Foundation awards grant to ND team

By EMILY McCONVILLE
News Writer

In the summer of 2012, it made international headlines: scientists at the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN) discovered the elusive Higgs boson, a subatomic particle that gives matter its mass, using a particle detector called the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS). Among the researchers who discovered it were several Notre Dame professors, research faculty and students of high-energy physics.

Now, due to a three-year, $2.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), that group will be able to continue its research on the Higgs boson and other areas of particle physics.

Notre Dame physics professor Colin Jessop, one of the four principal investigators of the group, said the grant represents an unusual increase in funding from previous years, when funding for the NSF itself has been cut by 12 percent.

“We’ve been quite successful recently. We’re part of the team that discovered Higgs boson... because we were successful, we were able to argue for a little bit of an increase in funds, and we were successful in doing that,” Jessop said.

The majority of the grant, Jessop said, will go to the salaries of the research faculty and graduate students who design components of the CMS and analyze data, both at Notre Dame and at CERN in Switzerland.

The people supported by the grant have a variety of different roles in the CMS’s operation, Jessop said. The principal investigators, including Jessop, Dr. Michael Hildreth, Dr. Kevin Lannon and senior member Randy Ruchti, work with the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL).

The ECAL measures the energy of the photons and electrons that collide in the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), according to Jessop. It is made of crystals which, send a light signal to an electronic system when a particle enters, allowing researchers to analyze the data produced.

Notre Dame researchers helped develop a “trigger” system, which identifies significant particle collisions, he said.

The grant will also fund two research faculty members, Dr. Nancy Marinelli, who designed important software for the CMS’s readout system and is currently at CERN, and Dr. Dan Karmgard, who works with the research laboratory QuarkNet in South Bend.

Gallivan advisors discuss reporting

By JACK ROONEY
News Writer

Members of the Advisory Committee for the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy held a panel discussion Monday afternoon on the issues of modern journalism and how students can make an impact in the future of the industry.

Panelists included Robert Costa, Washington editor of the “National Review” magazine; Bill Doyre, sports columnist for the “Los Angeles Times;” Maddie Harrua, reporter for the “Philadelphia Inquirer;” Daniel LeDuc, editor at the Pew Charitable Trusts; John McMeel, president and chairman of Andrews McMeel Universal; Anne Thompson, chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News and Kelley Tuthill, reporter and anchor at WCVB-TV; the Boston affiliate of ABC News.

Author recalls Rockne’s legacy

By JACK ROONEY
News Writer

On Friday afternoon, award-winning author and sports historian Jim Lefebvre gave a lecture and held a book-signing for the launch of his new book, “Coach: A Retrospective of Notre Dame’s Coach and Teacher,” which featured rockne’s nieces who were in attendance.

Lefebvre discussed the fearlessness of Rockne’s nieces who were at the launch and two of Rockne’s nieces who were in attendance. Relatives of Notre Dame greats, such as Elmer Layden, Don Miller, Charlie Bachman, Norman Barry, Noble Kizer, John Law and Fred Miller all attended the event.

Lefebvre focused on the five timeless themes he saw in Rockne’s life, including fearlessness, being a man on the move, connection, education and having a life well lived.

Lefebvre said fearlessness was the foundation of Rockne’s life and career in football.

“The fearlessness just plays out throughout his life. He accepted challenges and he went after it,” he said. “I attribute some of it to his ancestry to the Viking explorer. There was something about him that said, ‘keep going.’”
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Where is your favorite place to run or walk near Notre Dame?

Sean Morrison

“Writing a Mobile Empire”
Mcmurtry Hall 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Classics lecture.

Emily Kitchin
junior
Lewis Hall
“In front of the Rudy bench around St. Joseph Lake, there’s a beautiful view of the dome and Basilica.”

Charley Berno
senior
Off campus
“Downtown South Bend.”

Richard Fasani

sophomore
Keenan Hall
“My favorite walk is going back and forth to the soccer stadium. I love watching the games.”

Kait Demchuk

senior
Lewis Hall
“The path in front of Carrol Hall around St. Joseph Lake in the fall.”

Tom Catalano

senior
Off campus
“The tunnels. (Sometimes they’re unlocked.)”

This year, members of Keenan Hall welcomed their new golden retriever puppy, Bacon. Since the arrival of the puppy, there has been a mass influx of both male and female visitors to the dorm.

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This is my favorite place to run, because of the trees and the view. It’s definitely downtown South Bend.

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Tuesday
“Writing a Mobile Empire”
Mcmurtry Hall 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Classics lecture.

Wednesday
Blood Drive
RoiFs Sports Recreation Center 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Give blood.

Laughter Yoga
St. Liam Hall 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Part of the Wellness Wednesday series by University Health Services

Thursday
Zen Meditation
Coleman-Morse Center 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Practice meditating.

Annual Blue Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Honoring police and firefighters for their service.

Friday
Stress Buster Friday
St. Liam Hall 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Relax with afternoon yoga.

Saturday
Concert on the Steps
Bond Hall 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame Band performs.

Saturdays with the Saints
Granger Hall 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Part of the fall 2013 series “50th Century Martyrs”

Correction
In the Sept. 23 issue of The Observer, the article “Give them a reason to believe in you” incorrectly stated that Dr. Condeleeza Rice was the first African American Secretary of State. Rice was the second African American to hold the office. The Observer regrets this error.

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Traditional Chinese food was served at the Chinese program’s Mid-Autumn Festival, held Friday in the Coleman-Morse Center. The event connected students and faculty in celebration of Chinese culture.

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of ABC News. Prof. Robert Schraul, chair of Notre Dame’s department of American Studies and director of the Gallivan Program, moderated the discussion.

Schraul asked each panel member to briefly speak about journalistic lessons they learned both during their time at Notre Dame and in their professional lives after college.

Hanna, who graduated in 2008, said young reporters must have the courage to “report critically.”

“It’s not just about reporting on an event. It’s asking tough questions about that event and putting things into context,” Hanna said. “When difficult things happen, don’t shy away from them or sugarcoat them.”

