ND, Saint Mary’s freshmen arrive on campus

Frosh-O activities foster friendship, camaraderie

By KAYLA MULLEN
News Writer

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
What class are you looking forward to the most?

Hunter Kuffel
sophomore
Dilly Hall
“Rebels in Zharist Russia.”

Jack Riedy
sophomore
Morrissey Manor
“I'm looking forward to “intro to Chemical Engineering.”

Madeline Kusters
freshman
Lewis Hall
“Physics.”

Albert He
senior
off-campus
“Credit Liquidity Crisis.”

Daniel Vivas
freshman
Sorin College
“Intro to Social Psychology.”

Elizabeth Akpadiha
sophomore
Panbough Hall
“Principles of Management.”

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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Tuesday
Opening Mass and Picnic
Joyce Center
6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Food and music on DeBartolo Quad.

Wednesday
Campus Ministry Freshman Kick-off
South Quad
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Introduction for freshmen.

Grotto Trip
Bond Hall
10 p.m.-11 p.m.
Asian American Association leads weekly walk to Grotto.

Thursday
LGBTQ Welcome Back Picnic
Fieldhouse Mall
5 p.m.-7 p.m.
All are welcome.

Panel: “Understanding Gaza”
Hesburgh Center
12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Discussion of conflict in Gaza.

Friday
Blood Drive
Grace Hall
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Benefits Relay for Life.

Pep Rally
South Quad
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Rally for football game versus Rice.

Saturday
Our Lady of Sorrows Mass
St. Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Mass includes music by the Women’s Liturgical Choir.

First-year orientation staff members, left to right, Mark Egan, Zach Bequette and Charlie Labuz rally Siegfried Hall freshmen during move-in weekend. The staff also helps students acclimate to their new surroundings at the University.
The June 30 Supreme Court ruling in favor of Hobby Lobby’s decision not to provide certain types of birth control in its health insurance plan has been the subject of much national attention, but extrapolating predictions from that decision onto Notre Dame’s pending lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services is a complicated process.

O. Carter Sneed, director of Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture and a professor in the University’s law school, wrote an essay for SCOTUS blog exploring what Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. might mean for religious non-profits (such as Catholic universities, hospitals and social service agencies) seeking relief from the HHS contraceptive mandate, concluding that the outcome was hopeful for Notre Dame’s ongoing lawsuit.

“Hobby Lobby offers a great deal of hope to religious non-profits that soon they will be free once again to care for the poor, feed the hungry, minister to the sick, visit the prisoner, welcome the immigrant and do acts of mercy and charity,” he wrote in his essay, which was published last week.

Hobby Lobby, unlike Notre Dame, objected to only four kinds of birth control that act as abortifacients, but was willing to continue providing the other 16 contraceptives approved by the FDA.

“Hobby Lobby is not (yet) technically ‘eligible’ for the revised mandate that applies to Notre Dame,” Garnett said in an email last week. “Instead, that revised mandate was used by the Court as an illustration of the fact that ‘less restrictive means’ are available to the government.

“Hobby Lobby and Notre Dame both have equal status with respect to the Act — that is, they are both entitled to invoke its protections. But again, the revised mandate has not (yet) been technically applied to Hobby Lobby, and it is still an open question whether the revised mandate violates the Act as applied to Notre Dame and other religious employers.

Notre Dame currently provides contraceptive coverage through its third party insurer, Meritain Health. It first filed suit in May 2012, re-filed in December 2013, requested emergency appeal before the mandate took effect Jan. 1 of this year and has since had repeated appeals denied in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Paul Browne, Notre Dame’s vice president for public affairs and communications, said statement last week that “while our attorneys are still assessing it, the decision is an important and encouraging victory for religious liberty, which is at the heart of our lawsuit.”

Sneed echoed this sentiment in his essay, writing that the Supreme Court decision “follows from the most natural and straightforward reading of [the Religious Freedom Restoration Act], given both its text and the jurisprudence in which it is situated.”

The Court explicitly did not rule on the question posed by Notre Dame and other religious institutions, of how RFRA applies to the revised mandate accommodation, but rather determined simply that there was “a less restrictive means of accomplishing the government’s goals than a simple mandate to provide an insurance policy that directly covers the four objectionable drugs and devices,” he wrote.

The non-profit accommodation was cited as a less restrictive means than the “blunt mandate,” Sneed said, and once that single alternative was identified, “the government’s case was doomed under RFRA.”

“But this finding does not resolve the challenges made by religious non-profits,” he wrote. “Less restrictive is not the same as least restrictive. Even more encouraging for religious non-profits is the Court’s discussion of the strong deference owed to the faithful’s judgments about what their religion forbids in terms of complicity in wrong-doing and requires by way of integrity of witness.”

Garnett said that it is not an intrusion for Courts to inquire about the sincerity of a claimed religious belief as long as they do “not confuse sincerity with correctness or reasonability or orthodoxy.” He said he was not surprised by the ruling because the RFRA questions of whether Hobby Lobby counted as a person under the Act were “relatively straightforward.”

“RFRA is a statute that goes beyond (that is, provides more protection than) what the Constitution itself requires,” he said. “Congress could repeal the law if it wanted to, though President Obama has said he opposes repeal. Because it is a statute, Congress can amend it by passing a new law. It could, for example, say ‘For the purposes of this Act, a for-profit business is not a person.’”

In his essay, Sneed noted that several federal courts temporarily enjoined the HHS mandate — with accommodation — for multiple religious nonprofits shortly following the decision in Hobby Lobby. He mentioned Judge William Pryor’s opinion on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit’s decision to enjoine the accommodation as applied to Eternal Word Television Network as an especially important argument for the religious nonprofit question.

In his essay, Pryor cited the Supreme Court’s warning that neither the government nor the court shall substitute its own judgment for EWTN’s regarding the ‘substantial burden’ of the HHS mandate in light of Catholic teaching on contraception and scandal.’

Sneed wrote. “...The accommodation in this context forces the religious employer to say ‘no’ in a manner that functions as a legally operative ‘yes.’ Judge Pryor is the first court of appeals judge to explain this mechanism so clearly and forcefully.”

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ND law professor acquitted of misdemeanor

**Observer Staff Report**

**Editor’s Note: A version of this report appeared online May 11.**

Notre Dame criminal law professor Stephen Smith was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge of invasion of privacy in St. Joseph Superior Court on Wednesday, according to a report from the South Bend Tribune.

Prosecutors accused Smith of violating a no contact order put into place after the state charged him with felony battery of his wife, but a judge ruled a jury did not have evidence in order to convict, the Tribune reported.

Court documents alleged that Smith went to his wife’s residence while the protective order was in place, but his wife, Stan Wruble, said he drove there to pick up his children.

A jury of six heard the case, court records indicate, and was publicly launched in February 2013.

On March 21, the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld a ruling that Smith will not face the felony charge of domestic battery because the state failed to compile its case in time. He still faces a misdemeanor count of battery against his son, alleged in the same June 2011 incident, the Tribune reported.

He is expected to appear in court for a hearing on that charge later this month.

According to the Tribune report, Smith also faces another pending charge of invasion of privacy allegedly in violation of the same no contact order. In that case, court documents allege that Smith was riding in a car with his wife while the no contact order was in place. The effect, the Tribune report stated.

An Indiana State Police trooper arrested Smith after he pulled the vehicle over and discovered the no contact order. According to court records, the case is scheduled to go to trial in September, even though a judge threw out the traffic stop and evidence stemming from it. The Tribune reported that Manier wrote in March that the trooper did not have “reasonable suspicion to believe the defendant was speeding.”

**SMC increases campaign goal by $10 million**

By KELLY KONYA

Saint Mary’s is in a stronger position to fulfill the dreams of our founders, the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Director of media relations Gwen O’Brien said the Board of Trustees approved the campaign in June 2008 and was publicly launched in February 2013. Rodriguez said this is only the third major fund-raising campaign in Saint Mary’s history.

