University officials explain response to sexual assault

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
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After a sexual assault occurs on campus, students receive an emailed crime alert from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP), which is usually the first and last bit of information they hear about the incident. But behind that email notification, a response team rallies to coordinate resources all across campus for the students involved, said Associate Vice President for Campus Safety Mike Seamon.

Seamon said one reported sexual assault is too many, but the University’s response proceeds from “very close collaboration” among the relevant groups.

“If NDSP receives a report of a sexual assault, they’ll begin their investigation immediately and we have the resources to do that,” he said. “We would contact Student Affairs within hours of receiving that to bring them into the loop so they can make the resources available for on-campus students.”

Student government responds to sexual assaults

By TORI ROECK
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CRIME ALERT: Sexual Assault Reported.

Every time a sexual assault is reported on campus, this blunt message appears in students‘ inboxes, but student government leaders at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are working to humanize the issue of sexual assault and improve the student body’s response to these inhuman crimes.

Alex Coccia, Notre Dame student body president, said recent sexual assault reports motivated student government to act on the issue.

“We had always considered it part of our platform to work specifically with the Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention and [vice president for Student Affairs] Erin Hoffman-Harding, but I think the immediacy and volume of the alerts that we received early on in the year sort of spooked us,” he said.

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

As the federal government shutdown reaches its 11th day, Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D-U.S. Virgin Islands) said she is concerned for the almost 700 federal employees in the territory who are being furloughed or facing reduced pay.

Christensen, who graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree, is one of six non-voting members of Congress. The Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa all send delegates who are asked to weigh in on issues under legislation to Congress.

Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo of Guam also attended Saint Mary’s, but her office declined repeated requests from The Observer for interviews. Christensen said the current
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One of many roses planted by the Notre Dame Right to Life club stands before a cross on South Quad during Right to Life week. The white rose represents the aborted, while the red rose symbolizes those affected by abortion.

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Talk on UN peace efforts.

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Notre Dame takes on Northwestern in regional rivalry.
On Thursday, Dr. Mary Doak, associate professor of theology at the University of San Diego, gave a lecture titled “Consuming Women: Sex Trafficking and the Body of Christ in a Market Dominated World” as the final installment in Saint Mary’s Center for Spirituality’s fall lecture series.

To begin the lecture, Doak introduced the context of a “market-dominated world.”

“We’ve entered the 21st century with global systems of communication and trade that are binding the world’s populations together more thoroughly than perhaps at any other time in history,” Doak said. “This global interconnectedness has the potential to advance the human community and to facilitate the Church’s mission.”

She said this global trade, while being able to improve economies worldwide and offer new opportunities to those in resource-deficient areas, also facilitates the globalization of the sex industry. In this industry, she said human beings are transformed into instruments of revenue, where they are valued solely for their physical worth to others.

“The market’s demand for profit has clearly triumphed over human dignity and communion,” Doak said. “These sex slaves are not subjects in the market exchanges but rather are treated as objects in the market, exchanged by and for the consumption of others.”

Doak said victims of human trafficking experience a reality of “non-personhood,” where they are objectified to the point of losing all relation to humanity in the eyes of their sellers.

Doak cited the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as labeling the sex industry as the third-largest criminal business in the world, and the fastest growing. U.S. journalists reported an increase in criminal gang activity in the trafficking business, she said, purely for the profit.

“Criminal gangs in the United States are turning to prostitution, because it is more profitable than selling drugs,” she said. “After all, female bodies can be sold repeatedly in the same night, unlike guns and drugs ... and at relatively little risk to the trafficker.”

The rate at which human trafficking occurs rises with demand, Doak said. The demand is fed by sex tourists, those who travel to different areas specifically for that area’s availability of sex slaves.

“Many sex tourists are Americans and Europeans,” Doak said. “It is also unfortunately the case that girls and young women are trafficked into as well as within the United States and Europe.”

Due to the criminal nature of the proceedings, she said there are no exact statistics on trafficking in the United States. However, it is estimated women are forced into the sex industry at the rate of one every 60 seconds.

Another major factor in the success of trafficking is the very young age of many of the victims. Doak said girls are often taken between the ages of 12 and 14, when they are easily manipulated through intimidation and the withholding of food, clothing and shelter.

Doak said the Christian tradition has also contributed to the dehumanization of those in the sex industry, she said, by manipulating the truth about lifestyles of sex workers and representing them as women with insatiable lusts and greed for money or luxury.”

“Consider, for example, the Christian tradition depicting Mary Magdalene as a deeply repentant prostitute who must be ... forgiven much,” Doak said. “[This] has functioned to create a powerful virgin/whore binary in which women are defined by their sexuality.”

This dichotomy has created a Christian culture in which it is expected of women to base their identity on whether they have saved their virtue over their lives — a choice women forced into the sex industry are faced with every day. It is behind the notion of the “fallen woman,” she said, which has been applied even to raped women who have lost their virginity against their wills.

Doak said this attitude prevents Christians from viewing sex workers as the victims they truly are.

“Having been formed by a tradition filled with moralizing tales that condemn prostituted women for their wantonness,” she said, “it’s easy to overlook the reality of these women’s lives.”

Doak said as Christians, we are called upon to look past these unfounded biases and open our hearts to those who need our love and assistance the most.

“A Church that values social responsibility, that seeks a facade of social harmony without offering serious opposition to injustice is a Church that offers more of the same of what we find in society,” she said. “When the Church’s mission is thus obscured ... fewer feel the need for the mutual support that empowers us as a Church to live ... more fully.”

Responding to the world’s injustices to the best of our individual abilities will help to influence our communities and, overall, the world, Doak said.

“It may be that the sex industry can never be totally eradicated,” she said. “But of our greatest resources now is our global connectedness.”

In addition to political, economic and activist campaigns against sex trafficking, she said, more effort should be put into ministry campaigns to provide the women damaged in the sex industry spiritual support and acceptance.


Sister Oestreich said it is a step toward the prevention and diminishment of sex trafficking.

“Sisters have been using their financial investments in hotel chains to hold dialogues with leaders to increase awareness, and get hotel managers to sign the Hospitality Industry’s Code of Conduct to end child prostitution and trafficking,” Oestreich said.

Oestreich said the Inn at Saint Mary’s has recently signed this Code, making the public commitment against child exploitation in the sex industry.

“We are proud, and we hope you are too, that both of the hotels on our campus have made this commitment,” she said, “and we are now reaching out to hotels on other college and university campuses and inviting them to follow the example of the Inn at Saint Mary’s.”

Oestreich said the Sisters have also been working with Indiana’s state attorney general’s office to educate, spread awareness and prevent sex trafficking. She said they have been in contact with the South Bend Police Department as well.

“All of South Bend’s law enforcement and women will receive training this November,” she said. “In addition, special victims officers from ... other jurisdictions ... will receive extensive training on how to deal with victims of sex trafficking.”

Oestreich encourages students with an interest in trafficking prevention to contact her at the Congregation Justice Office by calling 574-284-5991 to find out more.

This November, the Sisters of the Holy Cross are lobbying for stronger federal laws to prevent trafficking, and student involvement would strengthen the campaign.

“We need to work together to see that each person is free and able to realize, experience and own their dignity as a human being,” Oestreich said.