Thompson stressed the continual process of education that occurs for journalists of all kinds and said the best way to learn is through their mistakes.

“You never stop learning when you’re a journalist. It’s a great thing.” Thompson said. “You never stop learning about what you do. It’s also very humbling because you learn everyday about how much you don’t know.”

Le Duc said persistence is one of the most important qualities for a successful journalist.

“You can be nice as a journalist and you should be polite, but you need to build a steady resolve,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to push back at your sources.”

After the formal discussion ended, panel members took questions from students in the audience. Students asked questions about the challenges of working as a young reporter and the role social media, especially platforms like Twitter, plays in modern journalism.

Costa said Twitter is an extremely important tool and students who are interested in journalism as a career should utilize all social media platforms, and do so properly.

“It is so critical right now when you’re applying for a job … the first thing your potential new boss is going to look at is your Twitter,” Costa said.

“I find Twitter to be very empowering because as a reporter you often only have so much space to write a story and you may have a lot of color, anecdotal things in your story or notes from a meeting, and it comes back to having judgment and know what to share and what not to share. “Accuracy is by far the number one thing always, but it’s really great to be able to share things about a story on Twitter beyond what you wrote in your own piece.”

McMee said he had great hope for Chinese culture and student involvement in Chinese studies minor Dominic Romeo said he was impressed by the commitment of those involved with the event.

“The willingness of every body involved to give up their Friday evenings to celebrate this event speaks volumes about the uniqueness of the Notre Dame Chinese program and the enthusiasm of its students,” Romeo said.

Chinese Program coordinator and associate professor Vongping Zhu said he appreciates the support from the Office for Undergraduate Studies, the College of Arts and Letters, the Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Center for the Study of Languages and Culture.

“The most successful part of the celebration was the ‘edutainment’ (educational entertainment), allowing the students to understand Chinese culture and learn facts in a fun environment.” Congcong Ma assistant professional specialist

“I also appreciate my colleagues, other Chinese instructors and some students for their great efforts for this event,” Zhu said. “They have done a lot for the event.”

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SMC president volunteers as target for pie fundraiser

By MARGARET JOHNSTON  News Writer

Friday afternoon, the Saint Mary’s student center was filled with pie-throwers, whipped-cream-covered professors and onlookers as the Saint Mary’s Affiliation of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS) held its first-ever Pie-Your-Professor event.

Junior Kate Bussey, SMAACS president, said the event was organized as a way to blend fun with raising support for the group.

“Being a chapter of the American Chemical Society, SMAACS provides support to students looking to further their career in chemistry as well as community outreach to attract attention to the sciences... and we have tons of fun,” Bussey said.

One of the main attractions of the Pie-Your-Professor event was the pie-ing of Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney.

Mooney donned a yellow poncho and safety goggles and made her way behind the target for pie fundraiser.

“Her participation in our event displays her support of our club, but even more so, her dedication to every aspect of our amazing college community,” Bussey said.

Raising $400 over the course of the event, Bussey said SMAACS hopes to make Pie-Your-Professor an annual fundraiser, drawing more excitement and even larger turnouts in the upcoming years. The money raised during Friday’s event will be put toward a magic show this October.

“Chemistry magic show will be held when the kids come trick-or-treating on campus for Halloween,” Bussey said. “This will be public outreach in hopes of instilling an interest of the sciences in young minds. We are very pleased with the outcome of the event.”

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French Language Programs Information Session

Tuesday, September 24
6:30 p.m.  129 DeBartolo Hall

Application Deadline: November 15, 2013

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The lab, which consists of researchers, engineers, technicians and local high school students, develops and improves the components and readout system of the CMS’s hadron calorimeter, which measures the collisions of particles such as protons and neutrons, according to Karmgard.

“What we’ve been doing down there for the past several years and what we continue to do is to test new materials to see if they transmit light better,” Karmgard said. “We’re testing these new electronics to see if they work as well as we think they should, and how they [could] work better.”

Most of the rest of the grant money will support graduate students, who split time between CERN and Notre Dame and do much of the data analysis that produces findings such as the Higgs boson, as well as the ground work that keeps the CMS running.

Graduate student Andrew Brinkerhoff, who studies the properties of decaying Higgs boson particles, said it to get the data, each part of the detector must operate correctly, which requires the efforts of hundreds of students.

“It kind of breaks down into two pieces. One is the design and operations of different parts of the detectors [such as] the day-to-day monitoring of the detector while it’s running, which requires 24-hour shifts,” Brinkerhoff said. “We all took shifts at one point or another while we were at CERN. The main reason to go over there is that you really have to be on the ground in the building, right over top of the detector while you’re monitoring everything that’s going on.”

The LHC, which runs continuously for months at a time, is currently shut off and awaiting improvements that will allow it to operate at full capacity. Jessop said. This allows the different subsets of the investigation group to continue working on the other aspects of the project, such as testing new materials, finalizing data analysis and planning future investigations.

“There are two purposes of the continuing research,” Jessop said. “One, it’s to measure the Higgs boson, because that potentially tells us even more about these other new particles, and also to search for these other new particles that we think will be there. And if we do discover these particles, it might be an even bigger discovery than the Higgs boson, which is a big discovery in itself.”

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Rockne

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The second timeless theme of Rockne’s life, being a man on the move, defined Rockne both as a person and as a football coach who revolutionized the game, Lefebvre said.

“In a sense, this is a story of transportation,” Lefebvre said. “There are just so many elements of this (immigrating to America) to riding the street cars in Chicago.”

“This man on the move also speaks in large terms of looking for... something better. He was always looking for ways to improve the game of football to make it more entertaining for fans, and he was largely responsible for a wide-open game that replaced the mass grouping of bodies that had been the sport before that.”

Lefebvre said Rockne’s ability to connect to people was perhaps his most defining characteristic.

“He had a special gift for connecting to people, seeing the best in people and what we would call today empowering the people around him,” Lefebvre said.

