Construction to force Commencement indoors

Commencement ceremony to take place in the Purcell Pavilion due to construction on stadium

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

As a result of construction on Notre Dame Stadium related to the Campus Crossroads Project, the 2013 University Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center (JACC). University Registrar Chuck Hurley said in an email to the student body Thursday: “After five years in Notre Dame Stadium, the ceremony will return temporarily to the location that was used from 1969 to 2009. The 18 diploma ceremonies that take place on commencement weekend will continue at their current times and locations,” the email stated. “An Ad Hoc Commencement Ceremony Committee led by the Office of the Registrar and composed of students, faculty and staff was formed last spring to explore site alternatives for Notre Dame’s commencement exercises in light of the Crossroads project. After considering several locations, the committee recommended moving the May University Commencement Ceremony back to Purcell Pavilion while Crossroads is under construction.”

The email also stated the Commencement ceremony will be a ticketed event with limited seating. Senior Stephanie Wachs said the venue change disappointed her because of Purcell Pavilion’s smaller capacity. “For me, I could care less what the venue is,” she said. “I don’t care that it’s not in the stadium, I just care that we won’t have the capacity of the stadium. I am pretty sure each student will get two tickets, and that means my sister won’t be able to see me graduate, which makes me extremely sad. Yes, she’ll be able to see me get my diploma, but that will be with about forty other kids in a room in Hayes-Healy. No President’s address, no Valedictorian speech, or Commencement speaker. She won’t get to see most of the things that make graduation graduation, and that’s really disappointing.”

There was no limit on tickets when the Commencement ceremony was held in Notre Dame Stadium. Purcell Pavilion seats 9,149, and Notre Dame conferred 2,269 diplomas in May 2014, meaning each student could be allotted up to four tickets only if no seats in the arena are assigned to graduates, faculty or administrators.

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Stadium project to begin in Nov.

Observer Staff Report

The Campus Crossroads Project, the University’s $400-million plan to renovate Notre Dame Stadium to include classrooms, a new student center and other facilities, will commence after the final home football game in November, the University announced in a press release Thursday.

The University unveiled the plan earlier this year with hopes of starting construction in November. “We announced this project in January with the hope – though not necessarily the expectation – that we could begin in November,” Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins said in the press release. “Thanks to the tireless work of many, plans have been finalized and funds have been raised so that we can, indeed, commence

Students recognized for STEM work

By KATHRYN MARSHALL
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College seniors Mary Kate Hussey and Kate Bussey earned recognition from The Huffington Post for their STEM-related work this summer. Hussey took part in an internship at General Electric Aviation in Massachusetts while Bussey spent time at Saint Mary’s working under chemistry professor Kayode Oshin.

Bussey, who worked as a teacher’s assistant for Oshin her sophomore year, said Oshin asked her to join his research team after a conversation about looking for summer lab opportunities. The 10-week summer project involved synthesizing catalysts for atom transfer radical addition reactions, she said. “[Oshin] had very high expectations for us,” Bussey said. “I remember the first day we sat there during our initial
QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your score prediction for Saturday?

Liam O’Connor
Junior
Morrissey Hall
“31-10 ND.”

Morgan Hallas
Senior
Dillon Hall
“42-7 ND.”

Genaro Andazola
Senior
Dillon Hall
“35-15 ND.”

Matthew Lee
Senior
Dillon Hall
“42-7 ND.”

Hansel Weihs
Senior
Dillon Hall
“13-37 ND.”

Milan Ceppi
Freshman
Welsh Family Hall
“No idea.”

Students exercise together on the quad during a fitness event led by Under Armour trainer Natalie Uhling. The event was part of RecSports’ “Try It, You’ll Like It” week, which gives students the opportunity to sample the various fitness classes Notre Dame offers.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

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

Notre Dame Football
Notre Dame Stadium
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
First season game versus USC.

Mass at the Basilica
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 a.m.
Music by ND Folk Choir.

Sunday

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Women’s Soccer
Alumni Stadium
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame versus USC.

Monday

National Holiday:
Labor Day
Campus-Wide
All Day
Classes are in session.

Sacramental Preparation Info
Session
Coleman-Morse
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Designed for interested students.

Tuesday

Film: “Hearts of the World”
DPAC
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free for students.

Activities Night 2014
Joyce Center
Fieldhouse
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Information on various clubs on campus.

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In the Aug. 28 edition of the Observer in the story “Professor joins White House council,” the two pull quotes were mistranscribed. The first quote is from Kevin Rinze. The second quote was from William Evans. The Observer regrets this error.

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The Shirt Project celebrates 25 years

By WEI LIN
News Writer

The Shirt Project, founded by alumnus Brennan Harvath in the spring of 1990, is celebrating its 25th year with a new design, unique festivities and a Notre Dame Marching Band tribute.