“Prior to ‘Faith Always, Action Now’ campaign announced it reached its initial $80 million goal several months ahead of schedule. Vice president for college relations Shari Rodriguez said the Board of Trustees decided to raise the goal to $90 million soon after the $80 million mark was reached, and the campaign will officially conclude on December 31, 2014. "Meeting and exceeding our original campaign goal several months early is a sure sign of the enthusiastic commitment and loyalty of our alumnae and friends,” College president Carol Ann Mooney said in a press release. “I am confident that our new goal of $90 million will also be attained allowing us to complete designated campaign projects.

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In May, the Saint Mary’s “Faith Always, Action Now” campaign announced its $90 million will also be attained allowing us to complete designated campaign projects.

“Up to this point, the money raised has gone towards scholarships, an endowed professorship in nursing, construction of the Science Hall Greenhouse, endowed summer science research communities and four faculty awards recognizing excellence in teaching, scholarship, service and mentorship, she said.

“We hope to provide enhanced opportunities for students in the form of financial aid, research opportunities, study abroad, cutting edge curricular options and much more,” she said. “A stronger endowed fund … is the key to the College’s long-term health.”

Rodriguez said the campaign money will also be used to renovate and upgrade the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, the Science Hall and the Cushwa-Leighton Library.

Saint Mary’s alumna, Dr. Susan Fitzgerald Rice and her husband, Dr. Don Rice, a Notre Dame alumnus, announced a challenge grant for the renovation and expansion of the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex, according to a press release. The Rice will match $1 for every $2 pledged up to $1 million, thus yielding $3 million for the project. Fitzgerald Rice is a tri-chair of the ‘Faith Always, Action Now’ campaign and a former member of the Board of Trustees.

“A focus on the ‘whole woman’ has always been foremost at Saint Mary’s,” Fitzgerald Rice said in the press release. “Women today embrace an even more active and healthy lifestyle. The current facility, constructed in 1977, does not meet the needs of today’s students. The College’s plan to renovate the Angela Athletic & Wellness Complex will enhance the experience of every Saint Mary’s student.”

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**Observer Staff Report**

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Former Irish running back Jim Morse donated funds to the University for the installation of FieldTurf in Notre Dame Stadium, the Notre Dame Monogram Club announced Aug. 13 in a press release.

Morse is a private investor who served as captain of the 1956 Irish football team and graduated in 1957. A previous donation from him enabled the construction of the Coleman-Morse Center, which bears his name and his wife’s names in addition to that of the late Thomas Coleman, according to the press release.

Morse’s other contributions to Notre Dame include “The Morse Family Scholarship Fund, which supports about 12 students annually; funding for football and baseball scholarships; an endowed fellowship for MBA students; and a major gift for the Morse Recruiting Lounge in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, featuring banners for Notre Dame’s 11 consensus national football titles,” the press release stated.

The University officially announced its plans to replace Notre Dame Stadium’s natural grass with synthetic FieldTurf on April 12 at the annual Blue-Gold game. Installation began after Comencement Weekend (May 16-18), the press release stated, but the donor’s name had not been revealed until the Monogram Club press release.

On July 30, Notre Dame completed the FieldTurf installation, according to a WNDU report.

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**Alum Jim Morse donates funds for FieldTurf**

The University used funds from Jim Morse’s donation to add FieldTurf in Notre Dame Stadium. The new field was laid down July 31, and will be used by the Irish for practice and games this season.
but Devine said he, Vidal and NDS’S Sergeant Tracy Skibins plan to have the program up and running this weekend or early next week.

Another initiative Vidal wanted to tackle last year was the student readership program, which provides free newspapers to on-campus students. She said student government had maintained the same system for several years and decided to explore other options.

“We essentially stayed with the Gannett program, which sells a readership package to universities and which sells a readership to on-campus students,” she said. “Our contract with them included USA Today, the New York Times and the South Bend Tribune…” When we took office, we realized that there may be students who have opinions on the program.”

Vidal and Devine eventually took the discussion to the student Senate, which informed them that many students wanted to read the Wall Street Journal. Particularly because individual subscriptions cost more than those to other newspapers and because many business professors encourage their students to read the Wall Street Journal daily, according to an April 10 article in The Observer.

“We were fortunate enough to go through a negotiation process with the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, and we have signed two new contracts with each publication,” Vidal said. “This is the first time we will have brought the Wall Street Journal to campus.”

Additionally, Vidal decided that to save money, student government opted not to pay the companies to deliver the papers to their individual on-campus distribution sites, but instead chose to do a bulk drop. With the saved money, student government will instead pay students to deliver the papers to these sites each morning.

According to Devine, they hope to employ two or three students who will work in rotations. This week, Vidal and Devine will deliver the papers to the dining halls themselves, “to determine how long it will take and how much we should pay them,” Devine said.

“We’re hoping to announce the job opening at the end of the week,” Vidal said. “I’m so glad we’ve been able to create what will be a steady, easy job.”

Starting this week, 400 copies of each newspaper will be available in both dining halls, LaFortune Student Center and the Mendoza College of Business. Devine said a third new initiative will give students easy access to local products for one day this fall.

“We’re already pretty far underway with preparations for quad markets, which will bring area farmer’s markets to campus,” Devine said. “We’re looking to have it in the Friday before a home game in October, and we already have several companies looking to partner with us. It will be almost run as a sort of harvest festival.”

Looking ahead, Vidal said her goal for the year “is to take conversations that have been happening around campus in the last couple of years and make them practical and tangible.”

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Former Huddle employee dies

Observer Staff Report

Helen Hiatt, a 46-year veteran employee of the Huddle in LaFortune Student Center, died at the age of 92 on July 26 in her Elkhart home, according to a University press release.

Students knew Hiatt as “the mother of the Huddle,” since she began working for the store in 1967 and continued until 2013, the press release stated. Despite her official retirement in 1986, Hiatt took on the part-time duties of restocking the dining area with condiments, utensils and napkins every day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scherry Roberts, operations manager of the Huddle, remembered Hiatt’s spirit and enthusiasm. Hiatt was “a wonderful, feisty lady and a great worker. She was loved by all of us and will be greatly missed,” she said in the press release.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association of St. Joseph County, United Health Services, 6910 S. Main St., Granger, IN 46530.

SMC worker pleads guilty

Observer Staff Report

A former Saint Mary’s maintenance worker charged with misdemeanor voyeurism in April pleaded guilty Monday, according to a WSJV report.

David Summerfield, 73, also pleaded guilty to an additional charge of felony criminal mischief, the report stated. A felony count of theft was dismissed. Summerfield is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 23.

The College fired Summerfield fired from his position in April after a co-worker reported unusual behavior in a bathroom on the fourth floor of Le Mans Hall. Summerfield admitted to drilling holes in the floor and attic of the Le Mans showers and said he watched students through them, the WSJV report stated.

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Student body president Lauren Vidal, student government administrative assistant Nancy Walsh and associate director of Transportation Services Marty Ogren pose with an O’SNAP golf cart in July.

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Dining halls will be closed for the occasion.
Frosh-O
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either, but the Frosh-O leaders in Ryan were amazing, so sweet, friendly and fun right from the start,” freshman Kerry McCarter said. “They knew exactly how to make everyone feel welcome and a part of something.”

Activities such as ice-skating and karaoke with other dorms helped break the ice and make friendships with students outside of their dorm, Gavin Chamberlain, a freshman in Keenan Hall, said.

“I think that the activities helped me feel more comfortable… The purpose of the activities was to make us feel at home, and I think they succeeded as much as they could in doing that,” Chamberlain said. “After participating in Frosh-O it’s obvious how much hard work these guys put into it. Their efforts have helped me transition into college life.”

The Frosh-O staffs worked tirelessly to make sure that the first-year students felt at home with their surroundings, junior Kelly Marous, the Frosh-O commissioner of Badin Hall, said.

“One of the most memorable moments from the weekend was during our finger-painting activity with St. Edward’s Hall,” Marous said. “While first-years began their activity, the two staffs decided to have a dance-off, and towards the end of the battle all of the first-years in Badin joined in with our staff to show St. Edward’s who really won.

“I think moments like this one showed us how successful the weekend was. When first-years feel comfortable and confident enough to do things like this after only a few days on campus, then you know you’re doing something right,” she said.