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shutdown of the federal government could have had a dramatic effect on the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We are a community that has been facing some severe economical challenges and the impact of the recession which generally comes a little later than the impact hits the mainland but stays longer and has a great impact," Christensen said. "This is just something that we need to be prepared for. And the impacts were even worse for us as we try to recover from our economic issues and challenges.

In the meantime, constituents began flooding her office with phone calls immediately after the shutdown, she said.

"The first complaint I began getting was from the national park in St. John," Christensen said. "St. John is a small island and twice a week we have a ferry over to St. Thomas, so everything in St. John depends on the national park. … The calls came from taxi drivers, small businesses owners whose businesses are being impacted, the wedding planners who have people coming in to get married in one of the beautiful sites … our national parks cannot utilize that venue anymore, this has been a big issue.

I traveled on Tuesday [September 1] and the customs board of protection was there and of course TSA [Transportation Security Administration] [worker] still is there just making sure when they were going to get another paycheck. That is not a good environment in which to work.

No limitations

Christensen, who was the first female to be elected to Congress, said she treasures the time she spent at Saint Mary's. She credits the College as one of the key factors in the development of the confidence she now uses as a female physician to be elected to Congress.

"I was very impressed with the educational institution. Now congresswoman U.S. Virgin Islands,

Christensen sits on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and is the first delegate from a territory to sit on an exclusive committee. Due to the expansive list of policy concerns that fall in the Committee's jurisdiction, members who serve on one of the four exclusive committees – the other three being Appropriations, Ways and Means and House Financial Services – are not allowed to serve on other House committees.

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"At the time, Christensen said she expected to serve in the house for a few years, but the opportunities to serve in the Senate were more appealing.

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"After the summer where all of the riots, the bombings and all of that happened there was a change to me in Saint Mary's and Notre Dame," Christensen said. "We did become more socially conscious, and I think it was at that point that we started going into the South Bend community, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students together. We would go into South Bend and help kids with homework and we developed Big Brothers, Big Sisters for some of the poorer kids in town.

"… Even though we were farther away and we were not involved in the protests or the marches, I think the Civil Rights Movement had a profound impact on us and I think it elevated our social justice awareness and efforts," Christensen said. She was also at Saint Mary's when she found out about the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and President John F. Kennedy's death in 1963.

"I was at Saint Mary's during some very important times in our nation's history," she said. "I am sure the dialogue and how we dealt with those issues had a lot to do with why I am here in Congress serving others as well.

Christensen said she feels proud to be an alumna of Saint Mary's.

"When I first came here [to Congress] there were four Saint Mary's women," Christensen said. "Imagine that a small college like ours could have four members of Congress serving at the same time. I thought that was amazing and it is to Saint Mary's credit [as an educational institution]. Now three of us are still here.

"I do treasure the time I spent at Saint Mary's and I do count as being responsible in part for the successes I have achieved through my lifetime."

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It’s about bragging rights — and a good cause and healthy conscience.

This is the first time the Red Cross Club has hosted such an event, but they hope to make it a tradition, he said.

“We usually have one drive per semester, so this was a way to establish something a little more permanent,” he said. “We’re working to start a new tradition and establish our club a little more.”

Mancino said USC has held a similar annual competition with UCLA for several years, but this year UCLA was unable to participate. This prompted the president of USC’s Red Cross club to call the president of Notre Dame’s club over the summer and begin planning this year’s competition, he said.

Mancino said the club hopes to repeat the competition next year and beyond. In the future, he said the club hopes to be able to offer free T-shirts and to expand the event to match USC’s five blood drives in order to compete on the basis of total units of blood collected.

To register, go to http://www.redcross.org/. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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**Journalist discusses French concept of seduction**

By EMILY McCONVILLE

News Writer


In French, Sciolino said the word “seduction” has a broader meaning than the sexual connotation it has in English. “Seduction is nothing but a conversation that doesn’t end, whether it’s in the bedroom, the boardroom, the corridors of power or in business,” she said.

As a result, Sciolino said certain forms of communication become “weapons of seduction” in French culture, often confusing Americans. For example, she said, the French place a higher emphasis on “verbal sparring” in conversation.

“Conversation is not necessarily a way to accomplish a goal,” Sciolino said, “but more of a verbal contest and a source of pleasure.”

Sciolino said forms of non-verbal communication like hand-kissing and the limited use of smiles can be used as other “weapons”.

“This is why some Americans find the French rude, but the absence of smiles does not seem to indicate the absence of kindness,” Sciolino said. “It signals reserve, that the smile is not something that is given away; it has to be earned.”

Seduction’s effect is most visible, Sciolino said, in the political realm, where candidates for public office build the image of being charming and popular with the opposite sex.

“My research has shown me that French politicians — male politicians, at least — gain more stature the more sexually alluring they appear, because the rule of French politics is that politicians love and are loved,” she said.

The ideology of seduction also appears, she said, in France’s foreign policy, where the very concept of “soft power,” or the ability to influence other countries without military strength, is translated as “la seduction.”

Sciolino recounted negotiations between American and French diplomats over a United Nations treaty. She said when the Americans expressed concerns over the treaty’s inflexibility with regards to foreign intervention, the French diplomat responded that breaking treaty would be like cheating on one’s wife — not difficult.

The absence of the “ongoing conversation” of seduction, Sciolino said, only hurts the electability of political candidates, but it also explains certain fundamental problems with the French economy as it deals with an expanding global economy.

“For decades an awareness of the decline of France has bored deep into the national consciousness, and there’s still this admiration and clinging to history ... coupled with the fear of the unknown,” Sciolino said.

The result, she said, is “the antithesis of seduction.”

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of made us rethink about the conversation and ultimately has led us to what is called a 'resolution.' From administrative priority for the rest of the year,” Coccia said.

Katie Sullivan, Saint Mary’s stu- dent government president, said the increase in emails indicates an increase in reporting, which is a positive sign for the community, but she was particularly concerned about how students reacted to the reports.

“I think people were frightened, and I think we also understand that sexual assault is an issue across the world, but it’s hard to really fully understand and be fully prepared for it. It’s something that you know and a member of our community,” Sullivan said.

“So I think that we were frightened but again what I keep emphasizing is that it means that people are reporting it. It means that people are seeking out help.”

“Is this normal?”

Vice president of campus safety Mike Seamon said the amount of sexual assaults reported so far this year conforms to national trends.

“One too many, no matter what. One reported sexual assault is one too many. But if you look at probably the national averages over the last several years, national as in not just Notre Dame, and the numbers in the first eight weeks, the first two months of school is when you’ll see an influx,” Seamon said. “And if you look at Notre Dame, we are part of the numbers. You can see clusters of reported events like we have [seen] in the last couple of weeks our numbers tend to be over the last three or four years pretty consistent.

“And it doesn’t mean that we ex- pect that to remain the same but because we’ve had a cluster over the last two weeks, or three weeks, or month, I think that is following national totals. And it’s also follow- ing what Notre Dame has seen in the past several years.”

While she acknowledges that Notre Dame’s numbers may not trend, Notre Dame vice president Nancy Joyce said student govern- ment is not satisfied with this.