The Shirt Project is a student-run organization that creates the t-shirt worn by the Notre Dame student section at home football games, as well as by a myriad of fans and alumni.

President of The Shirt Project, senior John Wetzel, said almost every student wears The Shirt to all Notre Dame football games, uniting the entire student body in a single color. According to The Shirt’s webpage, “The Shirt can be seen as a common thread uniting not only the students, but all fans in one solid color. A sea of same-colored Shirts gives the opposing team a ‘twelfth man’ to fear.”

Wetzel said the project, which started as a way to raise money for Notre Dame’s annual spring festival, Antitodal, now funds the Student Union Endowment, the Rector Fund and The Shirt Charity Fund.

Past Shirts have used different shades of green and blue combined 23 times, while there have been only two gold shirts, Wetzel said.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary, The Shirt committee made several changes to this year’s design. This year’s Shirt featuring a new blend of fabric, 60 percent cotton and 40 percent polyester, giving it a heathered look of a “blue-grey October Sky,” according to The Shirt’s webpage.

Wetzel said the 25th-anniversary celebration will include several unique events this weekend, including a tribute from the Notre Dame band.

“Our sales are doing great this year, but we always need all the support we can get from the community,” Wetzel said.

“The significance of the 25-year history of The Shirt is the story of a charity program that has grown and thrived because of the community here at the University of Notre Dame,” he said. "Other universities have tried to emulate our program, but none have had nearly close to the amount of success as we have had, and I believe it can be attributed to the community here at the University of Notre Dame. Over the past 25 years, many students and advisers have worked tirelessly to ensure that success and growth year after year.”

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“The Shirt committee has invited back all previous presidents and advisers of The Shirt [back to] campus for special reception,” he said. “We will also be speaking at the Football Friday luncheon, where we will debut our new history celebratory video, and we will be honored at the pep rally, where all attending previous presidents will be wearing The Shirt from their year on stage. In addition, all 32oz. cups in the stadium will feature the design of The Shirt, and the Notre Dame Marching Band will be doing a special tribute before going into its scheduled halftime show.”

Beyond the success of The Shirt, Wetzel said working on the committee has been a highlight of his Notre Dame experience.

“Serving as a member of The Shirt [planning] committee is an extreme privilege,” Wetzel said. “I’m lucky to be surrounded by great group of hard-working students who spend tons of time creating a product that will fund all the wonderful things the rest of the University’s students are able to do. It’s extremely gratifying not only to see the product of your work worn by students all over campus but to see what those students are able to achieve in their clubs and organizations with the money that product raised.”

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University criticizes concessions CEO

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame publicly criticized Des Hague, CEO of Centerplate, a sports catering company that supplies concessions for Irish sporting events, for allegedly abusing a dog in an elevator in Vancouver, Canada.

“We find the actions of Centerplate’s CEO to be deplorable and will closely monitor this matter as the company conducts its internal review,” University spokesman Dennis Brown said in a statement Tuesday, according to a WSBT report.

A viral video that surfaced last week depicted a man dragging and kicking a Doberman puppy. According to a statement made through his attorney and published Monday by Fortune, Hague apologized for the incident, which was “completely and utterly out of character.”

“I am ashamed and deeply embarrassed,” he said. “...a minor frustration with a friend’s pet caused me to lose control of my emotional response ... I would like to extend my apology to my family, company and clients, as I understand that this has also reflected negatively on them.”

Centerplate has supplied concessions at Notre Dame since 2011 and currently covers all on-campus sporting events, according to a WSBT report.

“We’re continuing to monitor the company’s response and await to see what authorities in Vancouver report before commenting further,” University spokesman Paul Browne said in a statement.

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Anonymous grant expands Haiti salt program

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

In spring 2014, Notre Dame’s Haiti Program, whose purpose is to fight neglected tropical diseases, received a $375,000 grant from an anonymous donor to support the growth of its salt program, which will create the largest growth in the program’s history, according to a press release.

Earl Carter, managing director of the Haiti Program, said the grant is from a long-time supporter of the Haiti Program.

The money will be used to expand the salt program, which produces salt that will also serve as a drug to fight disease.

“The Notre Dame Haiti Program, working through several local organizations in Haiti, provides the nation’s first supply of purified, iodized salt that is also fortified with a drug that kills the mosquito-borne parasite which causes lymphatic filariasis (LF), or elephantiasis,” Carter said.

Carter said the salt program has had two major advances in the past year.

“We entered into a partnership with Carribex, S.A., the nation’s largest producer and distributor of branded food products, which distributes to approximately 99 percent of food outlets in Haiti,” Carter said. “And because of the significant increase in potential demand for this important product, we have procured new facilities, and are in the process of outfitting them so that we can increase our salt fortification capability by almost an order of magnitude over that of the recent past. We currently produce over 40 metric tons of purified, iodized salt per month.”