The Frosh-O staffs made sure their new students knew the Notre Dame community would welcome them, junior Caroline Corsones, assistant Frosh-O commissioner for Farley Hall, said.

“The Frosh-O staff explained to the girls just how excited we were to have them in the Farley community, and how they should feel they should come to us for anything, because they were now a part of our family.” Corsones said.

The activities, while at times awkward, facilitated new friendships between new dorms, Ariana Zloba, a freshman from Pasquerilla West Hall, said.

“We had a great Frosh-O because our staff was super enthusiastic… Some people were annoyed by the forced mingling, but I personally liked that we got to meet as many people as possible as quickly as possible,” Zloba said. “I think I’ll be thankful for that as the year goes on.”

By the end of the weekend, the freshmen had begun to think of Notre Dame as their home, junior Grady Schmidt, Frosh-O commissioner of Siegfried Hall, said.

“Overall, everything went really well, better than expected really, and it was fun to see them embrace Notre Dame and Siegfried throughout the weekend… We were really happy with the participation that we received, from not only the new students but also varsity athletes who are new to Siegfried this year, and made it to events working around a busy schedule,” Schmidt said.

The weekend was a huge success, and the new freshmen enjoyed getting to know their classmates and the Notre Dame community, Schmidt said.

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about the Saint Mary’s core values of faith and spiritual- ity at closing the circle.

“I remember how scary the start of my first year was, so I was excited to share any bits and pieces of encouragement I could with them,” Gutrich said.

Gutrich said the intent of events like closing the circle is to help first-year students feel like part of the Saint Mary’s sisterhood from their very first weekend.

“Your first year of college can be such a scary time and we hope Belles Beginnings helps ease that scariness, and helps them start to find their niche at Saint Mary’s,” Gutrich said. “We truly care about our first years, so we want to make them love Saint Mary’s as much as we do.”

SGA academic chair Shannon Schalk, a junior, helped girls move into their dorms during Belles Beginnings and also spoke about the core value of learning. She said she felt the interconnectedness of the Saint Mary’s community when she spoke to the class of 2018.

“Looking at the young and nervous faces surrounding me from inside the circle brought back the memories of me over two years ago, [when] I was that young and nervous face,” Schalk said. “Learning is not just happening in the classroom, it is happening within them.”

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Members of the cheerleading squad, led by Leprechaun John Doran, help teach Notre Dame songs and cheers to freshmen, including the Notre Dame Victory March and the Alma Mater.

A group of freshmen from Sorin College and Welsh Family Hall sing the Alma Mater on the steps of Bond Hall.

Freshmen from Sorin College enjoy food and friends at Carroll Hall’s annual Frosh-O weekend ‘Far Quad Feast.’

Halftime, one of Notre Dame’s co-ed A Capella groups, performs for freshmen on Bond Quad. The group sang a variety of songs, including a cover of Rihanna’s ‘Shut Up and Drive.’
Former Irish receiver receives 10-day sentence

Observer Staff Report

Former Irish wide receiver Will Mahone plead guilty to and received a 10-day sentence for four misdemeanor counts, according to the South Bend Tribune.

The counts included resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, assault and aggravated menacing, the Tribune report stated. Mahone, who faced two seasons of limited play due to injuries, is no longer enrolled at the University.

Irish coach Brian Kelly originally suspended Mahone indefinitely June 16 following his arrest in Ohio on five charges, according to an announcement from sports information director Michael Bertsch.

Mahone was arrested June 14 around 10:30 p.m. after police in Austintown, Ohio, responded to a complaint about a fight, the South Bend Tribune reported.

He was initially charged with assault of a police officer, intimidation of a public servant/party official and vandalism of a government entity, all felonies in Ohio, as well as with misdemeanor resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, according to a Mahoning County Sheriff’s report.

Witnesses told police Mahone was intoxicated while head-butting, punching vehicles and trying to fight people, the Tribune reported. Mahone physically resisted arrest and shouted expletives and threats at officers, and allegedly responded to an officer’s request to get on the ground with “(Expletive), white boy.”

He continued to resist arrest after being taken to the ground by an officer, the police report obtained by the Tribune alleges. Allegedly, the handcuffed Mahone repeatedly yelled at officers, “Take these cuffs off, and I’ll kill all of you.”

Mahone was also accused of trying to kick police and thrashing his head backwards and striking an officer on the forehead, according to the Tribune. Mahone was initially taken to a hospital to receive treatment for a cut on his eye, but he continued to shout expletives and was later transported to Mahoning County Justice Center for incarceration, the Tribune reported.

“The University is aware of this incident and is confident that it will be handled in a prompt and professional manner through the criminal justice system,” Notre Dame officials said in a June 16 statement published in the Tribune. “Internal discipline is handled privately, in accord with our own policies and federal law.”

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Will Mahone, left, and senior linebacker Joe Schmidt sing the Alma Mater following the September 21 victory over Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium. Mahone is no longer enrolled at Notre Dame.

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“It’s bigger than us and it’s bigger than football. We, as a team, see the Alma Mater as an instrument of unity; we are Notre Dame regardless of what happens on the field. We know how our students fiercely support us rain, shine, sleet or snow and we want to show them our sincere appreciation by standing and singing as a unified student body celebrating our wonderful University.”

Robinson and Irish senior cornerback Matthias Farley met with student body president Lauren Vidal, vice president Matt Devine and Campus Ministry representative to student government Grace Carroll, all seniors. Although last season’s captains and team decided to sing the Alma Mater only after wins, this season’s Unity Council re-opened discussion of the policy because both players and students expressed dissatisfaction with the decision, Vidal said. She said she did not know if the decision would be revisited every year. Student government researched the policy along with student opinions and presented Farley and Robinson with five copies of a bound book containing direct quotes from students about the Alma Mater, Vidal said.

“The books contain about 100 quotes from the students — each quote represents that student’s interpretation of the Alma Mater and what it means to them and our University,” she said. Robinson said the meetings with students expressed dissatisfaction with past incidents of students disrespecting the football team, Vidal said.

“We students have to stand and sing the Alma Mater after every win,” Robinson said. “The respect factor was a unifying.”

Members of the football team had expressed concern with past incidents of students disrespecting the football team, Vidal said.

“We have found no proof that the students were actively encouraging the displays,” Robinson said. “It’s not about us,” he said. “It’s about the school. It’s about unifying.”

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Welcome back, welcome home

To the classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017: Welcome back! Welcome home.

Here are a few words of reflection I offer to each of you as we welcome this new year with friends, peers and family.

To our freshmen: You begin this year with some anxiety, yet much excitement. We know you’re just getting used to your classes and your friends so please do not hesitate to ask anyone for help. It took us all a while to decipher the most efficient path to DeBart or the best hour to swipe in for a meal. Use the upperclassmen as guides. Don’t be afraid to ask someone to join you for lunch. One of the trickiest parts of the first few weeks on campus will be coordinating your lunch and dinner schedules — don’t give it so much thought. I met one of my closest friends by simply asking if I could join them for a meal. Also, don’t forget to get involved. Every club and organization on this campus has an open door policy; don’t hesitate to use it.

To our sophomores: You’ve been there, you’d done that, now it’s time to buckle down. Use this year to really get a grasp on what you want to pursue. This is a good time to stop attending meetings you do not have a sincere interest in, and it’s an even better time to get to learn a little bit more about yourself. Make it a point to set out a plan of action for this year and next. If given the opportunity to study abroad, take it. Although I studied “domestically” in the Washington program, it was one of the best decisions I have made here at ND. Be mindful of how your time abroad will affect your living on campus and how it may affect you opportunities in junior and senior year. Many clubs and organizations transition leadership during the spring semester — something to keep in mind if you see yourself taking one or more leadership positions going forward.

To our juniors: This is truly a unique one. You are one step closer to graduation, and you are officially upperclassmen. Be mindful of the younger students and think about how you can include them in your efforts; offer them your friendship. It will feel as though your class is cut in half this year as many students will be studying abroad either fall or spring semester. Do what you can to meet some of the other juniors you haven’t really had a chance to hang out with yet, and keep an open mind. Pay attention to your plans for after senior year; they are closer than you think.