“I think one of the biggest things is the first three emails were all reports of either rape or attempted rape, and I think that really caught people’s attention. That was something different than we had seen in the past,” Joyce said. “And then to have three within the first two, three weeks, I think that was the biggest thing because as seniors, we have not seen that.

“And then you’ve got the under- classmen that the upperclassmen are responsible for. What is this normal? Is it normal? I think it’s a great opportunity for us to set the tone for the underclass- men that this isn’t normal or we’re not going to accept it as normal on our campus, but also then to help use the upperclassmen’s sense of, ‘This is new; this is different’ to sort of change the way that we’re talking about sexual assault on our campus.”

Setting the Tone

At its Sept. 18 meeting, Notre Dame Student Senate passed a resolution making Student Government more responsible for sexual assault on campus.

“The resolution states, ‘Whereas, recognizing the occurrences of sexual assault on campus, and the need for Student Government to have a resolution on sexual assault, and the need for Student Government to have a resolution on sexual assault, and the need for Student Government to have a resolution on sexual assault, that will focus on preventing sexual violence.’”

Joyce said admitting student government’s responsibility to protect the community from sexual violence opens the door for change.

“It’s a conscious decision that we have to take some sense of ownership over this issue and hold ourselves accountable, hold ourselves accountable, otherwise it’s just not going to change.”

Nancy Joyce student body vice president

“and I think that was the purpose of that resolution was to recognize that before we move forward with anything we have to recognize our own failures.”

Joyce said admitting student government’s responsibility to protect the community from sexual violence opens the door for change.

“It’s a conscious decision that we have to take some sense of ownership over this issue and hold ourselves accountable, otherwise it’s just not going to change,” she said. It was an interesting debate but I want to encourage that everyone that was through Senate because I think that was important for us to have a conversation where we’re rec- ognizing that it’s on us, it’s on our shoulders. It’s not administrators. It’s no one other than students.”

Sullivan said student govern- ment is best suited for advising the student body on sexual assault, and she takes that responsibility seriously.

“I think the biggest thing that student government that we can do is reassure the community that … what we can ultimately do to stop the cycle of sexual violence is mak- ing sure that we’re watching out for the other members of our commu- nity,” she said.

Response and Prevention

Coccia said student government immediately responded to the sexual assault reports by institut- ing prayer services at the Grotto and changing the wording in re- porting emails from the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSPP) to say “sexual battery” instead of “forcible fondling.”

“and if you look at National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, such as the Gender Relations Center’s ‘A Time to Heal Dinner,’ which will take place Oct. 25.”

Sullivan said Saint Mary’s stu- dent government worked together with the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) on the One in Four Vigil, which took place Oct. 1. The event highlighted the statistic that one in four college women has been a victim of sexual violence by ensuring 400 T shirts to represent a fourth of the Saint Mary’s student body, she said.

“I think that having a large show- ing for that really speaks volumes for our community because it’s important that these assaults are getting reported,” Sullivan said. “I think the stigma is disintegrat- ing and students are feeling more comfortable voicing what they’ve been through because there are others that have kind of led the way with that by being brave and seek- ing help when they need it.”

Sullivan said her administration began combating sexual assault by

Know the Facts Training for first- year students during orientation and requiring that student lead- ers receive green dot training, a national certification program for preventing sexual violence.

“When there’s some sort of ques- tionable situation, you’re worried about your friend going off with someone you don’t know much about. And so the green dot is that you directly intervene, you distract the other person or you delegate and someone else to help,” she said.

Joyce said she wants to launch a “grassroots” campaign against sexual assault that will focus more on preventing the crime on campus.

“As helpful as the administrators that we’ve worked with have been and as cooperative as NDSPP and others have been, at the end of the day they can’t make the changes that need to be made,” she said. “We’re really hoping to work with leaders within each of the dorms to kind of start the conversation there.”

One way the community can make a significant impact in end- ing sexual violence is just being supportive, Sullivan said.

“The fact that this is mental health awareness week, with Support a Belle, Love a Belle, we want to let the girls know who have struggled and have had to experience sexual violence that we are here for them,” she said.

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Peace Corps veterans reflect on time in Thailand

By WENDY HATCH

News Writer

In 1961, the senior class of St. Francis Xavier University sat in their gaps and gazes and listened to President Donald Trump, who had been appointed president of the university by the late Cardinal Spellman the previous year, begin his speech. By the time he was finished, he was going to start an organization that would send young vol- unteers overseas to help other people.

Roger Parent, author of the newly released “The Making of a Peace Corps Volunteer: From Maine to Thailand,” was among the graduates that day, and said he was incredibly struck by President Trump’s speech. Parent, who is originally from French-Speaking Lille, Maine where he learned English as a second language.

“They probably thought that [attending college] in a foreign country would be an asset,” Parent said. “But what I don’t think they understood is that I grew up a couple thousand yards from the Canadian border.”

While in Thailand, Parent said he taught locals about carpentry and the English language.

“I was teaching Thai people to speak English with a French ac- cent,” he said.

When his services ended in 1963, Parent said he explored op- tions for Peace Corps returnees in the states.

“The Peace Corps is what brought me to the University of Notre Dame,” Parent said. “Father Ted Hesburgh had a Return Peace Corps Scholarship and since I was one of the first Peace Corps volunteers to go to the Peace Corps and get out, it had to go to someone.”

Parent used his scholarship to receive a master of education degree from Notre Dame in 1967. After receiving his degree, Parent said he and his family decided to stay in South Bend, where he served as a city councilman from 1972 to 1976 and served as mayor from 1980 to 1987.

“It turned out South Bend was a great place for me,” said Parent. “I got accepted in the community really early here ... I joke that I thought I would live on the east coast or the west coast and ended up living on the west coast of Lake Michigan.”

Parent said his experience serving as a Peace Corps volun- teer helped him to become a better politician.

“In the Peace Corps I had to put myself in someone else’s shoes ... when I got elected mayor I had some experience doing that,” Parent said. “As a politician you always have to try to figure out what people are thinking.”

Overall, Parent said the Peace Corps taught him much about life and he said he would recommend it to anyone.

“We are never called ‘former Peace Corps Volunteers.’ Once a Peace Corps Volunteer always a Peace Corps Volunteer,” Parent said.

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Peace Corps veteran reflects on time in Thailand

Roger Parent, one of the Peace Corps’ original volunteers in Thailand, spoke to students Thursday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.
that one doesn’t feel that they are automatically seen as guilty.

“We’re going to work to change that perception so we try to really counter that as much as possible.”

Just because a case was reported does not mean it will be on the record of the students involved, Stackman said.

Erin Hoffman Harding, vice president for student affairs, said only “in very rare cases” a conduct result would become part of a student’s personal record, and only when a student is found responsible.

“The support doesn’t cease with the end of the case,” Harding said.

“There are many cases where the resource coordinators check in and offer support to the both of the students involved, even coming out of the process.”

“The care of the University community is something I think we see as a very continuous process.

“I’ve heard students say there are some basic bystander obstacles for why people don’t intervene,” she said.

“I don’t know what to do… I’m afraid this isn’t my business… Am I the person to do this?”

“Building community at Notre Dame says this is your business; this is about us taking care of each other.”

Christine Caron Gebhardt
Director
Gender Relations Center

At any time we see that a student has gone through a difficult time, whatever the outcome.