Carter said this salt production helps Haitians in a number of different ways, particularly through its disease-fighting capabilities.

“The purified, iodized salt improves intellectual capability of the population, and it also acts to eliminate the dreaded, disfiguring disease lymphatic filariasis,” he said. “The new processing capacity and capabilities will also provide a new market outlet for Haitian raw salt producers, a positive factor for the local economy.”

Carter said the Haiti Program is immensely thankful for the donation and for the support of the entire Notre Dame community.

“We are deeply grateful for the sustained support of this benefactor, and other supporters of our Program,” he said.

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SMC sponsors summer camp for local students

By ALEX WINEGAR
News Writer

‘The Status of Girls of Indiana,’ a report published by Saint Mary’s College in Sept. 2013, found that female students in the state of Indiana fall behind boys in SAT, ACT and AP testing in math and science classes. In order to combat this trend, Saint Mary’s chemistry students sponsored an educational summer camp for Elkhart elementary school students, senior Dana Marquez said.

Each grade in the camp ran a different science experiment to make their own polymer, slime, Marquez said.

“We had them mix polyvinyl alcohol and borax, a common experiment to do at home, and they added their own food coloring to it,” Marquez said. “At the end they had a gooey product. It was really neat to instruct them on what to do and to observe them as they did it. It reminded me how different perspectives, especially for kids, can affect the way we view science.”

Marquez said it was empowering to know that the students were curious and wanted to learn more about the polymers. She said she strongly believes showing younger children the physical aspect of science allows them to relate it to their current interests.

“Experiences like those push us more to understand why it is important to always be willing to be mentors,” Marquez said.

Marquez said she believes younger children are much more curious than adults, which helped make their experiments engaging to the elementary school students.

“Their curiosity and the fact that at their age science isn’t intimidating makes me believe that if we maintain that attitude as they get older and learn more difficult concepts, they’d be much more interested in pursuing it as a career,” Marquez said.

Marquez said there was equal participation among boys and girls, but their attitudes were generally different.

“I’ve noticed that girls are much more meticulous and careful overall when running an experiment,” Marquez said. “They usually want to do it the right way the first time and want to make sure that they ask the right questions. Usually that’s why you assume they’re the quietest, but in reality they’re just trying to best articulate their curiosity.”

Saint Mary’s Affiliate of the American Chemical Society’s (SMAACS) goal is to increase participation of students and the community in extra curricular chemistry events, SMAACS president senior Katherine Bussey said.

“It is my hope and passion to ignite an interest in each child we work with, so that they will pursue further education in math and science fields,” Bussey said.

In regards to the ‘Status of Girls’ report, Bussey said she believes the math and science test gap between boys and girls is an issue that needs to be addressed.

“I believe that by encouraging girls to participate in math and science activities early on, we can boost their confidence so that later on in their education they do not think twice about choosing a field that is ‘traditionally male,’” Bussey said. “Women are just as capable of engineering the next International Space Station, developing the next Mandelbrot set, understanding Black-body radiation, or curing cancer.”

Saint Mary’s also held a forensic camp on campus this summer with the similar goal of exposing young students to different aspects of science.

The Forensic Science Camp, part of the Saint Mary’s College summer academic program, introduces young women in grades 8-12 to the college experience, assistant director of special events Lisa Peppers said. The camp used fun activities to instill a scientific mindset in the young students.

“After gathering evidence at a staged crime scene, Forensic Science campers, working in Saint Mary’s College labs, use biology, chemistry, mathematics, and deductive reasoning to solve the crime and find the culprit,” Peppers said. Peppers said the goal is to encourage the mathematic and scientific interests in young women.

“In addition, we hope our summer camp helps female students improve their test scores in both math and science.”

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was not made by football players alone or by the students alone, a testament to how united Notre Dame can be as a student body," Irish sophomore receiver Corey Robinson said. "The Alma Mater is as an anchor. It's a symbol of our families and our community, and while it's been a lot of division amongst us, I think it's a very unique experience.

"It was not an established tradition, which is why I'm not bothered by it, that we're not having it [in the stadium]." Farley said. "It's only been for like the last five years, so I was bummed out or kind of disappointed by it when it was first announced but I'm fine as long as I have family, and community within the university as a whole."

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welcome, with him telling us what we were going to be doing, and we were all kind of overwhelmed, obviously, with achieving the goal in the time we had was very rewarding.”

The research team, which included chemistry professor Jennifer McGlone and Jennifer Connell, usually worked seven-on-hour days on complex material, Bussey said. She said tasks such as measuring the activation energy rate of each catalyst were hard to accomplish with common instrumentation and often required calculations or time in Notre Dame labs.

Despite some frustrations, such as trouble syncing ligands and reactions not going properly, Bussey said problem solving was a key part of the learning process.