And finally, to our seniors, my class peers: I hope we can use this year to really come together as a class and as true students of Notre Dame. I hope that we can use these final months as fruitfully as possible. Let us bring together friend groups, let us support one another in our job and school searches, and let us celebrate the wins while coming together during the losses. Seniors, we have one more year here as undergraduates and I hope we can make it count. Attend the games and shows, immerse yourself in the South Bend area, continue to love your dorms even if you are off campus, lay the lines of lasting communication with your professors, and truly enjoy being in the company of so many talented peers. Cheers to the best year yet.

Notre Dame: stay safe, stay smart and stay with it. We are fighting Irish, a group characterized by strength, tradition, pride and intelligence. Let’s continue to act like it.

Lauren Vidal
President
Notre Dame Student Body
Aug. 25

Welcome to Notre Dame, class of 2018. If the numbers are correct, you’re the highest-achieving class to ever enter Our Lady’s University. Of course, numbers don’t take into account dreams, goals and ambitions, but I’m sure you have plenty of those. You probably want to double major, learn multiple languages, do service work abroad, be president of several clubs and land your dream job in (insert name of field here) upon graduation. More importantly, you want to do this while making life-long friends, giving up your Saturdays to Notre Dame football and having an active social calendar, right?

Well, I’m here to say that all these things are probably going to happen. Sure, some of them will and if you’re lucky enough, it’ll go perfectly, but your actual college experience will likely only vaguely resemble what you have pictured in your mind right now.

I say this not because I’m some embittered senior who’s experienced the “real” world. I say this because college should not follow a formula, and I think my personal example, as well as many other examples on campus, illustrates this.

I came into Notre Dame as an intended finance and economics major. Why? I thought it was a stable choice, it is the most popular combination of majors at Notre Dame, and I figured my high school AP Economics class was good preparation. I soon remembered that math was indeed my weakest subject and writing was definitely my best talent. Now, three years later, I write this column as a Marketing major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor.

As a freshman, I thought I should supplement my studies by participating in resume-boosting activities. Having sworn off journalism in high school, The Observer was not one of them, or so I thought. Nonetheless, I signed up for it and about 50 other activities, decided to try my first assignment, covering an interhall football game and instantly became hooked. Now, I’m lucky to say I’m the managing editor of a great publication, work with the best staff on campus and get to follow the Irish football team around.

In my time at Notre Dame, I’ve encountered two situations that had me quite on edge before entering them. The first came when I was assigned to Carroll Hall, and the second was just before I left to study in London, England this past semester. I was afraid to encounter both because they meant leaving the familiar behind, but I can say I met some great people and had even better experiences in both places.

Of course, a life not lived according to plan will likely only vaguely resemble what you have pictured in your mind right now.

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

Edgar Allan Poe
Short story author, editor and poet

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Stay open, don’t miss right now

As Faith began to wade out into the water, I attached her skis and taught her the basics of what to do when the boat began to pull. Confident that she had a good enough sense of the mechanics, I told her to sit down in the water and close her eyes. After a quizzical look, she settled into the water, closed her eyes and at that moment I cupped my hands and splashed her in the face. After my uncle circled back and began to splash her water dripping from her face, she smiled and settled in for her first attempt. With water dripping from her face, she smiled and settled in for her first attempt.

It wasn’t until the fourth try that we hit pay dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt. Faith made almost an entire loop around the truncated path my uncle carved out on her dirt.
“What If” ... Harry Potter got fed up with life after Hogwards and ditched it all to move to Canada? It makes sense when you picture his life with Ginny — it may have started out nice with Ginny tying his shoes and feeding him mini pies, but a man can only take so much. What if he decided to change his name to Wallace and try out medical school? However, upon arrival Wallace realized school was quite challenging without Hermione's essay help. What if he scoured the libraries for an annotated version of his chemistry textbook — even venturing into the restricted section — but there was no Half-Blood Prince among the blood type texts? What if, down on his luck — with no half-blood prince recipe for Felix Felicis — Wallace gave it up and decided to live in an attic, returning to his humble beginnings of a confined living space in another’s home?

But then, what if Wallace meets a quirky, bang adorned girl named Chantry, and they hit it off and exchange numbers to meet up as ... friends? What if, friend-zoned, Wallace resists the urge to feed her a love potion and a mini pies, but a man can only take so much. What if, down on his luck — with no half-blood prince recipe for Felix Felicis — Wallace gave it up and decided to live in an attic, returning to his humble beginnings of a confined living space in another’s home?

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Then there’s the chorus — an unpredictable blast of pure, sugary K-pop. A sky-high female vocal sings about love and reunion over huge, sky-high synths and blasts of bass. The pairing of heaviness and bright, soaring pop music makes for an amazingly compelling listen, and one of the finest musical moments of the year. Ultimately, “Lemonade” is merely two verses and two choruses. These sections are so well executed and so grippingly complementary that the track’s sub-two minutes runtime carry the weight of most trap or K-pop songs twice their length.

“Hard”, unsurprisingly, is a more difficult beast. Where the trap-style verses of “Lemonade” are heavy yet straightforward, “Hard”’s drum-and-bass rhythms capture the essence of their titles to an unrivaled extent. The production is crisp, clear, and daring. Ultimately, “Hard” and “Lemonade” make for an amazingly compelling listen, and one of the finest musical moments of the year. Ultimately, “Lemonade” is merely two verses and two choruses. These sections are so well executed and so grippingly complementary that the track’s sub-two minutes runtime carry the weight of most trap or K-pop songs twice their length.

The cast’s performances elevate the film to the top of the “Confusing Indie Romance” category. The idea behind the story may be interpreted as trite at first glance, however upon ninety minutes of glances the story delves deeper and the characters’ tribulations take on tangibility for the viewer.

I even stopped picturing Radcliffe in wizard robes after the first thirty minutes, his previous roles in the back of my mind until he disrobed and my mom nudged me stating, “That’s Harry Potter naked. Isn’t that wrong? Isn’t this weird?”

Maybe Radcliffe’s legacy as The Chosen One will never leave him, however he makes a convincing Not The Chosen One when friend-zoned in the film. One thing is for sure, Radcliffe’s witty banter has improved greatly since that awkward instance on the owlery steps with Cho Chang. If you’re wondering “What if I go see this movie. Will I like it?” the answer is yes if you have an inclination for the idiosyncratic indie romance film.

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did i mention that song sampled "blades of glory"? oh you knew that already? well someone please remind pitchfork.

the single, "in paris," was played 12 times the last two weeks. it's the kind of song that's impossible to miss. will attempt to do so with these following two facts. first: their impossible-to-miss "takyon (death yon)" song deservs to be in the double digits. it's one of those songs that you remember hearing on the radio for the first time and wondering where you've heard it before. their heartbreaking vocal performances, lyrical content and uniquely searing instrumentation; the one song released between 2010 and the former half of 2014 to evoke, bar none, the most intense, varying response is Death Grips' world-shattering cut "Takyon (Death Yon)." Listening to the song pissed offers a visceral outlet akin to a session of Grand Theft Auto, and listening to the song happy invokes the heart-racing, hot-faced smile of a frenzied sexual experience. Flatlander's deliberate, agro bass synth pounding behind Zach Hill's manic, marching drum fills score MC Ride's booming, borderline psychopathic, screaming, which may very well be the most aggressive oral performance ever to be recorded. Death Grips exploded onto the scene in 2011 by converging these manic, extreme catharsis or joy.

"The Mother We Share" CHVRCHES

Whether perusing or constructing "Best of" lists, I tend to hang onto the catchy tune "The Mother We Share" so low on Pitchfork's top tracks list. Coming in at #191, this song has been stuck in my head since first discovering it and deserves to be in the double digits. It's a poppy, bright electric beat with high-pitched enigmatic lyrics sung by band member Lauren Mayberry. The upbeat song doesn't quite match the depressing, creepy lyrics, but I think it's an intentional contradiction that sheds light on the band's lyrical talent. It's a fresh sound unlike many songs on the list, and once you hear it you'll be humming it all day long.