“Today we talk about ‘social media,’ but that’s usually looking at a device. He looked people in the face and he made a connection.”

The fourth theme Lefebvre attributed to Rockne was his dedication to education and Rockne’s role as a teacher both on and off the football field.

“(Rockne) was always a teacher and always looking to build on what was possible with the students.”

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The NCAA argument

Mike Ginocchio
News Writer

I don’t know if you have heard, but there has been an awful lot of discussion lately about the current state of college athletics. Depending on who you’re talking to, the NCAA is either a gigantic, money-guzzling and power-hungry monstrosity that rakes in billions of dollars on the backs of its athletes, or an almost holy institution that has the right intentions but just needs a little bit of tweaking.

Whatever your opinion may be, the fact of the matter is that after years of pretending this isn’t happening, it has now become common to discuss the various problems within the NCAA. So naturally, that conversation has branched out into forth discussion, and discussion will bring about suggestions and suggestions will turn into reform. Right? But what if it doesn’t?

This past weekend, a couple of players for Northwestern, Georgia and Georgia Tech took the field having deliberately marked up their uniforms in a form of good old-fashioned exercising of their first amendment rights. Either on their wristbands or on their shoes or ankles, the players had scratched “APU” or “All Players United.” The National College Players Association, an advocacy group that is pushing for NCAA reform, convinced the players’ website, their primary goals are showing support for players who joined concusion suits against the NCAA, standing behind individual players who are being “harmed by NCAA’s rules,” and to “demonstrate unity among college athletes and fans in favor of NCAA reform.” It certainly isn’t about the players. All of this talk about college football reform is going absolutely nowhere. I imagine that they would all be able to unite under an idea pretty easily enough. They know what it’s like to play the sport and make the choices they’ve made. It’s everyone else that makes it difficult.

In the end, it never goes any deeper than those surface-level arguments. And that’s the biggest problem. Because the truth is there is a growing amount of evidence that the NCAA needs to start changing its ways. But that change isn’t going to be simple. It’s going to take time, nuance and the admittance that compromise is vital in order to make anything improve and last longer.

If an institution that’s been around as long as the NCAA is going to make a fundamental change in its operations, it’s going to need to be convinced by a collective voice of people all unified in their goals and suggestions. Otherwise, we’re going to be stuck listening to talk radio and sports hosts filling up airtime with vapid arguments about the system for the next 20 years.

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Where do we go from here?

Caleb Cobbin
Viewpoint Columnist

I opened my email to another message of sexual assault and again, I sat flabbergasted at yet another affront to human dignity that occurred within this Notre Dame community. I must say that my heart goes out to the women and men who feel that their power was taken away from them in a horrible way.

I dare you not to cringe when I tell you, according to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education website, “One out of every four to-five woman are assaulted on campuses each year.” This, my friends, is too much.

When discussing this with a friend, she said something that made me think hard about this issue. “For every one report of sexual assault,” she said, “there are probably 10 or more incidents that have not been reported.” This breaks my heart.

I do realize this is speculation and I do not have concrete evidence to support this statistic, but I do know at least three girls who have had unwanted sexual contact during my time here at Notre Dame and have not reported it — one as recently as this past weekend. This, unfortunately, is a reality overlooked. But, why?

I thought about the Notre Dame “hook-up” culture, how overly hormonal men who, because of patriarchs, have a limited amount of time to “get with” a girl they meet at a party. That somehow our system of residential life may actually be the clandestine culprit of the pain and confusion of many victims on campus. But I threw this idea aside.

The issue of sexual assault is not just a Notre Dame issue, but also an issue that plagues the whole of college culture, and while residential life may play a factor, ultimately, based on statistics, these things would still occur.

We are taught that this topic is extremely relevant, that sexual assault and rape can happen to anyone and that often times the perpetrator is not some creepy guy in an alley, but acquaintances or friends, people the victim can identify. Yet there is some intangible factor, some disconnect. We know rape and sexual assault is bad, but where do we go from there? Well, this column, I hope, is a start. We have to talk about it. “Honestly, I don’t think any punishment or administrative policy is really going to change the hearts of others,” my friend who was mentioned earlier continued. “It has to start with the students.”

The prayer service was a great idea, but it can’t stop there. We as a student body cannot be afraid to openly talk and support the people involved in this issue. Public talks and support groups, weekly visits to the grotto, forums, classes and anything that presents the facts and shows no matter how much we ignore the signs — these things are happening everyday and more importantly we want change.

Moreover, other students and witnesses have to be willing to respond when they see inappropriate behavior, for often it is our inactions that cause destruction more so than our overt actions.

Lastly, to the victims of any sexual assault, rape or harassment, especially those within this community (students of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s or Holy Cross) know that even though I may not know you, I am walking with you. I am praying for you. And I refuse to be silent.

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LET THEM EAT...

JOHN BOEHNER ANTOINETTE

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American credibility at home

Some Republicans are determined to defund the Affordable Care Act and ultimately move forward with legislation to delay the implementation of Obamacare for one year in exchange for raising the debt limit for the next year. Democrats are so far unwilling to concede on either the defunding or delayed implementation of the health care law.

By now the politics of the debate are well-known. Republicans say the Affordable Care Act is a costly and unpopular law. Perhaps they’re right about this. Democrats say the Affordable Care Act is the law of the land and an attempt to sabotage the budget by insisting on defunding or delaying the law is both irresponsible and impossible. Perhaps they’re right as well.

What neither side takes into proper consideration are the wider implications of a shutdown. Yes, the stock market will take a nasty hit. Yes, Americans will bear witness to another example of a broken government. This much is obvious.

But what does it say about a country that is the active leader in international relations, yet its leaders at home are unable to execute on the fundamental issues of government?

Against the backdrop of instability abroad, America now faces a critical test of its credibility at home. It’s time for moderate, responsible leaders to take over in Washington and pass the test. Both parties share this responsibility, but on the current budget fight, I’m looking at leadership to rise in the Republican Party.