“Just trying to not get frustrated would be a great momentum and staying encouraged to try the next thing was important,” she said. “That’s what research is. It’s not supposed to work the first time.”

Bussey, a chemistry major and math minor, intends to use the research as part of her senior comprehensive presentation. She said she would like to get her master’s in education and teach high school chemistry. The research project in which she participated was funded by the Marjorie A. Neuhoff Summer Science Research Community.

Mary Kate Hussey also had an enriching 11-week summer internship at a General Electric Plant in Lynn, Mass. with the Environmental Health and Safety department. She said Hussey was able to tour GE sites and learn skills that related to her chemical engineering major.

“This is a manufacturing site and one of the few places where you can see a jet engine start as a sheet of metal and end when it is assembled, test-fired, and shipped to the consumer,” Hussey said. “The sky was the limit at this site, you could learn as little or as much as you wanted about the process.”

The internship arose after talking to a General Electric Aviation representative during a career fair at Notre Dame, she said. Hussey worked with about 100 fellow interns and plans to apply lessons learned in the near future, she said.

“[Working in the industry] is definitely the sort of work I can see myself doing after college, she said, “I have always had a passion for the environment and working for a company like GE.”

As a member of the varsity soccer team at Saint Mary’s, and after experience working as a teacher’s assistant in an organic chemistry lab, Hussey said she feels the College has helped her develop time management, determination and leadership qualities. She also encouraged fellow students to also seek out their passions.

“Experience comes from putting yourself out there and networking,” she said. “One of the most important qualities that a company like GE looks for in their employees is if they are well-rounded. Of course your GPA is important, but personality and involvement is almost more important … it is ok to do your best and spend some time bettering yourself in other ways.”

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### Construction (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

construction on facilities that will entice and inspire every member of our campus community for decades to come.”

Work on the east and west sides of the stadium will begin after the Nov. 22 game against Louisville, the press release said. The entire campus will begin construction for the new building on the south side of the stadium in Nov. 2015, the press release said. The entire Campus Crossroads Project, which totals 800,000 square feet, will be completed by Aug. 2017.

The building on the east side of the stadium will include classrooms, offices and labs for the anthropology and psychology departments, as well as a digital media center. The west building will include student facilities, including a student center, meeting rooms and recreational spaces. The tops of both nine-floor buildings will hold student apartments, and the entire crossroads project, which will help pay for the project.

The department of music and dance and Saint Mary’s Music Center at Notre Dame will eventually move to the six-story south building.

The press release said all the trees removed from around the stadium for construction will be replanted in other areas on campus, including the Cedar Grove Cemetery and the nine-hole Notre Dame Golf Course. Upon completion of the project, the University will replant trees surrounding the stadium.

### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama tamped down the prospect of imminent U.S. military action in Syria on Thursday, saying “we don’t have a strategy yet” for degrading the violent militant group, “because they may be able to establish a caliphate in the Middle East.

The president spoke shortly before convening a meeting of his national security advisers to discuss the Islamic State group. The U.S. is already striking militant targets in Iraq and administration officials have said the president was considering similar action in neighboring Syria.

Obama’s decision to speak on the eve of Thursday’s apparent aimed at clarifying the speed with which he planned to decide on expanding his military response. While some officials have indicated the process would be fast-moving, the president suggested it will take a longer timeframe Thursday.

“We don’t have a strategy yet,” the president said. “I think we have said just my assessment, but the assessment of our military, as well. We need to make sure that we’ve got a course that we’re developing them.”

The statement appeared certain to open up Obama to criticism from Republicans who have complained for months that the president lacks a strategy for confronting militants in Iraq and Syria. White House officials quickly sought to clean up the misimpression, insisting that he was only talking about a lack of a clear military strategy in Syria, not a more wide-ranging approach to degrading the Islamic State.

But Obama’s critics said it was both shocking and concerning to hear the president equivocate. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said the lack of urgency demonstrated that Obama still doesn’t understand the extent of the threat posed by the Islamic State.

“It just confirmed what we’ve been talking about really for almost two years: lack of a real strategy,” Rogers said.

Obama outlined the beginning of what he called a “rebalancing” of the war involving other nations and focus on political as well as military solutions. In blunt terms, the president suggested it was time for Middle Eastern nations to “stop being ambivalent” about the goals of some groups like the Islamic State.

“They have no ideology beyond violence and chaos and the slaughter of innocent people,” Obama said, alluding to the group’s announcement last week that it had killed American journalist James Foley. The militants also have threatened to kill other U.S. hostages in Syria.

The president said he was dispatching Secretary of State John Kerry to the Middle East soon to discuss the matter with regional partners. Obama will also meet with world leaders in Europe next week during a NATO summit.

The heightened threat from the Islamic State comes at a time of instability elsewhere in the world that has challenged Obama’s desire to keep the U.S. out of military conflicts. Russia has escalated its threatening moves in Ukraine, with Ukrainian officials accusing Russia on Thursday of entering its territory with tanks, artillery and troops.