"Lemonade" Gucci Mane

I've got to put a word in for my Mane man, Gucci. Enshrined above my bed in a ravishing painting emphasizing his glorious ice cream cone tattoo, I am reminded daily of his perseverance — most recently, calling in an intro for his mixtape from jail. The clever lyrics of his single, "Lemonade," are engrained in my memory due to the fact that I memorized all of them as a freshman in high school to impress the attractive senior boy who took me home from cross-country practice. I remember the amp in the trunk pulsating the captivating beats to the front seat where I sat rattling off the list of yellow items, "yellow rims, yellow big booty" the lyrics flowing like the lemonade I thumbed about. Perhaps the memories I attach to the song influence my approval, but either way "Lemonade" should have made it on the list.

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Big lessons from the Big Apple

Brian Hartnett  Managing Editor

While most incoming Notre Dame seniors lived the corpo- rate life, researched in a lab or did some really cool ser- vice projects over the summer, I was watching television for a tele- vision station perched on the top floors of New York City’s trestle bridges.

As an intern in the sports department of New York 1 News, I got to go behind-the- scenes in the nation’s largest professional sports city (by number of teams, at least), and my office frequently rotated between Yankee Stadium, Citi Field and MetLife Stadium.

In addition to witnessing firsthand the madness that goes on during television pro- duction and seeing athletes I’ve been watching for much of my life at the game, I got to watch the sights about the current and future state of the Big Apple’s beloved teams.

With that being said, I present to you a slightly more grown-up version of “What I learned on my summer vacation.”

The Mets are going to be very good very soon: I get it. The Mets, long a laugh- ingstock of Major League Baseball, have had five con- secutive losing seasons and are likely on their way to a six-year losing streak.

With that being said, pitch- ing is the name of the game today, and the Mets have the staff for it. I know about Matt Harvey, the team’s ace who took baseball by storm last season before suffering an elbow injury that knocked him out of the league’s most po- tent passing games in 2014. The hard part has been giving the pitchers such a tidy run- ning game that is still try- ing to get off the ground. Three seasons into the coaching tenure of Terry Collins, the Mets lost season in a trade with the Cleveland Browns, and Ahmad Bradshaw— who has combined for just 53 yards on 23 carries in three preseason games. “It’s going to be a work in progress, that’s for sure,” said Monday. “All we want to do is be better tomorrow than we were today or the next day or the next game.”

During Saturday night’s miserable performance against New Orleans, Richardson carried six times for 17 yards, Bradshaw carried three times for two yards. Richardson didn’t show among the start- ers with two carries for 22 yards. The numbers im- proved dramatically in the second half, thanks in large part to a 43-yard run from Daniel Herron, but there’s certainly a chance of room for improvement.

Richardson has con- tinued to be a favorite target for critics, who argue the Jets gave up their first- round pick in May and have yet to see a payoff. Last season, Richardson aver- aged 2.9 yards per carry after coming over from Cleveland, and the conven- tional wisdom was that a full offseason in Indy’s sys- tem would help the No. 3 overall pick in the 2012 draft regain his timing down and find his success.

The result: He’s averag- ing 2.8 yards this preseason. But Richardson has limited throughout much of train- ing camp as he tries to re- turn from neck surgery and ran only twice for 10 yards against the Saints in his first preseason action.

The third guy in the back- field rotation was expected to be Vick Ballard, who sustained a season-ending torn Achilles’ tendon last month. Players and coaches say they understand what’s wrong.

“It comes with guys straining a little more to stay on the field or get on the blocks,” right end Dwayne Allen said. “We’ve been able to go through the film and the game tape to see players there. But it’s not the run- ner, it’s the blocking.”

Part of the explanation could be the mix-and-match lineups the Colts have used because of injuries.

Indy lost starting left guard Dwayne Allen to af- fect the first preseason game and projected start- ing center Khaled Holmes hasn’t practiced or played since straining his left ankle from the first posses- sion of the first preseason game. Starting guard pick Jack Mewhort, who split snaps at center and left guard after Holmes’ inheritance, injured his knee with a sore right knee and seventh-round draft pick Ulrick John is expected to miss substantial time with a lower right leg injury.

Undrafted rookie Jonathon Harrison, who started the last two games at center, is now hurt, too. He missed Monday’s prac- tice with a sprained right thumb.

Although Pagano remains hopeful Holmes will start Sept. 7 season at Denver, it’s not the run- ning game and that’s to do well and get better,” Luck said.

While the numbers don’t show it, Luck said the Colts are progressing and Pagano said he believes the Colts are heading in the right direction, when most of the start- ers will be on the bench. Indy will have to wait un- til the season-opener to see if they’ve finally found the recipe for the power-run- ning game it wants.

“It’s just paying atten- tion to details,” Luck said. “We’ve had some success, but not the success that catches people’s eyes.”

Notes: Players and coaches attended a mem- orial service Sunday for Maveah Alice Hughes, the three-year-old whose father defensive tackle Montori Hughes who recently died from a sudden illness.

Hughes has missed almost two weeks of practice and did not play in Saturday’s game.

Darius Butler, the Colts’ No. 3 cornerback, sat out Monday with an un- disclosed ankle injury, strength and conditioning coach Chuck Jones did practice after leaving Saturday’s game with a rib injury.

Pagano said that Delano Howell, who was battling for the starting job at safety, is still going evaluations on his injured neck.

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Jay lifts Cardinals to win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jon Jay already had a hit in hand before St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Matheny even called his name. A minute later the veteran outfielder was standing on second base after his pinch hit tied the game. Jay didn't stay there long, racing home with the go-ahead run on Matt Holliday's sharp single in a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

“Just sensed,” Matheny said of Jay's precocious grab of the bat. “We hadn’t had any interaction at that point. He’s smart, he knows the game.”

And the Cardinals know a thing or two about coming through late. St. Louis scored 15 runs over their final five innings.

He was 11-7 with the Red Sox. Trevor Rosenthal gave up a leadoff home run in the ninth to Andrew McCutchen but held on to earn his 39th save.

“I think guys know when we have a pitcher like Lackey on the mound, he’s going to keep us in the game,” Matheny said. “We’ve just got to keep fighting and figure out a way to get something going.”

Pedro Alvarez hit his 18th homer in the seventh inning to back John Lackey (2-1) worked out of trouble early to last seven innings before Hughes came on and promptly picked off Wong. Things didn’t work out so well for Lackey, who had some trouble after navigating a choppy second inning. Alvarez hit a long home run to center with one out, and infiel hits by Starling Marte and Jordy Mercer followed. The runners moved up on a sacrifice by Liriano, but Josh Harrison’s sharply hit fly to left went right to Holliday.

Lackey settled down following the reprieve, not allowing a runner past first base over his final five innings. He walked one and struck out three to improve to 3-0 against National League teams this season.

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Mahan overcomes winless drought

Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — Hunter Mahan knew he was on the verge of something special, even with a record that looked ordinary by his standards.

He had gone nearly 30 months and 48 tournaments worldwide without winning. He was No. 62 in the FedEx Cup, with no guarantee of lasting more than two tournaments. He finished 25th in the Ryder Cup and was not even part of the conversation as a potential wild-card pick.

He felt great about how he was playing. The hard part was to stay calm with his emotions, his swing and his game and to “just let everything happen.”

“And it did,” he said. “And obviously I made some huge puts coming down the stretch.”

In a traffic jam of contenders Sunday at The Barclays, Mahan pulled away with five birdies in a seven-hole stretch on the back nine at Ridgewood, including three in a row late in the final round that sealed the win. With a bogey he could afford — though he could have done without the drama until he made an 8-foot bogey putt — Mahan closed with a 6-under 65 for a 14-under 270 total and a two-shot victory in the opening playoff event for the FedEx Cup. He won by two shots over Jason Day, who couldn't manage anything but pars over the last four holes and shot 68; Stewart Appleby, who had to scramble for par on the last two holes for a 65; and Cameron Tringale, who made bogey from the trees on the final hole for a 66.

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PITTSBURGH — Michael Pineda kept throwing strikes. The Royals kept taking them, trying in vain to drive his pitch count up. When Yankees catcher Brian McCann looked up in the third inning, his right-hand er had still thrown just 35 pitches.

He knew then that Pineda was in a groove.