The problem so far is that moderate Republican voices have not been as audible or convincing as those of extremists like Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Tex. and Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, who are calling for a government shutdown unless a continuing resolution is passed that cuts off funding for the Affordable Care Act.

Responsible Republican senators such as Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Penn. and Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. have laid out the issue clearly. They are no less opposed to Obamacare than are Republicans calling for its immediate defunding. But when your party only controls one-third of the federally-elected government (as Republicans do with the House), your party is not going to get everything it wants.

A government shutdown on Oct. 1 is too high of a cost to pay for trying (and inevitably failing) to repeal the law now. Fund the government now, moderate Republicans say, and go to work on repealing the specific, problematic provisions of the Affordable Care Act over the next couple years, a strategy that begins by gaining Republican seats in Congress in 2014.

This is party leadership. This is what needs to be done now to maintain America’s credibility in the eyes of the world, not to mention the credibility of the Republican Party.

Extremism does not result in effective government. It never has and it never will. In the end, it will only damage America’s credibility even further.

My hope now is that it doesn’t take a government shutdown for some lawmakers to realize this.

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Praying for the Irish

I have the pleasure of serving as President of Farley Hall, so I participate in a lot of walkovers, dorm events, pep rallies, performances, discussions, etc. About 60 Farley Hall members walked to the first Pep Rally and in April, 125 of the Finest walked to support two residents as they shaved their heads for The Bald and The Beautiful.

Sunday night, I was part of a Farley walkover to the prayer service hosted by student government to pray for healing in light of the recent sexual assaults reported on campus. Nine Farley residents attended.

While this is just the example from Farley, I believe it is a phenomenon present throughout all of the undergraduate halls. We are all ready to dive in headfirst to the fun things going on around campus. Most of us spent all Saturday tailgating and cheering for the Irish.

Yet, at a 30-minute prayer service addressing deep wounds in our student body, there were approximately 100 people in attendance.

One hundred out of 8,900. Less than two percent of our student body took time to pray together for our brothers and sisters in Notre Dame affected by sexual assault. As both student body president Nancy Joyce and Fr. Pete McCormick said at this service, as Notre Dame students we hold ourselves to a higher standard. As Notre Dame students, we sign on to do more than average, agreeing to be present and supportive of our fellow students.

If there is another sexual assault reported on campus, there will be another prayer service. Student body president Alex Coccia and Nancy have promised us this.

I hope to see more of you there. I hope you will hold yourself to the Notre Dame standard. I hope you will realize that you do have time and that the 30 minutes you might spend on a Huddle Run or a round of Super Smash could be spent in prayer with and for your Notre Dame family.

You do have time. You take time to cheer for the Irish. Please, step up and take the time to pray for the Irish.

Kathleen Clark
Junior
Farley Hall
Sept. 24
There’s a little known branch of academia known as “alternate history,” that contemplates the long-term effects on history if certain events, seemingly crucial or not, had turned differently.

The most well-known example is probably the question, “What if the Allies had lost World War II?”

But the rabbit hole of reimagining goes much deeper (and much less morose) than that. Aaron Carter performs at Club Fever tonight at 6 p.m., the conclusive end to a trail of dominos over 13 years long that began with his release of the first single off his second album and ends tonight with a roaring, likely legendary show at Club Fever.

But what if on Aug. 1, 2000, Aaron Carter and his label, Jive Records, decided not to release the single which launched into international fame and adoration of eight-year-old girls everywhere, “Aaron’s Party (Come Get It)?”

Well, let’s start with the obvious — he probably doesn’t get famous.

Sure, with that style, that flow and those moves we saw in the “Aaron’s Party (Come Get It)” What if the song never existed?

But without that song, we never get the video. And without the video, we never see him in full effect as the child star that he truly was of balding mid-40s car salesmen.

The effects are more far-reaching than you might think. Take the “Aaron’s Party (Come Get It)” release of the first single off his second album and ends tonight with a roaring, likely legendary show at Club Fever.

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Let’s take a step back for a minute. Dwyane Wade and the Heat don’t win the 2006 NBA championship. Therefore Miami doesn’t become the city of Miami. Since the Lakers don’t trade Shaq to the Miami Heat, Shaq never moves to Los Angeles, never meets Khloe Kardashian, and the most unfamous celebrity couple of our generation never hits the tabloids.

But the idea of the kooky family based reality show took off within the network itself leading to the premiere watershed series of American reality television history in 2007, “Keeping Up with the Kardashians.”

Kim Kardashian has, in addition to a few mitigating circumstances, Aaron Carter to thank for her fame. And if Kim Kardashian never gets famous — oh man, I can’t even wrap my head around that one. But let’s take a shot at it, at least on one level.

If Kim Kardashian never gets famous, in addition to any number of effects she’s had on the fashion, television and tabloid industries, she never enters Kanye West’s inner circle, shaping his music and inspiring such instant classic lyrics as … well, we can’t print any of them, but the long and short of it is Kanye’s latest album, “Yeezus,” likely sounds quite a bit different.

It may even open the gate for Kanye to release an entirely different kind of album. Maybe in the years he would have been dating Kim Kardashian he instead gets dumped by someone and his ego takes a hit. Okay, the ego thing wouldn’t have happened, but at the very least, he never releases the polarizing “Yeezus,” thus depriving the world of the knowledge that he is, in fact, a god.

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Aaron Carter

I hear “Aaron Carter” and the name resurrects memories of my eight-year-old self hooked into a Walkman, listening to the then-13-year-old pop star with the bleached blond hair, hopping around stage, swearing he was “tellin’ me the facts” in his chart-topping hit “That’s How I Beat Shaq.”

The album “Aaron’s Party (Come Get It)” had a couple more gems, including that unforgettable profound refrain “I want candy” in the song with the same title. Back then, I assumed it referred only to the junk-food aisle at the supermarket and not anything romantic, but I found it moving nonetheless.