“[If] we have a report, we are obligated by the federal government to investigate this complaint and then to move it forward, and that’s what we do,” he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Get inspired
Miko Malabate
Scene Editor

Call me a try-hard, call me a bit corny for this, call me whatever. But this is me; this is who I am. I’ve always thought about this: it’s a way of life. I could remember: academics and sports really are so closely related. With the fairly recently sparked controversy over a few key figures of our football team taking an early exit before singing the alma mater after the loss to Oklahoma a couple weeks back; followed by the insistence of a “policy change,” there were many students who were hurt by this apparent lack of student body unity. Many made the argument that all of the progress the university has made to this very point may in large part be accredited to its successful and standing football program: that is, sports and academics—though we are all undeniably rooting for each other to succeed, I truly hold this to be true and have seen workers, faculty and, perhaps most importantly, students about dealing with these challenges on each campus. The following is what these conversations revealed.

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The things I’ll remember

Richard Klee

This year has been marked in the Notre Dame Forum as a year to reflect and learn about the theme of ‘Women in Leadership’. In this column I described the under-representation of women in leadership now at Notre Dame, where women are outnumbered by men three to one among executive administrators, nine to one among full professors, and eleven to one at the highest level of university oversight, the Board of Fellows. In this column I would like to present basic information and analysis regarding the under-representation of women among faculty and graduate students, with a particular focus on female faculty and graduate students who are parents or who are discriminating parenthood.

In a 2008 study, the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students noted that Notre Dame had made strides towards better representation of women among tenure-track faculty, but was nonetheless losing ground, relative to its peer schools, in other important respects. The report described the basic problems: “Since 2001, the ratio of female faculty at Notre Dame relative to our Association of American Universities (AAU) peers has dropped by a full 10 percentage points. Notre Dame has excelled at recruiting women at the assistant professor level, but we do not seem to be able to keep them. Notre Dame continues to lag behind the AAU private at the associate and full professor levels. Relative to our peers, the percentage of full professors has not changed in 10 years.” In the period studied, Notre Dame in fact did better than its peers in attracting female scholars to a tenure track job, but was significantly less effective than peers in promotion to tenure, and retention in senior faculty positions.

The report described several initiatives proven effective at other schools that, if applied at Notre Dame, would improve the University’s gender climate. Several of these initiatives were fully accepted by the President and Provost in their response to this report in 2009. Some were altered or rejected. I would like to focus on these here. Firstly, the Committee recommended expanding high quality child care at Notre Dame’s EDCC. This recommendation has twice been evaluated by the administration and found too expensive. The administration has not considered other potentially less expensive means to secure childcare, such as vouchers or subsidies offered directly to faculty parents. The result is that faculty and graduate students cannot secure child care at Notre Dame until the second or third year of their child’s life, depending on waiting lists.

Secondly, the Committee had recommended a full office to supervise and support the increase of gender diversity at Notre Dame; this recommendation was altered in implementation by the administration. Citing “the current economic climate that gathers against significant administrative competency is certainly not in question here, and the problem is not in the administration” no such funding was provided. This policy must consume limited academic resources and was not realized. The supervisory person was a position held by the senior of the university administration” no such person was added.

In implementation, however, neither of the concerns to provide “focused attention” remain a concern, as constrained administrative budgets and bureaucratic costs in tough times, has been maintained. The supervisory person was a position later tasked to be “Interim Director of the Heilbronn Libraries”, a position held for over a year. (I do not identify this person, as it is certainly not in question here, only the administrative structure of the university) Administrative costs also ballooned, according to foundationcenter.org, as many executive administrators at Notre Dame saw their compensation double, triple, or quadruple from 2000 baselines.

Inconsistent attention and poor funding are also a characteristic of the Graduate School’s approach to improving conditions for student parents, conditions which typically affect female students more strongly. In 2011, after a year of study on ways to graduate study more “family friendly”, the Graduate Council considered a proposal to provide an “accommodation policy” option for student parents following childbirth or adoption, in addition to a medical leave option. This accommodation, however, came with no additional funding. Several professors on the Council noted “the failure to add a semester of funding…as it is not ‘family friendly’ to lose support expenses as a result of becoming a parent.” However the minutes noted that unless there was a “buy-in” at higher levels of the University administration no such funding was possible. Several years later, this “buy-in” has still not occurred, with the result that the typically female student users of this policy must consume limited academic funding to deal and care for a newborn fellow student. There must be some record that leadership of the Graduate School promised improvements at departmental levels, but I am unaware that any department has made such improvements two years later.

A University that does not provide basic supports and benefits to female scholars seeking to negotiate the difficult balance of work and family should not be surprised by statistics that show poor retention and promotion of women. Whether for the Graduate School, where the attrition rate for female students is significantly higher than that of male students, and the recruitment of women to doctoral programs lags in most departments, or to improve the representation of women faculty in the tenure and full professor ranks, Notre Dame must offer more attention, funding, and consistency before it can be confident of its efforts to address the underrepresentation of women.

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Matt Miklavic

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By JUAN CANCIO
Scene Writer

In recent news, Kanye has garnered a lot of attention (surprise, surprise) for his tirade on Jimmy Kimmel. The TV personality aired a comedic skit on his late night program that poked fun at what Kanye had said in a BBC interview; unfortunately, Kanye took great offense to what he said. The runways of Phillip Lim, Michael Kors, and Prabal Gurung for Fall 2013. I love pairing this color with burgundy, plum, or leopard print. My favorite piece on the rainy runway is a light brown or beige coat, which dresses up any outfit, and keeps you dry underneath. If you’re looking for a more casual look, find a darker-colored “classic” rain jacket, which you can keep on even if the rain stops, just unzip it halfway.

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By DANI AL BARABASI
Scene Writer

Men

Guys, let’s be honest, jeans dry, shirts dry, so really the only thing you should be worrying about are your shoes. So there’s three directions to go with this: You wear leather shoes, maximizing class, and spray them with the water-resistant sprays until those babies could be your own personal Noah’s Ark. Still, when these beauties get wet they need to dry, but don’t burn them with a hairdryer, that messes with the stitching, leave them at room temperature and if you have shoe trees, add those. If you’re too fearful of your leather kicks, get some rubber on your feet. I’m not talking rain boots, unless it’s actually the Great Flood outside, but maybe some rubber sneakers or ankle-height boots. If you want to see some inspiration, check out Hunter’s latest Bakerson Sneakers, drizzled with some water and a bit of food coloring. Can you see the chucks that you’re probably too expensive for a college budget? Lastly, if none of these sound appealing, you can grab some rubber overshoes that slip on top of your normal shoes. When heading out, slip them on, then when you get back inside you can slip them off and watch your friends envy your dry feet. If you really want to keep your upper body dry, grab an umbrella and rain-resistant upper garment. The rules on umbrellas are simple for us guys: Black, with a wooden, or wood imitation, cane handle. The umbrella-proof solution works with taste. My favorite piece on the rainy runway is a light brown or beige coat, which dresses up any outfit, and keeps you dry underneath. If you’re looking for a more casual look, find a darker-colored "classic" rain jacket, which you can keep on even if the rain stops, just unzip it halfway.

