the Irish took three of four doubles matches from Michigan. Sanders and Gleason paired to knock off the Wolverine’s duo of junior Emma Bekta and senior Brooke Bolender, the third-ranked pairing nationally. Notre Dame wrapped up the weekend with five singles victories against DePaul.

“I felt like we played really well,” Louderback said. “(Sunday), especially, doubles played really well. They took three of four from Michigan, who we lost to last year. Sanders and Gleason earned a win over a team ranked third in the country, and their win over Purdue was against a ranked team as well, so overall we had a great weekend.”

At the Ball State Invitational, junior Molly O’Koniewski played her way into the top singles flight and won her first-round match. Irish junior Katherine White made her way into the B bracket and won matches in the first three rounds. O’Koniewski and White also played their way into the doubles Flight A and earned a first-round win. Irish sophomores Darby Mountford and Alaina Roberts did the same in Flight B before winning their first two rounds.

These first tournaments will serve as the launching pad for the rest of Notre Dame’s fall preparation, Louderback said.

“The entire fall all of our tournaments are basically getting ready for our spring,” Louderback said. “The first is always a good time to be able to get a lot of matches in.”

Notre Dame travels to Pacific Palisades, Calif., for its next competition at the ITA All-American Qualifier beginning on Oct. 1.

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Confident Irish prepare to host Gridiron Classic

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Notre Dame returns home to the friendly confines of the Warren Golf Course this week, as it plays host to the eighth annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Monday and Tuesday.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the team’s confidence is high after the past week’s practice.

“The boys have looked very solid in preparation this week,” Kubinski said. “They’re striking the ball well and have their short games in good order. … We’re making strides every day.”

The Irish are coming off a seventh-place finish at the Gopher Invitational on Sept. 9. Freshman Matt Rushton and Niall Platt both notched top-10 finishes, tying for sixth place at three-under-par at the event in Independence, Minn. Rushton and Platt are back in the five-man lineup this week.

Freshmen Liam Cox and Blake Baren, who finished in 44th and 57th place, respectively, at the Gopher Invitational, are back in the lineup after winning their spots again in qualifying this week.

“Tyler’s experience, both on our team and after his US Amateur entry this past August, will certainly add something,” Kubinski said. “Tyler is very comfortable and very confident right now. He’s developed a great deal since arriving as a freshman.”

The Warren Golf Course will be set up around 7000 yards at a par of 71, providing what Kubinski called “a very good and fair test” as he praised the tournament setup.

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The Spartans won the event last season, and Houston is the 2011 champion. As with all tournaments, though, Kubinski said he is not in the least bit concerned with the competition, but instead with individual play.

“Our year-long goal, what will keep us improving, is in staying positive and developing from an emotional standpoint,” Kubinski said. “We want our guys to make things easier, simplify things … and to stay focused and very positive. That makes things easier in competition.”

“I know, to a man, we’re very excited for the opportunity to play at home in front of our Notre Dame community,” Kubinski concluded.

The Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic runs all day Monday and Tuesday at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bonnie Hunt, 52; Scott Baio, 53; Andrea Bocelli, 55; Joan Jett, 55.
Happy Birthday! You’ll have more opportunities than you realize and must explore outside your normal social circle or geographical location in order to take advantage of what’s available to you. Put your heart and soul into whatever you do, and you will make an impressive impact. Contracts, settlements and legal negotiations bring positive results and new beginnings. Love is in the air; your numbers are 3, 11, 17, 26, 35, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It’s good to consider your options, but don’t make a rash move. Wait and see what unfold before you render down a path you know little about. Ask questions and you can offer to come up with a solution. Don’t let the little things bother you in the people making demands, get to you. Ask what’s on your mind and focus on whatever changes make you happy. A move or trip will lead to an opportunity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You’ll be drawn into an emotional situation. Don’t overthink what others are doing. Size up what’s being offered and consider how to benefit from the circumstances that unfold. A change in a friendship must not be based on anger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Find ways to improve your domestic situation or offer solutions to those you wish to help. Keep your heart and soul into whatever you are doing, enabling you to come up with some terrific plans that can improve your skills and your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Find ways to improve your domestic situation or offer solutions to those you wish to help. Keeping busy will feed your mind, enabling you to come up with some terrific plans that can improve your skills and your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t put up with anyone interfering with your private life.Embrace the changes that suit you, not the ones someone else wants you to make. Do what’s best for you in order to get ahead, even if it involves a move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Gather information, and you will know precisely what needs to be done in order to get what you want. Networking, networking and attending a conference will bring you greater opportunities personally and professionally. Enjoy the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do whatever it takes to plan for the future. Send out resumes to talk with people who have something to offer you. Taking the initiative will attract positive attention that could lead to opportunities you may not have considered in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t limit what you can do because you don’t want to face an emotional matter. Choose your words carefully and be precise in getting your point across. Handled diplomatically, you can get what you want, especially if handled diplomatically.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An investment may interest you, but don’t jump into it, look at the practical aspect of what’s involved. Don’t jeopardize what you have for something that could lead to serious loss. Request a favor that will help you make a wise decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ask and you shall receive. Fixing up your home or making a move that will improve your relationship or your position should be considered. Love is in the stars, and spending time with someone special will enhance your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t feel obligated to follow what others do. Being comfortable with whatever situations you are faced with is important if you are going to succeed. Speak up and make the alterations that suit you best, and you will excel.