Carter is slated to perform at South Bend’s Club Fever at 6 p.m. tonight as part of his comeback tour after eight years off. In a phone interview back from tour, he promised fans would hear “all the good old songs,” including his personal favorite hit “Aaron’s Party.” Which, coincidentally, still has a place in my iTunes library.

“Still to this day I will play the old stuff, yeah, absolutely,” Carter said. “Yeah, that’s a given. I can’t not do that. The show will be a little bit of cover music, a little bit of old music and a bit of new stuff as well.”

The eight years that have passed since he first smacked-talked NBA legends changed his performing style (and the pitch of his voice), but Carter said he’s back on tour with one main goal — reconnecting with his fans after the hiatus.

“That’s what brings me all over right now on my tour,” he said. “You know, I haven’t been on tour in, like, eight years, so I’m just trying to get back into it and see everybody.”

He wouldn’t say he’s spent the past eight years off the radar, though. He and his brothers starred in the 2006 E! Network reality show “House of Carters” and in 2009, he took fifth place in “Dancing with the Stars.”

“I did ‘The Fantasticks’ for, like, over 400 performances,” Carter said. “I was the lead and it was a love story. It was awesome; it was fun doing it. It was definitely challenging, but it strengthened my vocals and helped me as a performer overall.”

Performing in a theater is “a much different world” than the pop concert venue, he said.

“In Broadway plays, people go in and they sit down and they clap for you, you know? It’s not, like, screaming and throwing stuff on stage,” he said. “It was definitely something to adapt to, but I didn’t really want to become completely acclimated to it because I like performing for screaming girls too.”

Carter said he “hopped right on tour” after his run with “The Fantasticks” ended so his fans could have the chance to see him as he is now instead of maintaining that image of him performing as a child star.

“I don’t want my fans to expect me to be 12 anymore, because that’s not the case, you know?” he said. “I’m not 12, I’m not 15 anymore. I’m going to be 26 at the end of the year.

Fortunately, I’ve always been able to transition with my fans because a lot of them grew up with me too. I started performing when I was six, and then I did two albums in my teenage years and now it’s time to make a transition in my adulthood.”

Carter at his peak was a child star at the level of Justin Bieber or Miley Cyrus, he said, and now it’s time to make a transition in my adulthood.

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Aaron Carter Playlist

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03 “Jump Jump” Aaron Carter

04 “I Want Candy” Aaron Carter

05 “Try to Remember” From the musical “The Fantasticks”

06 “Help Me” Nick Carter

07 “Dance with Me” Aaron Carter feat. Flo Rida

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A mature baseball fan would use this space to discuss the remaining playoff races or the final home game for Yankees legend Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte. But I'm a 21-year-old whose happiness rests largely on the prowess of the Phillies, who mostly consist on a diet of Teddi Grahams. In short, I'm not writing about any of the important or relevant issues in Major League Baseball.

Instead, I'll focus on the extraordinarily juvenile (but let's face it, highly entertaining tradition) of Rookie Dress-Up Day.

This is the day when the veteran players on each team kick off the final road trip of the year by stealing the rookies’ clothes and replacing them with horrifying costumes. In these closing days of the regular season, even the Milwaukee residents who long ago gave up on the Brewers season can laugh with a brave fans who have a good spooky spot locked up and most likely spent their Sunday tuned into the NFL instead.

I've ever wondered what Detroit Tigers shortstop Jose Iglesias would look like if he were forced to wear a Tinker Bell costume, wonder no longer. Could Mike Trout pull off a Lady Gaga get-up? The definitive answer is no. (That was in 2011. In September 2012, he simply made to dress up as a baby.)

The 2012 Yankees rookies each donned a costume. While many people call it a managerial act. (Judging by the quality of Darth Vader and Chewbacca costumes procured for the occasion, it appears the Yankees not only have the poorest payroll in the league, but also the highest budget for pranks and other frivolities.

In the absence of strong and organized veteran leadership, some classes of rookies end up in a mismatch of ill-fitting Halloween costumes or brightly-colored Speedos, which is really too bad (for both the rookies and anyone who had the misfortune of spotting them while they travel to their next destination.

But the teams that really do it right their teams go into matching costumes. The ring-leaders of this escapade in light-hazing can honor their loca- tions. The Boston Red Sox decided that a visit to New York was a perfect excuse for Naked Cowboy-themed dress-up day.

Last year, the Washington Nationals veteransipped their caps to the recent London Olympics, dressing up Bryce Harper and his fellow rookies as the gold-medal-winning women’s gymnastics team for the train ride from D.C. to New York (whether their fellow Amtrak passengers were amused or not, I can’t say).

Now, this is not a time-honored tradition. (Don't go looking for pictures of Derek Jeter's rookie dress-up day. I've ascaped what is now a rite of passage). But it's the sort of thing made possible by the Internet. These days, the only reason for forcing the new out-fielder into a woman's Halloween costume in the days before photographic evidence of the event could be posted online. Personally, I think it's one of the more entertaining things the Internet has given us.

There are naysayers, of course. For one thing, there are plenty of teams that do a poor job. Last year, the Red Sox had 10 rookie cheerleaders... and one Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. Will Middlebrooks looked very out of place in gingham. This year, Boston went with a shirtless-kilt look, which only confirmed that one does not need to have six-pack abs to play major league baseball.

On a serious note, there are executives who find the antics not so funny when their teams are just a game or two from elimi- nation. I don’t really understand what they’re worried about. Did Angels management truly man- age wearing a bib for an afternoon would hurt Mike Trout’s concentra- tion at the plate the next day, as was rumored last season? Honestly, these hijinks are part of what fans love about baseball. Winning games is the goal, but when there are 362 contests stretched over the sum- mer there’s room for levity and silliness.

An NFL coach would never tolerate this sort of stuff, but that’s part of what makes it enjoyable. Football is a game of intensity and focus, of near maniacal atten- tion to detail. All the prepara- tion completed during a week is channeled into three or four hours of frenzoy and violence on Sunday afternoon. There’s no crying in baseball, but there’s not much time for laughing in football.