Despite the increased tensions, Obama ruled out any military options in Ukraine and proposed no shift in an American-led strategy that has yet to convince Moscow to halt operations against its far weaker neighbor.

In outlining his strategy for confronting the Islamic State, the president said his top priority remains rolling back the militants’ gains in Iraq, where he has said they pose a threat to U.S. personnel in Erbil and Baghdad.

“Our focus right now is to protect American personnel on the ground in Iraq, to protect our embassy, to protect our consulates, to make sure that critical infrastructure that could adversely affect our personnel is protected,” he said.

Some of Obama’s top military advisers have said the Islamic State cannot be defeated unless the U.S. also goes after the government it rules Syria. The president didn’t rule out that possibility, but said that if he were to expand the military mission, he would consult with members of Congress, who are due to return to Washington in early September.

However, the president did not commit to seeking a vote from Congress if he were to decide to proceed with military action. One year ago, Obama was on the verge of taking strikes against the Syrian government it retaliation for its use of chemical weapons, but abruptly shifted course and decided to seek congressional approval.

The surprise move threw his policy into chaos. Congress balked at Obama’s request for a vote, contributing to his decision to ultimately scrap the strikes. The White House said it also abandoned plans to take military action after Syria agreed to give up its chemical weapons stockpiles.

This time, with the midterm elections just over two months away, lawmakers may be even less inclined to take a politically risky vote on military action.

“I see no reason to come to Congress because, if he does, it’ll just become a circus,” Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., said this week.

Senior Mary Kate Hussey interned at a General Electric Plant in Lynn, Mass. over the summer.
What’s love got to do with it?

Scott Boyle
The Sincere Seeker

I recently attended the wedding of a friend from Notre Dame. Being there reminded me of a great feeling: that feeling you get when your favorite song comes on the radio or your iPod and it gets you amped and transports you to a different place.

You might also be familiar with what I call, “The Look.” It usually only takes a couple of bars of music to materialize, but it’s that moment where you realize that there is someone else in the room who gets your excitement. It’s the moment where it becomes clear there’s somebody else (usually a friend) who shares the understanding that next few minutes will register nothing short of “awesome” on the enjoyment Richter scale.

And so, you look at that friend and he/she looks back and you. In that moment, no words need to be spoken. It’s a mutual experience of understanding. You know what’s going to happen. You know both of you are going to sing at the top of your lungs and do the same “awesome” dance moves you’ve always done. And you know that you will look like a fool. But you’re okay with it. They’re the moves you’ve always done together, and it just wouldn’t make sense to do them any other way.

Although I don’t remember hearing it at the wedding, my song is Tina Turner’s “What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

I’ve given “The Look” and flailed my arms and legs foolishly countless times during this song. But while I love what comes over me during this song, I actually just really love the question: What DOES love have to do with it? With anything?

I’ve realized countless times that I really needed to wrestle with this question at certain points in my life. I’ve wrestled to overcome the lie that love did not have anything to do with my life, or that I had to do something to earn it. And those were the times I always seemed to hear the song.

Slowly but surely I’ve come to realize that each “hearing” of the song gave me the opportunities to see the truth of the question’s answer -- that love really has EVERYTHING to do with it.

I started really wrestling with Tina’s question at my high school dances, realizing that my search for love need not go far. I found love through the lives of my closest friends who showed me what unconditional love looked like, from the setting of a stage. We learned to support one another through four years of dropped lines and missed cues. The scripts revealed our vulnerabilities, our weaknesses and our insecurities, but we picked each other up anyway.

And at Notre Dame, I wrestled with Tina’s question in the Dome, in tents, in LaFortune and at the Backer. Although the “stage” was different, I realized again that my search for love needn’t lead me far. There, surrounded by those I had travelled with, sang with, studied with and goofed off with, I saw the ever present truth of a love that I had so continually struggled to see. Here again was the answer to Tina’s question, in the faces and hands of the people who saw me dance like a fool, but who, at the end of the night, still loved me anyway.

Yes, love has everything to do with it. Love had sustained me in the tough moments and given me joy in the good ones. And it continues to do so. Without the love of my high school and college friends, I wouldn’t know who Scott Boyle was.

Dumbledore’s words to Harry in “Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone” I think capture it well:

“Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, is love. He didn’t realize that love is as powerful as any other force in the world. Love is of a piece with everything else, there is nothing you own, you are no more, but it’s that moment where you realize that there is someone else in the room who gets your excitement. It’s the moment where it becomes clear there’s somebody else (usually a friend) who shares the understanding that next few minutes will register nothing short of “awesome” on the enjoyment Richter scale. And so, you look at that friend and he/she looks back and you. In that moment, no words need to be spoken. It’s a mutual experience of understanding. You know what’s going to happen. You know both of you are going to sing at the top of your lungs and do the same “awesome” dance moves you’ve always done. And you know that you will look like a fool. But you’re okay with it. They’re the moves you’ve always done together, and it just wouldn’t make sense to do them any other way.