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By ERIN MCAULIFFE
Scene Writer

Women

Hey ladies, just because it’s raining cats and dogs doesn’t mean you can’t look spiffy enough to make it rain men! Let’s forget the Hunter boots, leggings, and raincoat uniform for a bit and delve into some unique fashion options for when the weather isn’t cooperating.

It’s 6:24 a.m. and you’re sleeping in your bed at your dorm, even though you’re supposed to be sleeping in your desk at Calculus. To make matters worse it’s raining AND you have no idea what to wear. That is when you turn to this article (which I’m sure you will have framed on your wall). Here are two go-to outfit options that will ensure you never end up in class looking anything less than fetch.

Don’t let rain be an excuse to dress down.

Do you think Beyoncé wakes up looks outs- ide, and says, “It’s raining so I don’t need to be fabulous today?” No. You’ve got to work it all day, everyday, no matter the weather. Don’t be afraid to dress up. A look I love is sundresses with rain boots. To transition this look into fall just add tights or over-the-knee socks. As pictured, I experimented with a monochromatic look. I pulled out the off- blood color in the dress with tights and boots of the same color (tip: matching your tights with your shoes does wonders for lengthen- ing your legs).

If dresses aren’t your thing, an army green parka is a practical wardrobe staple. If you’ve ever watched “What Not To Wear” (you have, don’t lie to yourself), you’ve heard from Clinton and Stacy that neutrals entail navy, black, brown, white, and khaki. I would ven- ture to expand this idea to entail army green as the new neutral. This color (along with the more daring camo print) has been seen on Kanye without a doubt has a grand- pose of the audience’s attention. In the interview, Kanye showed a surprisingly human side of himself that often times we as the “audience” of celebri- ties’ antics are not able to see. The candid perspective of who this mega-personality really is when all the flash- ing lights cut to dark was surprisingly refreshing and interesting to say the least. Although it is probably fair to say that Kanye can be a little too boisterous and caustic at times, it should be evident to most why Kanye took such great of- fense to the skit. This is not to say that the tweets and their content were excus- able, because they did seem to blow things greatly out of proportion, but it is certainly understandable why any adult might be offended by being por- trayed as a child.

Kanye without a doubt has a grand- pose of the audience’s attention. In the interview, Kanye showed a surprisingly human side of himself that often times we as the “audience” of celebri- ty's minds, I would suggest taking a quick peek at the interview. Admittedly, it is arguable that Kanye could have been putting on a show both during his meeting and the supposed reconcilia- tion that occurred afterwards; however, it is up to you as the audience to decide whether his candor is real or not. In the end, it is hard to argue the point that Kanye does succeed at garnering a lot of attention, but as to whether or not his class and social criticisms actually do make a difference could be debatable.

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If your team loses, cheer for underdogs

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Watching the MLB Playoffs with my friends, I have come to realize that there is no relationship like the one between a fan and his or her team.

One of my roommates is a die-hard Cardinals fan and is currently basking in his first-round victory over the Pirates. Two others are Red Sox fans, also pleased with their results over the Rays.

Through the first round, my friends have put off countless hours of homework, streamed games in class and exhausted their respective team’s colors.

This may seem a bit extreme to some, or as my friend so eloquently put it, “I love my family, I love my friends and I love my teams.”

A sports team is always there for you and gives you something to cheer for despite any other circumstances going on in life. Sports become an outlet.

Even if your team is terrible, you hope for its success more than you hope for anything else at that moment. You hope for hope’s sake.

What happens, though, when your team did not play or is no longer in the playoffs?

As a Diamondbacks fan, my team was ultimately finished for the year, but this year Arizona will be hosting up the Cardinals, Pirates and Rockies (just watch, it will happen). Now I have to watch the dastardly Dodgers win their first-round series, and it sickens me but that’s besides the point.

As a baseball fan, I continue to watch the playoff games, but not with the same fervor as I would have if the D-backs were still going. When your team is not playing, I always choose the underdog — and so should you.

The Dodgers are like the Yankees of the National League: You are either from LA and love them or you hate them with an intense, unvaried and unbridled passion. I am of the latter group. They swarm in our pool and I hope they pay for it.

Recently, the Cardinals have been a baseball powerhouse, making three World Series appearances in the last 10 years and winning two of those. Although the Cardinals go about their business in a professional manner and I have the utmost respect for Yadier Molina, I was sad to see the Pirates go.

The Red Sox may have been an excellent choice in 2004, but now they are old news. No longer does the World Series drought or The Curse of the Bambino hold my sympathy. They are just another deep-pocketed team of the AL East (a rap they will never be as bad as the Yankees).

Detroit is a tough case. It has made it to the World Series twice now in the past 10 years — in 2006 and 2012 — but has come up short both times. The Tigers’ last World Series win was in 1984, which is a strong case for an underdog, but unfortunately for them, they are playing the Athletics.

Since the Pirates were eliminated, the Athletics were the team everyone without a team left should be rooting for. The Athletics have not made a World Series appearance since 1990 and haven’t won a Series since 1989 and won’t this year after losing to the Tigers in Game 5 on Tuesday night.

Like I said, there is a special relationship between a fan and his or her team, but if that team is no longer playing, the fan will (or should) choose the team that hasn’t always been successful. It may be elusive, but the underdog stories are the best.

If your team can’t win, you might as well root for the team that needs the most hope.

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Alumni looks to complete an undefeated regular season this Sunday, while Morrissey seeks to build on the momentum garnered by earning its first win of the season last weekend.

The Dawgs (3-0) won in dramatic fashion last Sunday to seize control of their own destiny in the division standings, recovering a fumble in the end zone with a minute remaining for a 10-7 victory over previously unbeaten Siena. Senior receiver and captain Jeffrey Kraemer said he felt the team’s experience in tight games would serve the team well in the future.

“It’s always good to know that you’ve been through it before,” Kraemer said. “We are going to keep doing what we are doing and continue to play physical. … We feel like we can play with anyone.”

The Manor (1-1) also won in exciting fashion, taking the lead on a last-minute touchdown run by junior quarterback Ryan Linn before sealing the 22-12 win over Duncan with a 70-yard interception return touchdown.

Morrissey’s junior offensive lineman and captain Patrick Valencia said he was thrilled to see his offense start to click in the second half.

“After a couple weeks of practice, we were finally able to execute in the second half,” Valencia said. “I think we can continue to do that and focus on the little things, we will be on the winning end again.”

The Dawgs and Manor face off on Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at Riehle Fields, with Alumni gunning to clinch a division title.

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Stanford vs. Keough

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In a game between two teams coming off close losses, Keough and Stanford will look to right the ship on Sunday.

Keough (2-1) lost a tough game against Keenan last week, and is looking to move the ball offensively and give their defense some breathing room, according to senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan. After a game in which the Kangaroos offense did not get a first down in the first half, Donegan said he recognizes the offense needs some work.

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Zahn vs. Fisher

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This Sunday’s game between Fisher and Zahn will be crucial, as both teams long for a win that would give their teams a much needed mental boost.

The Green Wave (1-0-2) are looking to build some momentum after their convincing victory against St. Edward’s last weekend. Junior captain and linebarger Matthew Nagy said he hopes they continue their strong play against Zahn (0-2).