Pineda wound up pitching into the seventh inning Monday night to win for the first time since April 16, helping New York beat the Kansas City Royals 8-1 for its fifth straight win.

“He’s got so much cut on his fastball,” McCann said.

“I feel like he could literally throw it every pitch and be successful. When he’s like that, he’s as good as anybody.”

In the makeup of a game rained out in early June, Pineda (3-2) gave up a solo shot to Mike Moustakas leading off the third inning. But that was about it in Pineda’s third game back from the disabled list. He struck out five without a walk.

Jacoby Ellsbury drove in a run in the seventh inning with the 1,000th hit of his career, then added a two-run homer in the ninth. Derek Jeter added a pair of RBIs in his final scheduled trip to Kauffman Stadium, and Stephen Drew and Martin Prado had solo home runs.

“It’s nice when you have a lot of people contribute,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

“We’ve been playing really, really good baseball the last month or so. We’re definitely not going to let just one little game take care of us,” Shields said. “We’re going to move onto this next series and hopefully we’ll win it.”

If you’re willing to count the makeup against New York as a true series, it was the first time in their last 11 that the Royals have dropped one.

“It’s going to happen,” outfielder Alex Gordon said. “We’ll bounce back. We’ll be OK.”

Jeter, who is retiring after the season, answered a standing ovation as he stepped to the plate in the third inning with a groundout to shortstop that gave New York a 1-0 lead.

Moustakas tied the game with his 15th homer in the bottom half.

Drew gave the Yankees the lead back in the fourth with his home run, and they piled on four more runs off Shields in the seventh to put things out of reach.

The last of the runs was scored by Ellsbury, who came home on a sacrifice fly by McCann. Ellsbury initially was ruled out at the plate, but the call was overturned after a 2-minute video review showed his left leg sliding just under catcher Salvador Perez’s tag.

That was plenty of support for Pineda, who had gone through the ringer since his previous win. He served a 10-game suspension for getting caught with pine tar on his neck in a game against Boston, then landed on the DL with shoulder trouble that kept him out until mid-August.

Pineda was stuck with a pair of no-decisions in his first two starts back.

“I feel pretty good,” he said. “I feel like I have good power in my arm.”
Orioles blast past Rays with homers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Delmon Young, J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis homered in succession during a six-run fifth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles cruised past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-1 Monday night to end a three-game losing streak.

Baltimore hit five homers in all, four off rookie Jake Odorizzi (9-11). Nick Markakis and Steve Pearce delivered back-to-back shots in the third to spark the Orioles to their ninth win in 13 games against Tampa Bay this season.

After totaling four runs and 13 hits in three road losses to the Chicago Cubs, the Orioles got 14 hits against a Tampa Bay staff that had a major league-best 2.28 ERA since the All-Star break.

Chris Tillman (11-5) yielded two runs and two hits, both career highs, as were the four home runs. Baltimore added a fielding gem in the sixth when center fielder Adam Jones made a leaping catch at the wall to rob Evan Longoria of a homer. Jones then threw out Matt Joyce, who tagged up from first base.

After the Rays scored in the third, Baltimore went up 3-1 in the bottom half. Markakis snapped an 0-for-21 skid with a two-run drive and Pearce followed with his 15th homer, the fourth in his last eight games.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A.J. Burnett struck out 12 in seven innings and Cody Asche and Carlos Ruiz homered to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-2 victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Domingo Brown had two hits and an RBI for Philadelphia, which won for the fourth time in five games.

Wilson Ramos and Anthony Rendon homered for NL East-leading Washington, which lost for just the second time in 14 games.

Burnett (7-4) won for the first time since the All-Star break, allowing one run on three hits with just one walk. The right-hander entered leading the majors in walks with 76.

Tanner Roark (12-8) gave up two runs on five hits in six innings and lost for just the second time in his last nine starts. Roark has a 2.25 ERA over that stretch.

Burnett retired the first eight batters before Roark’s two-out single in the third. It was just the pitcher’s sixth hit in 60 at-bats this season.

Phillies top Nationals behind Burnett’s strong start

Associated Press

The Nationals didn’t get another hit until Rendon’s one-out homer to left in the sixth that pulled them within 2-1. It was the third homer in 15 at-bats for Rendon off Burnett.

Burnett had been 0-6 with a 7.41 ERA in seven starts since the All-Star break prior to Monday. But he was stellar against Washington, setting a season-high in strikeouts while finishing in double-digits for the 35th time in his career.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on Brown’s RBI single and went up 2-0 on Asche’s leadoff homer to deep right in the fifth.

After Washington closed within a run, Ruiz cleared the wall in left off left-hander Jerry Blevins to push Philadelphia’s advantage to 3-1.

Ramos homered to right with two outs in the ninth, off Jonathan Papelbon, who earned his 32nd save in 34 opportunities.

Ben Revere, who began the day tied for the NL batting lead at .314 with Colorado’s Justin Morneau, went 0-for-4 to drop his average to .311.

Chase Utley went 0-for-4, extending his slump to 3-for-29.

Second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera was out of the start- ing lineup after injuring his rib in Sunday’s 14-6 win over San Francisco. Manager Matt Williams said prior to the game that Cabrera is day-to-day. Cabrera pinch-hit in the ninth inning and singled.

OF John Mayberry Jr. (wrist) stayed in 30th career rehab game with Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Monday night. Mayberry entered 4-for-14 with a homer and three RBIs in four games there.

LHP Gio Gonzalez (6-9, 3.83) takes the mound for Washington at 7:05 Tuesday. He pitched seven shutdown innings but got no decision in the Nationals’ 1-0 win over Arizona Thursday. Gonzalez has received two runs of support over 33 1/3 innings in his last 12 starts.

LHP Cole Hamels (7-6, 2.53) got rare run support in his last outing when he snapped a string of seven straight starts with at least seven innings in a 4-3 win over Seattle Wednesday. Hamels is 15-7 with 2.54 ERA in 30 career starts against Washington.

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A’s roll past Astros on road

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HOUSTON — Jeff Samardzija pitched eight solid innings and Josh Donaldson drove in three runs to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Houston Astros 8-2 Monday night.

Samardzija (4-3) allowed six hits, two runs and tied a season high with 10 strikeouts to bounce back from a two-game skid in which he yielded 11 runs combined. The right-hander was 2-7 with the Chicago Cubs before an early july trade.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer and Donaldson had three hits after sitting out Sunday with a knee injury. Donaldson doubled twice for his first extra-base hits and RBIs in his last nine games.

Reddick’s 10th home run sailed into the seats in right field to push Oakland’s lead to 3-0 in the fourth.

Chris Carter hit an opposite-field, two-run homer in the eighth to pull the Astros within one, but the A’s added five runs in the ninth to extend the lead to 8-2.

Scott Feldman (7-10) allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings.

The Astros couldn’t string anything together against Samardzija through the first seven innings. They didn’t have more than one hit in an inning until the eighth, when Jose Altuve singled before Carter’s homer.

Houston reliever Tony Sipp, who had allowed just 10 walks in his previous 41 innings, walked all four batters he faced.
As Saint Mary’s continues to prepare for its upcoming season, Belles coach Michael Joyce said he is confident in the potential of his squad, which features both experienced veterans and an exciting class of incoming freshman.

After working to build fitness and chemistry throughout the preseason, the Belles have begun to focus on tactics as they get ready for their season opener against Bethel on Friday.

The Belles, who posted a 10-7-3 record last season, will return 17 players, including 11 who got significant playing time last season. Nine of the returners are seniors, including forward Kelly Wilson, who notched three goals and two assists for the Belles last season. Joyce also said he thinks highly of the group of six incoming freshmen on the team.

However, last year’s leading scorer, forward Rosie Biehl, is not returning for the 2014 season. Biehl, now a sophomore, scored a team-high eight goals in 2013.

Saint Mary’s will start the season with four games against non-conference opponents before kicking off a stretch of 16 MIAA games, beginning with Kalamazoo on Sept. 11. “Our conference opener at home against Kalamazoo will be important to set the tone for the season,” Joyce said. “The last four times we’ve played them, they’ve all been one-goal games that could have gone either way.”