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“Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, is love. He didn’t realize that love is as powerful as your mother’s for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, not a visible sign... but to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever.”

And he continues in “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”: “Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.” Perhaps we can make this a year of looking for love’s light.

So, listen to music. Dance. Give “The Look.” Act like a fool sometimes. I’d venture to guess that those moments (and the people in them) will be the “visible marks” that remind us of a great truth: there was a person whose love did to save us, and make us who we are. Together, let’s be the living answers to Tina’s question, reminding everyone that God’s love, which lives in people, really does have everything to do with it.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
One crucial part of syllabus week is learning the nuances of your new professors: how strict are the word counts for the papers? Do I need to buy this textbook? Do they lecture the whole time or is it a discussion-based class? One of the more frustrating elements of the syllabi this semester is that the grading scheme and mechanism professors have devised seem to be more and more regulatory and elaborate.

As an example, in one of my courses, participation points are given based on a sticky note system in which each comment (regardless of the quality of the contribution toward the larger discussion) earns the student one sticky note that is equal to a participation point.

In another course, participation points are distributed by cold calling students who claim to be “present and prepared” for class that day by drawing popsicle sticks with students’ names on them. In yet another course, discussion questions must be answered and turned in at the beginning of every class period to ensure that students are doing the readings.

In yet another course, the professor requires a copy of the death certificate or the obituary of the deceased for him to grant an excused absence for a funeral. In almost all of my courses, professors strictly forbid laptops because they find that students become distracted.

These are only a few examples of the rigorous oversight that is infiltrating Notre Dame’s classrooms. I understand that these rules exist to eliminate grading ambiguity and to discourage students who will take advantage of the system. However, we have now reached a level of over-regulation that has created a serious level of distrust between professors and students, as well as plenty of busy work.

How can our school claim to be a premier educational institution when the classroom environment is in this state? We as students are here to learn and to gain critical skills that, especially for graduating seniors, will translate into various vocations. Please, professors, put away the popsicle sticks and the sticky notes and get back to the real purpose of education: fostering dialogue in classrooms and guiding critical discussions around a particular topic to create lifelong learners who will leave this place and contribute to the world in a meaningful way.

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 Together in the Alma Mater

We, Notre Dame Student Government and the Unity Council of the Notre Dame Football Team, have met to discuss the Alma Mater policy for home games. After a few weeks of correspondence and recognition of the discussion at hand, we came together to bridge the sentiments of our undergraduate student fans and our student athletes.

As a community, both sides of the table understood the significance of singing the Alma Mater to our school and our respect for one another. The football team greatly appreciates the unwavering support from students. Our brothers have explicitly stated that the focus is not on them but on us, as unified students of a great university.

We also each recognized some of the challenges associated with guaranteeing that the team stay on the field even after a very tough loss. We spoke in detail about these concerns, concerns that ranged from a feeling of embarrassment in letting the student fans down, to the few previous instances of players being booed off of the field. Our brothers, our football team, have chosen to remain after every home game, win or lose, to stand and sing the Alma Mater as one student body, united in mission and heart.

Students, we must choose to treat each player with the same respect. We must work to support our team even when the games are challenging or if there is a disappointing outcome.

In Notre Dame,

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Senior Football Captain

Cam McDaniel
Senior Football Captain

Sheldon Day
Junior Football Captain

The Alma Mater is a wonderful song praising Our Lady who unites all of us under one glorious banner: the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. We come together and ask that each of you understand our university’s values and our emphasis on treating one another with respect in the classroom, and everywhere on this campus. Now we ask that you carry our love for one another onto the football field and into the stands, as well. Together we will make this a great season and together we will win. Let us be tender, strong and true to our mission, as peers, supporters, fans and players.

In Notre Dame,
Hidden away on Eddy Street, past Chipotle, Five Guys and the Robinson Center, lies a secret gem from Central America: Girasol. Coming from the Spanish word for "sunflower," the restaurant features various dishes from Latin America, including tamales and horchata.

The most notable dish is the pupusa, a specialty of El Salvador consisting of a handmade corn tortilla filled with cheese, beans or pork.

Upon arrival to the restaurant, visitors are immediately greeted by a row of beautiful sunflowers and the restaurant’s smiling host and lone chef, Lucia. Housed in a converted barbecue restaurant, the tiny Girasol features two small areas for eating and a beautiful tapestry depicting a scene in El Salvador.

Eagerly offering a smile, Lucia attentively takes each patron’s order and diligently sets out to create the meal. Completely made to order, each pupusa is a reflection of Lucia’s devotion to her customers and food. The entirety of the time that someone is in Girasol, Lucia constantly makes sure everything is perfect, whether that be in the way the food tastes or in making sure that everyone is happy in her restaurant.