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In a battle for potential playoff seedings, Keenan looks to remain undefeated when it faces off with Dillion.

The Knights (2-0) are coming off of a 7-0 shutout over Keough play in last weekend’s bad weather. Sophomore quarterback Pat Corry found freshman receiver Michael Baccus for the game’s only score. Keenan did make other visits to the red zone during Sunday’s game, and senior receiver and team captain Jeremy Riche said the Knights have to finish those opportunities this week.

“We had a lot of opportunities on offense either in the red zone or just throughout the game that we didn’t necessarily convert on,” Riche said. “That’s been an emphasis on this week’s practice so far, capitalizing on all our possessions.”

Riche said he was pleased with the shutout by the Knights’ defense, especially in the bad weather.

“Our physical toughness definitely showed in the sloppy weather last week,” Riche said. “That’s a big part of our focus on defense and chemistry and playing with each other.”

Dillon (2-1) won a hard fought battle last week against O’Neill, 13-7. Led by freshman cornerback Nick Bielanski’s interception returned for a touchdown, the Big Red held the opposing offense scoreless except for a Hail Mary pass at the end of the game. Senior defensive linemen and team captain Nathaniel Steele said that Dillon must improve on offense to earn a win this week.

“We’ve struggled defensively for most of the season,” Steele said. “We made another adjustment to our offensive line [at halftime that]… culminated in consecutive first downs on all three of our possessions that half.”

Steele, however, said he has few concerns about the other side on the ball.

“Our defense has been a rock,” Steele said.

The matchup between Dillon and Keenan will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Riehle fields.

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Pangborn and Ryan clash as unbeatens

Badin and Breen-Phillips seek first wins; Cavanaugh and Pasquerilla East face off in premier matchup

By REBECCA ROGALSKI
Sports Writer

With four wins in their respective record books thus far, Pangborn and Badin both aim to remain undefeated when they square off Sunday.

Pangborn (4-0) hopes to continue its success this season and build off last Sunday’s 27-6 victory over Howard. Pangborn senior captain and offensive lineman Kate Veselik said the team planned to improve the little things in practice this week.

“We’ve really got to work on achieving long yardage plays on offense, as well as making sure the defense knows each play called,” Veselik said.

Ryan (4-0), coming off a 31-6 victory against Howard on Monday night, plans to bring lots of intensity against the Pangborn, senior captain Andrea Carlson said.

“Our keys to winning on Sunday are to not get downriver on offense, and to focus, stay consistent and play our hearts out,” Carlson said. “We just need to play to our full potential.”

Both Pangborn and Ryan recognize the importance of Sunday’s game, as one team will suffer their first loss of the season. Pangborn will aim to extend their undefeated streak, while the other will suffer its first loss of the season.

Carlson said Ryan freshman quarterback Kathleen Conaty would be a factor for the Wildcats in Sunday’s matchup. “I have a ton of confidence in Kathleen,” Carlson said. “She can throw the ball deep down the field and make quick, smart plays.”

Veselik said the Pangborn “know how well Ryan has played and plan to establish smarter play calls to outwit the Wildcats’ defense.”

“This will be our toughest game yet,” Veselik said. “It’ll be interesting to see how two very talented teams will clash on the field.”

The Pangborn and Wildcat’s will duke it out Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Badin vs. Lewis

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Badin will look to score its first win of the year, while Lewis aims for its second victory in a row in their two teams meet Sunday.

Badin (0-4) has just one touchdown to its name this season, but sophomore captain and quarterback Kristina Techar said her team is still working hard to get better.

“We’re really focused on a few plays we needed to make,” Techar said. “When we instigated those in games, it worked well.”

Badin will look to senior Kelly Harmon to anchor the defense while junior receiver Brianna Leon will be a focal point of the offensive unit, Techar said.

The Chickens (1-3) hope to build on their first victory of the season, a 6-0 win over Farley on Monday.

“Our defense stepped up against Farley, and we were able to defend their best receivers, putting pressure on the quarterback,” Lewis senior captain and receiver Colleen Haller said.

“Our offense had a better completion rate, though we still look to improve offensively, especially with pass protection.”

Lewis’s win Monday night was a team effort, Haller said, as she stressed that no one player could be viewed above the rest on the Chickens’ deep roster.

“We used three quarterbacks and had a lot of players step up,” Haller said. “We’ve been using everybody and nobody in particular, with lots of people stepping into roles as necessary.”

Badin and Lewis will face each other at LaBar Fields this Sunday at 6 p.m.

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Breen-Phillips vs. Walsh Family

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Walsh Family will face Breen-Phillips on Sunday in a late season matchup, as both teams look to keep their offense jumping strong after close losses in their last games.

Breen-Phillips (0-4) hopes to gain success through the air this week with its new freshman quarterback, Emily Affinito, senior captain and linebacker Molly McNerney said. In the Bargs’ last contest, Affinito drove Breen-Phillips’ offense down the field and scored on a 62-yard rushing touchdown.

“We’ve been practicing our offensive rhythm with [Affinito],” McNerney said. “We did well with her last game, so hopefully we can produce the same results.”

Breen-Phillips will also rely on freshman receiver Kalieke Martinson for big plays, McNerney said.

The Whirlwinds (1-3) are trying to get their offense jump-started this week by working on precision in practice, senior captain and linebacker Carissa Henke said.

“We’ve been working on offensive plays and making sure they are being run as precisely as possible,” Henke said. “We’re also fine tuning our defense by working on our one-on-one coverage.”

Henke said Walsh Family wants to continue improving on both sides of the ball as its season wraps up. Junior receiver Molly Knapp is a key player the Whirlwinds believe can contribute to push their offense to the next level of competitiveness.

“We’re looking to make sure that we do what we can to make the playoffs and play our hearts out while doing so,” Henke said.

The Whirlwinds and Bargs will go head-to-head Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla East

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Pasquerilla (1-3), who were shut out by the Ducks in their first game, is looking to get its second victory of the season.

“The team played against a big team like the Pyros, they can get fresh legs and have time to work on this week,” Finney said.

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Farley vs. Lyons

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Coming off a pair of Tuesday night shutout losses, both Farley and Lyons will aim to regroup this weekend when the two teams meet Sunday.

Lyons (2-3) was shut down against Pasquerilla East on Tuesday, as the Lions allowed Pyros junior quarterback Macy Mulhall to put up big numbers.

Lyons did not have a deep bench for the matchup, which hindered the team from making a run in the 32-0 loss.

Lyons senior captain and receiver Christina Bramanti said she does not use the lack of depth as an excuse for the Lions’ performance, but admitted that the small number of players available for the team, the personnel battle was not in its favor.

“There was only one sub for everybody,” Bramanti said. “Playing against a big team like the Pyros, they can get fresh legs in there.”

As for defense, flag pulling was a focal point for the Lions in practice this week, Bramanti said. “There were so many times when the defense was where we needed to be, but we just couldn’t get the flag,” Bramanti said.

“That’s something we’re going to work on this week.”

The Lions defense may have an easier task this week when it faces the Finest (1-3), who were shut out Tuesday against Lewis. With just six points over the last two weeks, Farley’s offense has struggled to put points on the board.