The Belles began last season with two conference losses, which put them in a hole in the conference standings from which they never fully recovered. Joyce said he hopes his squad will be able to change that this year, putting particular importance on opening the season on the right foot.

“The conference is very competitive,” he said. “We’d love to start out well.”

The Belles missed the playoffs by a single game in 2013, finishing 8-5-3 in conference. Joyce said he was happy with the performance of his players but knows the team can improve on that record this season and build on their success.

“We had a good season last year and played great soccer all season but were left out of the playoffs by one win,” he said. “We’ll take a lot of positives from last year, but we’ve got lofty goals of keeping things tight in the back and giving up very few goals and putting more in the back of the net.”

After Kalamazoo, the Belles will quickly turn around and face Alma and Calvin, the MIAA runner-up and champion from last season, respectively. These two early match-ups may have a critical impact on the direction of the season, Joyce said. Within the following two-and-a-half weeks, the team will square off against Hope, Albion, Olivet, Adrian and Trine to wrap up the first round of conference play, before facing each conference opponent again.

MIAA games conclude with the conference tournament beginning on November 6, and Joyce sees that as the end goal for his team. “The top four [teams] make the playoffs and we expect to be there,” he said.

The Belles will open their season Friday against Bethel at Saint Mary’s.

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Irish expand team goals under new leadership

By GREG HADLEY
Associate Sports Editor

Their coach might have changed, but their goals have not. If anything, they have increased.

With the retirement of longtime coach Joe Piane this summer, Notre Dame will face its first season with a new coach in 39 years. But there are no plans for a rebuilding year, as the men return three and the women five of the seven runners who competed at the NCAA championships.

The men finished in 23rd place, while the women ended the race 29th out of 31 teams.

“[Making it back to the NCAA championship] is one of our main goals this year, and we definitely want to place better than we did last year,” junior Molly Seidel said. “We didn’t reach our goal of placing at nationals that we had last year, and I think that that reminder of not quite reaching that goal and doing not as well as we wanted to do is kind of a fire under the butt for this year to really give it everything that we have. We definitely have high expectations.”

Entering the season, the Irish are ranked seventh on the men’s side in the Great Lakes region, while the women are slotted in eighth, below their finish last year of third and fourth, respectively. Only the top two teams in each region earn automatic bids into the national championship, while the Irish advanced on at-large bids.

While last year’s NCAA championship was a disappointment, especially for the women, the ACC championship was a bright spot for both squads, with the men finishing in third and the women in fourth. Four Irish athletes earned all-ACC honors, including senior Hannah Eckstein, who will join Seidel as one of Notre Dame’s top returning runners. Repeating that success at this year’s conference championship has been an early focus of new head coach Alan Turner and distance coach Matt Sparks, Seidel said.

“We were just talking about [goals] with the team and coach Turner,” Seidel said. “He said that one of the biggest goals is to go in to ACCs hoping to place really well or even win it. ... I think if we work really hard and everyone stays healthy, then it’s a real possibility so hopefully we get some results from that.”

While Turner has already spent four years with the Irish program as an assistant and associate coach, his new position has brought some change to the teams.

“It’s been a little bit hectic these first few days,” Seidel said. “There’s been a lot of changes with [weight training] and the roster. ... [But Turner’s] been with the program for a while. He’s a great guy. I think it’s a great opportunity for the team. “He’s someone that people already know and trust, and I think that people are looking forward to having him in that position. One of the biggest changes in cross-country is the addition of ... coach Sparks, so we’re looking forward to get to know him a little.”

Last year’s varsity returners on the women’s side are Seidel, Eckstein, junior Sydni Meunier and seniors Emily Frydrych and Gabby Gonzales. The men return juniors Michael Clevenger and Timothy Ball and seniors Jake Kildoo and Christopher Quinn. While Notre Dame’s first meet of the fall season is Sept. 5 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind., the varsity squad will not race for another few weeks so the squad’s younger runners will get their first chance at collegiate racing.

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“The [Gleason] had a really good year last year,” Louderback said. “She made the NCAA (individual tournament). She’s matured a lot more and talented-wise, she is very talented. … She stayed out last year that, basically, she can play [first singles position] for us this year. I think she can make another jump.”

Although the bulk of last year’s matches were played by the underclassmen and graduated seniors, the Irish do have two experienced seniors this year who will play a key role this year. Molly O’Koniewski saw time on the doubles court last year, where she found success with Closs later in the season. Katherine White also played several doubles and single matches for the Irish last year as well. Louderback said that both seniors will compete for chances to play but that their contribution to the team will extend beyond the court.

“They have both been in and out of the doubles lineup,” Louderback said. “But I just think that the biggest thing with them is that their leadership is something we really need because we lost those three seniors, and we lost some very good leadership out of them.”

The Irish have three tournaments scheduled this fall, the first of which they will host on the final weekend of September. Louderback said these early-season classes are extremely important in helping determine the lineup for the spring, when team matches and ACC play begins.

“The fall is mainly for our kids to get matches in,” Louderback said. “We see who’s worked hard over the summer and who’s made jumps, and it really helps us come spring.”

Fall is also a key time for the Irish to try and piece together doubles pairings, something that was a thorn in their side all of last season, Louderback said.

Louderback also said that he expects Notre Dame’s path through the ACC to be even tougher this season.

“Everyone just seems to have reloaded,” Louderback said. “There were a couple programs that are usually very strong that had down years, but who have reloaded and are going to be tough this year.”

With that in mind, the Irish will begin their 2014-2015 season when they host their first tournament of the year Sept. 26-28 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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MEN’S GOLF

Kubinski has ‘great faith’ in squad, new leaders

By MIKE GINOCCHIO Sports Writer

After a season that ended with the team finishing seventh in its inaugural ACC championship and one golfer competing at the NCAA regionals, Notre Dame returns to the fairways looking to build on the previous year’s success.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said he is optimistic for the upcoming fall.

“Our main goal though is always to see our players improving throughout the season,” Kubinski said. “We’ve been successful this way, in both years, we’ve made an NCAA run and in years when we missed out on NCAAs. It’s a process and this is where our focus is and should be.”

There is a hole to be replaced in the Irish lineup, as former team member Niall Platt graduated last year. Platt was one of two Irish golfers to be named to the 2014 All-ACC Academic team. In addition to being the only Notre Dame competitor to qualify for the NCAA Sugar Grove Regionals last season, where he placed 34th.

Kubinski said he is not too worried about replacing the lost talent.

“I see several players with the ability to step up and enjoy success this year, including our incoming freshmen,” Kubinski said. “I don’t see any obvious weakness at this point. I think we’ll be looking for leadership. We don’t have a single player who has been a regular lineup contributor over multiple seasons. Yet, I don’t think that fact is a huge concern. I have great faith leaders will emerge.”

Senior Patrick Grabek said he has a clear idea of how he and others will replace Platt’s presence.

“The other upperclassmen and I will lead by example,” Grabek said. “We will work to bring together a really cohesive team to align ourselves to make it to the postseason, so if we can come together on and off the course to make a good team environment, that will be a huge factor for our success.”

That’s not to say that everything will be a smooth transition, Grabek said.

“Our biggest challenge as a team will be finding the right mix for players to fill out our lineup,” Grabek said. “We have a diverse group of guys in terms of class year. We are heavy upperclassmen-wise, but we have a lot of underclassmen talent, so finding the right team mixture will be a challenge, but once we secure that, we will be able to build from there.”

The first action for the Irish begins with the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge, hosted at Warren Golf Course. Kubinski said he looks forward to the experience it should bring.

“The fall season counts the same as the spring, so a solid start is our expectation,” Kubinski said. “The initial competition, the 36-hole day on August 31, is something we’ve not hosted before but is designed to get us out and acclimated to the 10-hour competition day before we head out on the road for multiple 36-hole days this fall. Playing at home early is a great place to get our guys tested and ready.”

The Irish began fall play with the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Aug. 31 at Warren Golf Course.

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Boston ends losing streak

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TORONTO — Vernon Wells had the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox survived a ninth-inning collapse to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Monday night, snapping their losing streak at eight games.