Baseball, on the other hand, has time for mascot races and seventh-inning stretch songs and exchanging trading cards first half. You can still go to a baseball game and get the sense that game was originally intended to be fun. Thank goodness baseball players still remember a little fun can go a long way.

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**Belles fall to Hope and Calvin**

By MIKE GINOCCHIO
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The Belles faced one of their toughest stretches of the season this weekend when they took on the two top-ranked teams in the country.

Despite a strong effort, the Belles (5-8, 3-4 MIAA) dropped both matches, first losing to the Hope College Dutch over three sets (25-9, 25-16, 25-20) on Friday before dropping their match to the Calvin College Knights in three sets (25-13, 25-15, 25-16) on Saturday.

In the first set against Hope (14-1, 5-1), the Dutch raced to a 16-6 lead, eventually taking the first set 25-9. During this set, the Dutch had 15 kills on 25 attempts with no errors. The Belles were unable to mount a comeback.

The second set also featured Hope running to an early lead, this time jumping up 8-2. However, the Belles fought back behind the play of junior middle hitter Taylor Exzell, sophomore outside hitter Katie Hecklinski, and a Hope error to bring the score to 11-9. However, the Dutch would rally back to score seven of the next nine points on their way to taking the second set 25-16.

The third set featured the Belles jumping to a 6-0 lead, forcing Hope to burn an early timeout. The Belles extended their lead to 7-1, but Hope would respond with an eight-point run to go up 9-7. Behind this turnaround, the Dutch would take the set 25-20 and the match 3-0.

Highlights for the Belles included Hecklinski and junior outside hitter Kati Schneider tallying four kills each, junior libero Meredith Mersits compiling 10 digs, and freshman setter Clare McMillan contributing 10 assists.

Against Calvin, the Belles again found themselves in an early hole when the Knights jumped to a 9-3 lead for their hitting .462 attack percentage to the Belles’ .062, and would take the set 25-13.

In the second set, the Belles would break a 5-5 tie with a four-point run to take an early 9-5 lead. After a Knights (14-0, 6-0) timeout, however, Calvin rattled off 10 of the next 12 points to go up 15-11. After the Belles added one more, the Knights grabbed a six-point spurt before cruising to a 25-15 split.

In the third set, the Belles again refused to back down and took an early 4-1 lead. After the set was tied at 4-4 and again at 6-6, Calvin hit a five-point streak that ended up with them claiming the final set 25-16.

Against the Knights, Schneider stood out with 15 kills and 10 digs for her ninth double-double of the year. McMillan added 24 assists, and Mersits chipped in 10 digs for the Belles.

The Belles resume play Wednesday, when they host the Manchester Spartans at 7 p.m.

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MEN’S GOLF

Irish hang in sixth

Irish freshman Matt Rushton sizes up a putt in yesterday’s Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic. Rushton leads Notre Dame at two over par.

By MEREDITH KELLY
Sports Writer

The Irish finished a sunny first day of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic in sixth place on their home course with a score of 585.

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Cavanaugh

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Samantha Flores consistently finding receivers freshman Aly Anton and junior Olivia Dietzel. The Chaos (0-1-0) struggled in the red zone, however, where Flores threw two interceptions, including the decisive pick by Harmon.

According to senior captain and linebacker Meghan Ayers, Cavanaugh needs to work on its communication and chemistry.

"I think it’s really just learning to play together, getting used to each other," she said. "We have a little bit of a young team, so we’ll get there. I think, and we have a lot of strengths we’ll build on as the season goes on.

Both teams play again Tuesday night, when the Chaos face Badin, and the Wasels set their sights on a second victory against rival Pasquerilla East.

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Pangborn 28, Walsh 0

By ALEXANDRA LANE Sports Writer

Pangborn made a statement in its opening game against Walsh on Sunday, beating the Wild Women 28-0.

"It was a great start Monday against Walsh," senior Pangborn co-captain Mary Kate Veselik said. "We really good." 

"We’ve got a couple of girls who can return an antelope," Kuse said.

Farley mounted a late rally, but the three big plays — Schaeftbauer’s 75-yard touchdown run and Zolper’s pick six — were all it took to lead Pasquerilla East to victory. The Finest managed to score a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but the Pyros held on for the 19-6 win.

Pasquerilla East will look to collect its second victory Tuesday against Walsh, while Farley squares off with Badin on Sunday.

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Ryan 40, McGlinn 0

By CORNELIUS McGrATH Sports Writer

In a rivalry game, Ryan overpowered its archrival champion McGlinn from the opening kickoff and defeated the Shamrocks, 40-0, on Sunday at the LaLarr Practice Complex.

The Wildcats (1-0-0) were firing on all cylinders from the start as they intercepted the ball on McGlinn’s first play from scrimmage. Ryan freshman defensive lineman Shawn Hall returned the interception — the first of five for the Wildcat defense — for a touchdown.

While McGlinn’s offense struggled, its defense was up to the task. The Pyros (0-0-0) scored off of a Pangborn run on their first play of the game and never let up.

"We knew what we wanted to do and we came out and executed," senior Pangborn co-captain Mary Kate Veselik said.

Gargan said the extra-point conversions really helped to clinch the win for the Phoxes.

"A lot of times we don’t convert after the touchdown and it really comes to bace," Gargan said. "Today we converted on all of those and it was helpful." 

"Yes," said Pangborn’s defense was also crucial to the team’s victory, recording a shutout in the game.

As the game progressed, Walsh (0-1-0) began to find its stride, and the team came out stronger in the second half. The defense allowed only one touchdown and the offense set up a few scoring opportunities for the WildWomen.

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The Ducks then added to their lead with a second Robinson touchdown run near the end of the game following two interceptions by Howard defenders.

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Howard 13, Welsh Family 6

By RENEE GRiffin Sports Writer

Howard started off its flag football season on a good note Sunday, defeating Welsh Family 13-6.