In fact, Lyons and Farley have been outscored by a combined margin of 96-19 over the past two weeks. Both teams will look to turn their offenses around when they square off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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A Welsh Family player runs near the sideline as McGlinn players look on during Welsh Family's 7-6 victory over McGlinn on Sept. 29.
Observer Staff Report

The Irish will face high stakes when they take on a tough field at the Ruth's Chris Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C., this weekend. With a field that includes 11 top-25 teams, this year’s tournament bears a clear resemblance to the 2011 Tar Heel Invitational, in which Notre Dame also competed. In that tournament, the Irish faced similarly strong opponents and finished last in an 18-team field that included five teams ranked in the top 10. Competitors at this weekend’s tournament include No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Duke, No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 6 Arkansas, No. 8 Vanderbilt, No. 10 Florida, No. 14 Virginia and No. 15 North Carolina, among others.

This year, Notre Dame has finished no worse than 12th, despite competing against some of the top teams in the nation. Most recently, the Irish finished seventh in a 17-team field that included No. 6 Arkansas and No. 19 Tulane at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

In the seventh-place effort, the Irish looked to the young tandem of sophomore Talia Campbell and freshman Jordan Ferreira. The pair tied for 14th overall with two-day scores of 144.

Junior captain Ashley Armstrong finished 56th with a two-round score of 152.

The Irish will look to build on a solid fall campaign when they tee off at 9:09 a.m. today at the UNC Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill, N.C. The tournament runs through Sunday.

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ND hosts Dennis Stark Relays

By MARY GREEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dives into the 2013-2014 season looking for fast times when it hosts its first two meets of the year today and Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Irish (0-0) kick off the weekend with the 49th annual Dennis Stark Relays today, when they will race against a field of Michigan, Auburn, Cleveland State and Valparaiso. They will return to pool saturday in a double dual meet to take on the defending NCAA champion Wolverines (1-0) and the Tigers (0-0), who placed eighth at the NCAA Championships last year.

Irish coach Tim Welsh said his squad, which is preparing for tough competition both days, will focus on its times instead of how it places.

“I expect us to get off to a fast start,” he said. “This is a weekend where, both Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon, we’re going to look for the beauty of fast times … we want to see where we are. We’ve gotten off to a great start in practice, and I’d like to see that translate to fast times in meet events.”

Welsh said the back-to-back meets this weekend may help the Irish prepare for their longer meets in the future.

“Our freshmen have done a great job in our early fall practices, and we think they’re swimming very well,” he said. “We want to see them race this weekend and get a better gauge of where everybody is. They swam well this summer, and preparation for the freshmen coming in the first day was wonderful, so we’re looking forward seeing them do that in a Notre Dame cap here this weekend.”

The Irish will race in their first meet of the season at today’s Dennis Stark Relays, which start at 5 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center. The team will then quickly rest up for dual-meet action against Michigan and Auburn on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Please recycle The Observer.
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Notre Dame travels south this weekend for ACC matchups against Clemson and Georgia Tech in hopes of snapping a six-match losing streak.

The Irish (6-9, 0-4 ACC) will first play the Tigers (8-8, 2-3) in Clemson, S.C., on Friday night in the Jervey Gymnasium. Irish coach Debbie Brown said Notre Dame has worked hard all week preparing specifically to combat Clemson and its type of playing style.

"Clemson is an outside dominant team, so that’s one of the reasons we worked on our blocking all week, and especially our outside blocking," Brown said. "We feel like that is going to be really important for us, and we expect their outside hitters to get a lot of sets."

The Irish will then travel to Atlanta on Saturday to face the Yellow Jackets (7-10, 1-4) in the O’Keefe Gymnasium. Brown said the Irish need to stay consistent on offense and defense in order to come out with victories.

"During practice this week we worked on varieties of offenses and how we were using the different hitters," Brown said. "If we put both the offensive and blocking we worked on, we can do well this weekend."

The Irish will cover over 800 miles each way for the conference contests, but Brown said the traveling will not have much effect on the team.

"We’re relatively used to traveling and the team knows that’s apart of being a Division I athlete," she said.

Brown said the Irish are looking forward to experiencing the ACC conference and all the different places it can take them.

"We’re going to new places, which is always exciting and different, and I fully believe we will be able to adapt to whatever the situation is," Brown said.

Brown said the Irish need a strong team effort to win both matches this weekend.

"I don’t think we are looking for any one person to carry the team, we are looking for the team to pull together and be cohesive," Brown said. "We are looking for the team to help each other out."

Notre Dame squares off with Clemson on Friday at 7 p.m. before taking on Georgia Tech on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Hockey
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postseason positioning, and said that his goal from here on out is to put his best team on the ice every night.
"The years we’ve had the most success here is when we’ve had four lines that could all contribute," Jackson said. "Right now, I think we’re close, but we still have a couple pieces to fill in and figure out. It’s going to be a tough decision this weekend, as we’re probably going to be sitting a player that’s played here in the past a fair amount."

The Irish will need that skill on the ice in taking on Western Michigan, who will serve as anything but an easy win in their opener. The Broncos return junior goaltender Frank Slubowski, who started all 38 games for them last season on the way to second team all-CCHA honors. With Slubowski in net and a physical, hard-skating defense in front of him, finding a way through the Broncos may be the hardest part of getting past them.

"Western Michigan is always a very disciplined team," senior winger Brian Rust said. "They play hard, and they play physical. We’ve had to work on our game this week and on getting pucks in."

The series will be complicated by the home-and-home aspect, which will send the Irish to Kalamazoo, Mich., for Saturday’s game. Still, Rust said the travel shouldn’t pose a problem for the Irish as they kick off their season.

"Friday night is your basic home game, then you get right on the bus after the game and get in around one in the morning," Rust said. "That takes away some of your sleep, but early in the season it’s a lot easier."

The Irish and Broncos will square off at the Compton Family Ice Arena at 8:05 p.m. tonight and then travel to Kalamazoo on Saturday for a 7:05 p.m. contest.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS | ITA MIDWESTERN REGIONALS

Vrabel advances to second day

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Sophomore Julie Vrabel will move on to the second day of qualifying at the ITA Midwestern Regional Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., after taking her only match of the day in straight sets.

Freshman Jane Fennelly got split results, while junior Molly O’Koniewski went down against Michigan State sophomore Emily Meyers, knocking both Irish players out of the tournament held at the Varsity Tennis Center at the University of Michigan.

Vrabel defeated Illinois freshman Louise Kwong, 6-2, 6-0, after receiving a bye in the first round.

"The girl I played I thought competed very well," Vrabel said. "She was a lefty, so that was a little bit tricky on her serve, and she had a really, really good backhand, so that was something to deal with."

Vrabel said she thought it was a good day for all three Notre Dame players in the tournament.

"I think I can handle it quite well," Vrabel said. "I tried to stay aggressive and working on my confidence with that. And I thought all of our players did really well today overall, so I think it was a successful day."

Fennelly came from behind to beat Eastern Michigan junior Ankita Bhatia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, Thursday morning before falling to Toledo senior Chrissy Coffman, 7-5, 6-2, in the afternoon. O’Koniewski’s match also went into three sets, as she and Meyers battled to a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 decision that favored Meyers.

Vrabel will resume play tomorrow when she faces Eastern Michigan senior Nino Mebuke.