Cespedes has 19 RBIs in 22 games since being traded to Boston on July 31. Seven of those 19 RBIs have given the Red Sox a lead.

Brock Holt hit a one-out single off Aaron Sanchez (2-1) in the 10th and stole second as Dustin Pedroia struck out, with the steal confirmed by video review. Holt stole third before Cespedes drove him in with a single up the middle.

Boston won for the first time since August 36 against Houston and snapped a six-game skid against the stumbling Blue Jays, who dropped to 6-15 in August.

Koji Uehara (6-4) got the win despite blowing his fourth save in 30 chances, and Craig Breslow finished for his first save in two chances.

Toronto manager John Gibbons was pleased with his team’s effort, despite being held by Blue Jays closer Junichi Tazawa. Toronto has scored just 13 runs in its last 10 games.

The Red Sox have hit 12 home runs at Rogers Centre this season, their highest total at any road stadium.

Both homers came off Blue Jays left-hander J.A. Happ, who allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Boston won despite being out-hit 13-12 by the Blue Jays, and despite giving up the first hit of the inning.

Jays manager John Gibbons said his team will be able to return Tuesday.
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from ten yards into the top left corner for a 2-0 Irish lead.

“Like in the 60th minute to save a sub for all of his players,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We played pretty well up until we got the second goal, then I thought we kind of just stopped for a while in the first half.”

Notre Dame controlled the game for most of the first half, keeping most of the play in Wisconsin territory, although the visitors made a push right before halftime. The Irish finished the period with eight shots, while the Badgers registered their first shot of the game in the 38th minute yet totaled four for the half.

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this year, it’s been a different back four,” Romagnolo said. “We’re still trying to figure out who’s going to play on our scalps. … We’ll be ready. We’ll be prepared also.”

Notre Dame would add a tally in the 85th minute when freshman midfielder Jon Gallagher scored from distance. Wisconsin would answer in the same minute with a goal by freshman forward Christopher Mueller for the Badgers’ lone score.

Notre Dame finished the exhibition season 1-0-2 after ties with Saint Louis and Bradley earlier in August. Looking ahead, the start of the regular season is this weekend for the Irish, and they jump right into the thick of things.

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next for the Notre Dame Invitational against No. 17 Texas Tech on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Irish senior defender Luke Mishu elevates over a Badger forward to head the ball in No. 1 Notre Dame’s 5-1 win against No. 21 Wisconsin on Monday at Alumni Stadium. Mishu played 59 minutes in the team’s final exhibition match of the season.

This is one of the hardest starts we’ve ever had,” Clark said. “We play two top-12 teams in Marquette and Georgetown. They know we’re number one in the country and they’ll want our scalps. … We’ll be ready. We’ll be prepared also.”

The Irish take the field
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Emotional upset and anger will not solve any personal problem that arises. Take the quiet, observant approach and document anything that is bothering you. Impulse will lead to a no-win situation and potential loss. Bide your time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Make plans to get together with friends, or delve into a hobby or activity that brings out your best. Make travel plans or sign up for a conference or course that will enlighten you. Expand your interests and meet new friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't make a move because you are uncertain about your current direction. Know exactly what you want to do and where you want to go before you initiate any plans. Put thoughts on paper and research the possibilities.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Lighten up and let your imagination take you on a journey. Look at the possibilities and discover what's available to you. Changing the way you live or where will revitalize you. Initiate love and romance. Your numbers are 9, 16, 23, 26, 37, 41, 45.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Do your best to please those who are counting on you. Added responsibilities are likely. Handle whatever you are given swiftly and you will gain control and respect. Once you are in the driver's seat, you can make the changes you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Last-minute changes will take you by surprise. Stay on top of any joint investments. Don't let an emotional relationship cost you. Love is in the stars, but that doesn't mean you have to spend in order to gain someone's attention.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ease into whatever you do. Expect to face opposition. Look for ways to appease everyone you have to deal with without compromising your own position. An unusual approach to problem-solving will give you the edge you need to excel.

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Whatever you do, don't slow down when there is so much to do in order to reach your destination. Concentrate on what's important and refuse to let anyone push you off course. The changes you enforce will help to stabilize your life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You are intelligent, intuitive and articulate. You are determined and willful.
Picking up where they left off

Defending-champion Irish best No. 21 Wisconsin in final exhibition match

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In a rematch of last year’s second-round playoff game, as No. 1 Notre Dame defeated No. 20 Wisconsin by a score of 5-1 in its final exhibition match of season. The Irish won last season’s play-off game 4-0 in route to the program’s first-ever national championship.

Notre Dame picked up where it left off last year in the sixth minute, as graduate student Leon Brown found a loose ball just outside the six-yard box and slammed it into the back of the net off Wisconsin freshman goalkeeper Adrian Remeniuk.

“[Senior] Vince Cicciarelli took it down the left side, and I kind of made a run in and tried to get a touch in behind the defender,” Brown said. “The ball kind of hit him and I got a shot off and it deflect-ed and went in. It was a good start to the game.”

Brown, who scored five goals last season for Notre Dame, would also hit the bar in the 23rd minute, leading to a mad scramble in the six-yard box before the ball harmlessly rolled over the end line.

There were questions entering the year about who would replace the offense of last year’s leading scorer, the graduated Harrison Shipp, but Brown thought Notre Dame’s performance tonight would help answer them.

 “[The exhibition season] started off slow with the [0-0] Saint Louis and [2-2] Bradley ties,” Brown said. “The guys have been working hard in practice on our finishing and our attacking plays. It was good to see it come out here, especially with a couple big tests coming up here this weekend.”

The Irish would strike again in the 29th minute, when senior defenseeman Max Lachowecki fed a pass from the edge of the penalty box to junior midfielder Patrick Hodan, who chipped a shot

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Irish junior midfielder Patrick Hodan dribbles between two Wisconsin players in Monday’s 5-1 win over No. 21 Wisconsin. Hodan tallied a goal in the 29th minute and an assist in the match’s 49th minute.

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Two victories highlight Romagnolo’s first weekend

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After 15 years under the command of coach Randy Waldrum, No. 16 Notre Dame entered 2014 with a new coach, a sizable freshman class and plenty of question marks. Two games into the season, however, the Irish are unbeaten after a 3-1 road win against Illinois on Friday and a 3-0 home shutout Sunday against Oakland.

“Overall, I was very pleased with the effort we put on the field,” new Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo said. “We had a good crowd [against Oakland], and the girls were excited.”

In the two wins, the Irish (2-0-0) have allowed just two shots on goal and four corner kicks. Sophomore goalkeeper Kaela Little was forced to make only one save in both games combined, despite several lineup changes in her defensive front.

“In every game we’ve played

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

ND starts season with new leaders

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Notre Dame enters the 2014 fall season having lost three of its top players to gradu-ation in Britney Sanders, Jennifer Kellner and Julie Sabacinski. However, Irish coach Jay Louderback said he feels good about where his team left off and where they are going.

“I felt really good about the end of last year,” Louderback said. “We had a great NCAA tournament. Our seniors played really well at the end of the year and did an outstanding job.”

The Irish reached the Round of 16 in the NCAA tournament, upsetting re-gional host Northwestern before falling in a tight match to Alabama in Athens, Ga. Looking to build off of the strong finish to last year, the Irish have a little momentum heading into this season.

“Replacing [last year’s se-niors] isn’t going to be easy, but we have a lot back,” Louderback said. “We have five of our top seven girls returning and then added two very good freshmen.”

Those freshmen, Brooke Broda and Allison Miller, are both top-20 recruits and will help fill the void left by the three seniors, as well as sophomores Mary Closs and Monica Robinson, who were both regulars for the Irish last year, Louderback said.

“[Broda and Miller] are both left-handed players, who are always hard to play in doubles, so we’ll have three on the team which is good,” Louderback said. “They are a lot like how [Robinson and Closs] came in last year as freshmen and I think these two will rival those two and compete for playing time.”

Junior Julie Vrabel was a mainstay for the Irish singles lineup and fellow junior Quinn Gleason, last year’s Midwest Player to Watch, is set to anchor the first position in singles play as well as provide experience for the Irish doubles squad.