"I think our starting quarterback did well and our defensive play was great today, but we need to work on our formations and get our routes down before our next game," Welsh junior co-captain Maggie Fisher said.

Both teams faced quick, one-day turnovers, as Pangborn took on Welsh Fam last night while Walsh played Ryan at the same time.

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Welsh Family had a quick turn around, playing Pangborn on Monday, while Howard next plays Walsh on Sunday.

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Lyons 32, Badin 6

By MEGAN WINKEL Sports Writer

In an intense, season-opening battle, Lyons defeated Badin 32-7, on Sunday at the LaLarr Practice Complex.

The Lions (1-0-0) set the tone from the start when freshman receiver Taylor Searls scored on a 45-yard run. In total, Lyons scored 19 unanswered points in the first half. Lyons senior captain Christina Bramanti said the fast start provided the momentum.

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Two Carroll interceptions towards the second half also hindered the Vermin from getting into an offensive rhythm and set up one of those turnovers occurring with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Junior captain Matthew Nagy said that he was satisfied with how his defense stopped Carroll but knows his team’s offensive needs to adjust to compete for a championship.

“Our defense was really good,” Nagy said. “Offensively, I don’t think we came out ready to play. Next Game we just need to make sure we’re ready.”

Carroll senior captain Michael Russell said he was proud of the way his team played.

“We did a great job stopping the run and holding [Fisher] to three points,” Russell said. “The two goal line stands against Fisher’s offense was a real big win for us.”

Both teams will look to earn their first wins next week when Fisher plays Sorin at 3:30 p.m. at Rielie Fields and Carroll takes on St. Edward’s at the same time.

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St. Edward’s 15, Zahm 6

By ALEX CARSON

St. Edward’s came from behind to defeat Zahm 15-6 in both teams’ season-opening contests Sunday.

The Zahmies (0-1-0) started out the game well, possessing the ball for the entirety of the first quarter en route to a touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Tim Coen racked up 39 passing yards and a touchdown on the opening drive and finished with 101 yards through the air.

A relatively quiet second quarter, the Gentlemen (1-0-0) came out with all guns blazing in the second half, scoring 15 unanswered points to get the win.

A 32-yard field goal from senior kicker Bryce Persichetti put St. Edward’s on the board in the third quarter but the Gentlemen won the game in the fourth.

Senior quarterback Paul Martin-Rodriguez marched the ball down the field to deliver a 19-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Michael Ahlers before the Gentlemen sealed the victory with a 25-yard scamper to the end zone by senior running back Frank Sole.

“It was really good to get out here and play with the guys,” Ahlers, who finished on the end of 56 of Martin-Rodriguez’s 105 passing yards, said. “All of our offseason workouts paid off well and it showed in the second half to get the win.”

Zahn captain and senior linesman Joseph Rice said he was pleased with his team’s performance despite not picking up the win.

“We played really hard, and after losing our rector last week, we’re going to come out here and give it all we’ve got to help bring the community together,” Rice commented.

St. Edward’s will be back in action Sunday against Carroll at Riehle Fields while the Zahmies take a bye off until Oct. 6 when they play Sorin.

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Dillon 3, Stanford 0

By EVAN ANDERSON

In a game in which yards were at a premium, a first-quarter field goal from freshman Justin Uhlenbrock and a dominant defensive effort spearheaded by freshman linemenbacker Patrick Toole were enough to push Dillon past Stanford on Sunday, 3-0.

Toole intercepted a pass from Stanford junior quarterback Ryan Lindquist, sacked him twice and was in the backfield early and often in his interhall debut.

“Before the game we talked about blitzing a lot... and I like to blitz,” Toole said. “The first sack I had might have been the hardest hit I’ve ever put on a quarterback.”

Big Red (1-0) junior captain Nathaniel Steele said he was pleased with what he saw out of his defense but was also optimistic that his offense would improve for next week’s game.

“We only had the exact minimum number of guys required to play this week and lost a couple of guys to injury,” Steele said. “It’s going to be very different next weekend, on offense especially.”

The Stanford (0-1) defense was nearly as stout as Dillon’s, and the offense was not without bright spots either. The Griffins got 35 tough yards on 11 carries from sophomore running back Mike Grasso, and junior quarterback Brent Jordan on two deep balls totaling 101 yards.

However, turnovers, ill-timed penalties and a blocked kick kept Stanford off the scoreboard.

“The defense put us in position to win, but we weren’t able to capitalize,” Griffin senior captain Ruben Carrion said. “Losing a close game like that hurts, but we’re excited about next week.”

Dillon will look to pick up its second win against Keough next Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rielie Fields while Stanford will aim to rebound against O’Neill.

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Siegfried 7, Morrissey 0

By ZACH KLONSINSKI

Siegfried shut down Morrissey on Sunday to earn its opening-week, 7-0 shutout win.

Siegfried (1-0-0) broke a scoreless tie late in the second quarter when freshman running back Luke Joseph capped a 25-yard gem by converting a first down in the end zone by senior runn

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Keenan 13, O’Neill 0

By MITCHELL MEERSMAN

With the leaves beginning to change and a noticeable chill in the air, the stage was set on Sunday for a 13-0 Keenan victory over O’Neill to kick off the interhall season. The defending-champion Knights (1-0-0) started out on offense and got off to a quick start. Keenan marched easily down the field and deep into O’Neill territory with the help of a 30-yard pass. However, O’Neill’s defense proved tough in the red zone and came up with a big fourth down stop to keep Keenan off the board in its first drive.

O’Neill junior captain Donghoon Lee said he was happy with the overall defensive performance of the Angry Mob (0-1-0).

“I thought our defense was solid today,” he said. “We just got burnt on a few pass plays. Our run defense was good though.”

The O’Neill defense held strong through most of the first half before finally giving way to a tough Keenan offense, which first scored on a 9-yard touchdown pass.

Following an interception, the Knights tacked on seven more points on a 40-yard touchdown throw to go up 13-0.

The second half was a scoreless defensive battle with the Knights getting the better of things, intercepting an Angry Mob pass to seal the victory.