BIRTHDAY Baby: You are intuitive, courageous and persistent. You attract positive attention.
A dominant draw

Irish fail to convert opportunities into goals in 1-1 tie on the road against Boston College

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The No. 1 Irish created many scoring opportunities but couldn’t convert late to break a 1-1 tie with Boston College on Saturday in Newton, Mass.

Notre Dame (3-0-3, 1-0-2 ACC) had possession most of the game and outshot the Eagles (2-2-2, 1-1-1), but Boston College forced the draw in front of an enthusiastic home crowd of 2,000.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said he enjoyed the high attendance and strong crowd engagement.

“It was a terrific crowd,” Clark said. “It was a really great atmosphere for college soccer.”

Notre Dame ran an impressive offensive stat line, launching 17 shots against five for the Eagles, and Clark said he thought the Irish should have been able to secure a win. Despite the disappointment, the game produced positive developments for Notre Dame.

“I think if you look at the stats, you can see we dominated the game,” Clark said. “It was a matter of not converting chances, and that was disappointing. There were a lot more positives than negatives, though. We dominated and played well. They were just holding on trying to get a tie, so they’ll be happy with that.”

The Irish could not score after the 17th minute, although Boston College fielded 10 players and had to play defensively after the 60th minute when Eagles junior defender Nick Butler received his second yellow card.

Boston College struck first in the 17th minute when freshman forward Isaac Nosimuni dashed into the box from the right side with sharp footwork and shot low past Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall. It was the first goal of Nosimunis’s college career and just the third goal allowed by Notre Dame this season.

Irish senior forward Harrison Shipp evened the score 12 seconds later when he fielded and converted a right cross from junior forward Vince Cicciarelli for his second goal of the season. Shipp led Notre Dame’s offense with five shots, and sophomore midfielder Ryan McGivney added four.

Irish sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan, pictured here during Notre Dame’s 3-0 win over Michigan on Tuesday, tallied four shots in Notre Dame’s 1-1 draw with Boston College on Saturday in Newton, Mass.

Men and women place first at home

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Both the men’s and women’s squads won each of their respective team titles in the 34th annual National Catholic Championships held at the Notre Dame Golf Course on Friday.

“Not only did the men run well, but the women did as well,” Irish coach Joe Piane said. “Both squads did very well. You can’t ask for much more.”

The women’s team took the top three spots in a field of 298 runners. Irish senior Kelly Curran won the race with a time of 17:18.5 and 17:34.4. “With Kelly winning and Alexa and Emily right behind her, it was a great finish for the women,” Piane said.

With the third-place finish, Frydrych secured her fastest time and turned in the best showing at a meet of her career.

“It was the best race Emily has had in her collegiate career,” Piane said.

Irish sophomore runner Molly Seidel finished in seventh with a time of 17:45.1. Piane said he was impressed with her progress.

“Molly had a great outing,” Piane said. “She had an abbreviated track season (last year), so she’s short on training. But she is coming along really well.”

The Irish men did not take the individual title, which went to Loyola junior Sam Penzenstadler (24:55.4), but they did have six runners finish among the top seven, in a field of 269 runners.

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