“She’s one of the top four seeds in the section of my draw," Vrabel said of Mebuke.

Doubles play in the tournament begins today, and if Vrabel advances, she will be joined by senior teammates Jennifer Kellner and Britney Sanders and freshmen Mary Closs and Monica Robinson on Saturday. The final round of the tournament will not conclude until Monday.

It is hard starting early and playing in the qualifiers," Vrabel said. "And if I do make the main draw, it’s going to be tough because it’s day-after-day and the days are really long and the matches are spread out, so it’ll be hard as we get through the tournament. But I think we should be able to handle it quite well."

Although watching teammates play can be draining both physically and mentally, Vrabel said the indoor Varsity Tennis Center alleviates some of the draining effects of day-long tournaments.

"We play indoors, so I don’t think it’s that tough," Vrabel said. "There’s not really a heat factor or anything, so I think it’s less work to play indoors. My teammates had three-setters, so I’m sure they had a really tiring day."

Vrabel will return to action today, when she faces Nino in the tournament’s singles qualifying round.

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have five international players on their roster, including two freshmen from Germany and another rookie from Israel.

“i don’t know a lot about their international players, especially the two German freshmen,” Clark said. “i would imagine if they brought them over from Europe, they must be good players. we know a bit about their players from watching game video, but we won’t really know what they have until we play them.”

nonetheless, the irish have a good general sense of the team they are going up against Clark said. “[virginia tech] plays very hard as a team,” Clark said. “we know how they play and we know about their formations. we never focus too much on the opposition anyway; we always focus more on what we have to do as a team.”

according to clark, the aspiration is not just to be the best overall team in the nation, but for the irish to be the best in every phase of the game.

“we try to be the best passing team in the country,” Clark said. “we try to be the best transition team in the country. we try to be the best finishing team in the country. we try to be the best in the country at stopping our opponent’s attack. do we succeed? not always, but we work for it.”

the team will look to do just that tonight against Virginia Tech. the match is slated for 7 p.m. at Thompson Field in Blacksburg, Va.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can bring you a better lifestyle along with a more rewarding career. An unexpected change will bring you a negative element into a positive one. Begin a new habit to improve your health and your reputation. Your numbers are 1, 5, 12, 14, 21, 27, 32, 39.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Honest talks will improve your relationships. A trip will take you back to time. Reconnect with people you miss and learn more about your life. A change in the very humble will encourage you to take better care of your health. Your numbers are 4, 5, 9, 10, 18, 26, 28, 30.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A personal problem will develop if you are too chummy with your peers and colleagues. Keep your personal life as a secret and avoid letting your emotions influence your productivity at work. Someone will not be honest with you. Your numbers are 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 17, 19, 22.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Not everyone will agree with your choices or decisions. You have to follow your heart and do what works for you. A problem with someone who is negative or demanding must be dealt with if you are going to be able to advance. Your numbers are 1, 3, 10, 12, 16, 18, 23, 28.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get involved in someone you enjoy doing or spend time with people you feel motivating and helpful. The changes going on in your personal life should be left to unfold naturally. In the end you will be the one who benefits. Your numbers are 2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 23, 28, 30.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fix up your situation and keep your spending to a minimum. Focus on what’s most important to you and nurture emotional relationships. Small improvements will help save your stress and boost your morale. Distance is highlighted. Your numbers are 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 17, 20, 22.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look, see, and do. Follow through, and you will not regret anyone in a meaningful relationship. It’s important to know your strength, courage and ability and be honest about what you want. Make positive change at home. Your numbers are 1, 2, 5, 12, 18, 20, 27, 32.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home and self-improvements will put you in the spotlight. Focus on the opposite of what you’ve done and what you still plan to do. Don’t make a promise you cannot keep. Your numbers are 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 19, 21, 25.

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PISCES (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at the big picture, and you will find it easier to determine the effect of your financially, emotionally and physically. Good news can be yours with the right moves and motives. Expand your interests and outlooks. Your numbers are 2, 4, 7, 9, 13, 18, 20, 24.

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Overtime heartbreaker

Controversial call in second overtime seals Notre Dame’s second straight conference loss

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

Under an unrelenting downpour in Charlottesville, Va., No. 9 Notre Dame fell 3-2 in a controversial double-overtime nailbiter to No. 1 Virginia Thursday night.

Just one minute into the second extra period, Virginia junior midfielder Morgan Brian appeared to head in junior midfielder Danielle Colaprico’s corner kick for the Virginia victory. Officials ruled the play a goal, but Irish coaches and players remained on the field protesting that the Irish cleaned it before it crossed the line.

“Just because you run back and cheer as if you scored a goal doesn’t make it a goal,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said to The Washington Post. “It wasn’t a goal…[the officiating crew] doesn’t need to be doing ACC games.”

Waldrum didn’t return phone calls left by The Observer following the defeat.

Virginia (13-0-0, 7-0-0 ACC) came in as the only undefeated and untied team in the country.

The Cavaliers, who lead the country in scoring with 3.3 goals per game, wasted no time getting on the board against the Irish (9-3-1, 5-2-1).

Just over three minutes into the game, Colaprico lofted a perfect pass to set up senior forward Gloria Douglas for a diving header, her second goal of the season.

Virginia continued to press the Notre Dame defense and freshman goalie Kaela Little, scarcely allowing the Irish to get the ball past midfield. Only after switching to a 4-5-1 scheme and moving sophomore forward Cari Roccaro back to midfield were the Irish able to break through Virginia’s pressure. After a few failed probes into the Virginia defense, senior midfielder Mandy Laddish lofted a pass over the cavaliers’ diving freshman goalkeeper Morgan Sterns. The ball gently ricocheted off the right post towards senior midfielder Elizabeth Tucker, who easily converted the attempt for her second goal of the season and tied the game for the Irish.

Irish freshman forward Kaleigh Olmsted and Oakland junior forward push to secure possession during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over the Golden Grizzlies on Aug. 30 at Alumni Stadium.

HOCKEY

Squad revisits old CCHA rivalry

By JACK HEFFERON
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Notre Dame will take the ice in a regular-season game for the first time as Hockey East members tonight after a 21-year run in the CCHA ended last season.

Things may not look any different this weekend though, as the Irish will face their old CCHA rivals, Western Michigan, in a home-and-home series.

For Irish coach Jeff Jackson, maintaining Notre Dame’s CCHA ties will ensure the continuation of great traditions — and great hockey.

“We developed a bit of a rivalry with Western [Michigan] over the past few years,” Jackson said. “We’re going to continue to work with teams that we’ve played with in the CCHA. They’ve been good partners with us, and they’re good programs.”

The Irish will welcome the challenge in their home opener after they skated past Canada’s University of Guelph, 5-2, in their lone exhibition last week. The Irish impressed in that game, and Jackson said he was excited by the progress his team has shown early on.

“Usually the things that show up the most this time of year are breakdowns defensively, and we didn’t have many,” he said. “Maybe that’ll change playing Western Michigan on the weekend, but I thought for the most part... our guys have a pretty good understanding of the system.”

Notre Dame will also struggle to figure out a lineup for its season opener, as freshmen and new contributors push for ice time. While some positions battles are still fluid, Jackson emphasized the importance of early non-conference games in determining