Garnished with curtido, a cabbage salad, and served with tomato salsa, each pupusa comes hot and fresh. Lucia prides herself on her traditional Salvadoran cuisine.

“There are other pupuserías in town, but many people come back to tell me they like mine the most,” Lucia proudly exclaims. If the wonderful food is not reason enough for these patrons to come back, the smiling woman in the blue apron should be enough to convince unsure guests of whether or not they should return.

While joking about my terrible Spanglish, Lucia begins to recount the story of Girasol and how she came to the United States. A resident of the United States for 31 years, Lucia originally left her home country because of the Salvadoran Civil War, which left over 70,000 dead and 8,000 missing. After settling in Maryland for 22 years, Lucia and her family chose to move to South Bend when her oldest daughter decided to attend Notre Dame. Lucia arrived in South Bend in 2006, and opened Girasol in 2007 after working as a housekeeper in Maryland. Though shy of her incredible proficiency in English, Lucia credits generous neighbors and helping her children at school for her acquisition of the language. “There was a woman who helped me very much named Linda Cossi,” Lucia beams as she begins to think about her old friend. “She now lives in Minnesota and was very happy when we decided to move to South Bend, since we are closer to each other. She comes to visit every September!” When asked why she chose the name Girasol, Lucia gives all of the credit to a neighbor and her husband. After her husband planted sunflowers, a neighbor described how this would be a wonderful name for her new restaurant.

Although other eateries on Eddy Street may offer proximity and familiarity to students looking for off-campus dining options, Girasol is well worth the try. With phenomenal cuisine and a wonderful owner, Girasol sets the bar high for inexpensive eateries for students. Though the menu may be small, Girasol proves that it’s truly quality over quantity, and quality is something that Girasol certainly does right.

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**FRIDAY**

**What:** Comedy on the Quad  
**When:** 10:00 p.m.  
**Where:** South Quad  
**How Much:** Free

Courtesy of SHU, Demetri Martin is taking over Notre Dame with a stand-up routine tonight at 10:00 p.m. Best known for his work in “These Are Jokes,” “Demetri Martin. Person.” as well as his roles as Elliot Tiber in “Taking Woodstock” and as a correspondent in “The Daily Show,” Martin has proven time and again his comedic genius and quick wit. And for the price of free.99, your Friday night just got a whole lot better.

**SATURDAY**

**What:** Notre Dame vs. Rice  
**When:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Notre Dame Stadium

The first game of the season, Everett Golson’s return. The shocking suspension of several key players on both sides of the ball. Redemption for the past two seasons. The plotlines underlining the game are endless and not short of drama. However, what will truly matter is the final score by the end of four quarters, and with a squad galvanized in the face of adversity and Golson back to lead this team with a chip on his shoulder, the season opener is definitely the place to be.

**SUNDAY**

**What:** RecSports Biathlon  
**When:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Where:** St. Joseph Beach

Cap the first weekend of the year off with a very casual 2.5-mile biathlon. Run and swim and get the chance to truly appreciate the campus sights, while getting in a very good workout. Registration for the event is until 9:30 a.m. of race day. The biathlon has teams or individual trials for Men’s, Women’s and Co-Rec divisions, as well as Varsity and non-Varsity divisions.
It's too little, too late for Goodell

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.J. Yates made a strong case the Atlanta back-up quarterback Thursday night.

Yates threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-14 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars in both teams’ pre-season finale.

Yates had shown little in the team’s first three exhibitions, completing 39.4 percent of his passes, with no touchdowns and two interceptions. Second-year player Sean Renfree posted better numbers and seemingly had an edge in the competition to be Matt Ryan’s backup.

But Yates shined against the Jaguars.

His high throw was a 67-yard touchdown strike to Freddie Martino in the second quarter of a deep ball that put Atlanta up 21-7. His other TD came on a swing pass to Antone Smith, who broke several tackles during the 66-yard catch and run. Yates completed 15 of 26 passes and was sacked twice.

Renfree was 9-of-12 passing for 62 yards.

Ryan didn’t play, spending the game on the sideline with running back Steven Jackson and receivers Roddy White, Tony Gaskins III and Atlanta tight end Tony Gonzalez.

Defensive line- man Jonathan Babineaux also got the night off.

Jacksonville held out a number of first-teamers, too.

Quarterback Chad Henne is recovering from Toby Gerhart, safety Johnathan Cyprien, line backer Paul Posluszny, left tackle Luke Joeckel, guard Johnathan Cyprien, defensive end Cory Lee and defensive tackle Roy Miller were among the team’s healthy scratches.