Keenan senior captain Jeremy Riche said he was especially happy with his team’s defensive performance.

“Our defense was really good, two interceptions on the day,” he said. “That’s not just on one guy but on the whole defense. Our goal as a team is to hold teams’ under six points and we did that today.”

O’Neill will next play Stanford on Sunday at 1 p.m., while Keenan will have a bye week before taking on Keough on Oct. 6.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think about what’s going on in your personal life and consider whether or not you are paying enough attention to what you value the most. Personal and professional partnerships are undergoing changes that must be handled carefully. • • • •

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A financial deal, settlement or legal matter is apparent, but it will be important that you don’t let it limit your freedom or stifle your connection to someone who has helped you in the past. A medical issue shouldn’t be ignored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enjoy personal encounters that allow you to share your thoughts and make plans for the future. Use your imagination and you will open up a host of new possibilities that can lead to a healthier and better lifestyle.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You judge and initiate whatever it is you want to see happen. By taking control you prove that you have what it takes to get things done. Don’t let any personal concern or issue with who should do what to whom. Don’t act in haste. • • • • • •

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your numbers are 4, 13, 15, 28, 37, 46. emotional problems can stand between you and success. Make choices that will improve your life.

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FOOTBALL

Seeking stability

Notre Dame defense seeks more consistent Saturday performances

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

Michigan State consistently or the group that showed itself against interference. “Are we going to see the Sunday during his weekly teleconference. “Are we going to see the Notre Dame net against UCLA on Sept. 1.

Irish senior nose guard Louis Nix III sheds a block in pursuit of MSU sophomore quarterback Connor Cook. Notre Dame beat the Spartans 17-13 on Saturday.

We’re going to look for that consistency now from our defense.” In searching for consistency, Kelly said he is seeking production and dependability at all three levels of the defense. The Irish were noticeably better in terms of wrapping up and finishing tackles, something that hampered Notre Dame in its first three games. The longest pass play by an opposing offense in each of the first three tilts was 26, 61 and 48 yards against Temple, Michigan and Purdue, respectively. Michigan also broke a long run of 35 yards against the Irish.

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“For me, the change in our defense was our attitude,” Kelly explained. “We were a little bit more aggressive and we didn’t give up as many big plays.”

The Irish have the opportunity to make a statement against a significant opponent this weekend in Nebraska. The Cornhuskers have been wearing down opponents and have been tough to stop on the ground. Kelly said the Irish will have to key in on the pass rush and force the Cornhuskers to make mistakes.

“We have to get after it and hold the line,” Kelly said. “Our one mistake is going to be too much back seven, playing too much zone. We need to bring pressure and force the quarterback to make decisions.”

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“I think we’re playing better as a unit,” Kelly said. “Our defense is more settled in and we’re playing with more confidence.”

The Irish also have the opportunity to show their improvement on special teams this weekend. Notre Dame has struggled on special teams in its first three games, and Kelly said he is looking for more consistent play.

“I think our special teams can be a lot better,” Kelly said. “We need to be more consistent and more aggressive in our coverage on kickoffs and punts.”

Irish senior nose guard Louis Nix III sheds a block in pursuit of MSU sophomore quarterback Connor Cook. Notre Dame beat the Spartans 17-13 on Saturday.

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Playing on the road in front of more than 3,500 fans against the No. 1 team in the country, No. 7 Notre Dame needed to score early and seize the momentum against North Carolina on Sept. 15.

Naturally, sophomore right back Brittany Von Rueden stars and in just eight games this year, Von Rueden has amassed four helpers, good for second on the team. As a freshman, she led the squad with seven, and in just eight games this year, Von Rueden has surpassed her.

“Against North Carolina, we had our game plan and we executed,” Von Rueden said. “It was the box that Orange goalkeeper Brittany Anghel punched out. Von Rueden, once again in perfect position, headed the ball to junior center back Sammy Schofield, who scored and gave the Irish the win.

Alumni defeated Knot 0-0-0 a season-opening matchup Sunday at Riehle fields that came down to a last-minute field goal. Defense was crucial from the starting whistle, as Knot senior Jake Wrigley intercepted the ball at the beginning of the game. We intercepted the first play of the game and that really got the momentum going,” Alumni senior captain Jeffrey Kraemer said.

The Juggernauts (0-1-0) and the Dawgs (1-0-0) traded possessions throughout the first half, but neither team was able to put points on the board. Knot’s defense finished off the half with a sack on Alumni freshman quarterback Trevor Hurley shortly before the whistle blew for halftime.

In the fourth quarter, Alumni had the chance to score the first points of the game with a field goal, but a high snap resulted in a fumble, which Knot recovered.

Alumni junior kicker Ryan Buckley converted a second field goal attempt into three points with less than a minute left in the fourth quarter to give the Dawgs the game’s only points and the win. Despite the defeat, Knot senior captain James Hodgens said he feels confident about the potential his team displayed.

“We’re a young team, but we’re going to be good down the stretch,” Hodgens said. “I’d love to win, obviously, but I saw some good things out there and I’m looking forward to the rest of the season.”

Alumni will look to continue its success when the Dawgs take on Duncan at 2:15 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields. Knot will attempt to bounce back from defeat against its next opponent, Siegfried, at the same time and day at Riehle.

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By MARY GREEN
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A fourth-quarter interception on second-and-goal by senior defensive back Maria Harmon all but sealed Pasquerilla West’s victory Sunday as the Purple Weasels beat Cavanaugh 6-0.

The game remained scoreless for most of the first half, with the teams trading fruitless possessions. Pasquerilla West (1-0) went three-and-out on its first two possessions before reaching the end zone on the third. The third on a four-yard rushing touchdown by senior captain and quarterback Rachel Rogers to go up 6-0 just before halftime.

“We put a lot of time in,” Tooie said. “We have a lot of young players, young talent, so it was really about preparing for them, and I think the vets stepped up to help them out.”

The Cavanaugh offense made plays, with junior quarterback...