Kicker Josh Scobee, safety Watson Guy, corner back Alan Ball, safety Craig Loston, right tackle Austin Pasztor, guard Zane Beadles, offensive tackle Josh Wells, right end Clay Harbor and defensive tackle Sen’Derrick Marks were held out because of injuries.

With the release of first-round pick Blake Bortles, the start for Jacksonville and extended him his impressive pre-season.

Bortles completed 4 of 6 passes for 86 yards, including a 57-yard TD strike to fellow rookie Marquise Lee on the first play of the second quarter.

“It was a good play,” said Bortles, the third overall pick in May’s draft. “I had him on a seam and threw a little later than I wanted to, but he did a good job staying alive and running down the field to make a play.”

Bortles completed 32 of 51 passes for 181 yards in four exhibition games, with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

“I think it’s going really well for us,” Bortles said. “We’ve gone out wanting to do a couple of things this pre-season, and we’ve accomplished a lot. We have a lot of work left to do, but I think everybody is happy with where we’re at. I think we’ve had and is looking forward to getting ready for Week 1.”

Both Bortles’ steady improvement, he’s a lock to open the season on the bench behind Henne.

Henne ended the pre-season 25-38 passing for 230 yards, with a touch-down and no interceptions.

More pressing questions for Jacksonville include the offensive line and the receiving corps.

Receiver Rivercide Luke Bowanko, a sixth-round pick from Virginia, started in place of Mike Brewer and took another step in his preseason debuts, but Drafts sustained another ankle injury and could be out a while. Sanders is sus- pended the first four games of the season for violating the league’s substance- abuse policy.

Jacksonville rookie corner- back Rashad Reynolds also left with a hand injury.

Sport's Authority

Greg Hadley

Yesterday, according to an ESPN report, commissioner Roger Goodell sent a letter to NFL owners announcing new punishment strategies and a league-wide abuse policy: a six-game suspension for first-time offenders and a possible lifetime ban for a se- cond offense.

Now, Goodell has drawn an enormous amount of criticism in his time as commissioner. There are problems with the league’s substance abuse policy, its concussion protocol and the absurd amount of fines that get handed out. Heck, Saints tight end Jimmy Graham can’t even dunk a football because Goodell is afraid he might pull the goalposts down. But he was completely correct with this decision. I only wish he had made it a little earlier.

Unfortunately, it is one of the most appalling crimes a person can commit, and there is absolutely no justification for it. Nothing. Not even murder. In other words: caring for, the mental scars of which are incomparable. There is absolutely no justification for a person can commit, and there is no reason for such a minus- to be handed out. Heck, Saints are those of The Observer.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 200 South Chestnut, South Bend, Ind. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.
Orioles stretch lead in AL East

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — J.J. Hardy singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 Thursday night to lengthen their lead in the AL East.

Steve Pearce homered for the Orioles, who took three of four from the sinking Rays. The victory, combined with the four from the sinking Rays, pushed the Orioles, who took three of four from the sinking Rays, into first place in the AL East.

Tampa Bay used a two-run fifth to take a 4-2 lead. Longoria followed two singles with a sacrifice fly, and James Loney hit a 2-run double. The Orioles loaded the bases with one out in the bottom half and tied it when Escobar threw wildly to first base trying to complete a double play.

Earlier, Baltimore also answered a two-run uprising with one of its own. For the fourth time in the series, the Rays scored first, this time in the first inning against Bud Norris. After Matt Joyce delivered a sacrifice fly, Longoria hit his 17th home run.

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Tucker leads Ravens

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kicker Justin Tucker was among the few Ravens regulars who did not get the night off for the final exhibition game.

His performance was also one of the reasons the Ravens finished the preseason with a perfect record.

Tucker hit five field goals of distances ranging from 24 to 45 yards, and the Ravens beat the New Orleans Saints 22-13 on Thursday night.

Baltimore (4-0) found the end zone only once on Tyrod Taylor’s 8-yard pass to Deonte Thompson, but that was enough against a team that gave Baltimore their first lead in the last 11. It was a rough night for Tampa Bay shortstop Yunel Escobar, who made two errors, went hitless and was struck in the hand with a pitch.

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For his 29th save, Britton worked a perfect ninth 1-2-3 hitless innings and Zach Britton closed to score while quarterback Drew Brees got the night off.

Tucker’s backup, Luke McCown, completed all four of his passes, including a short touchdown toss to Travaris Cadet on his only series. But New Orleans managed only two more field goals by Derek Dimke after Ryan Griffin relieved McCown in the first quarter.

Both clubs gave many starters the night off. Taylor started for the Ravens, completing 10 of 17 passes for 105 yards, a TD and an interception.

The Saints decided to rest Brees, who had strained a left oblique muscle early in camp, means he’ll head into the regular season having played a total of three offensive series in the preseason. He played only the first quarter of last week’s game at Indianapolis, leading two touchdown drives.

The Saints did play 36-year-old, 12-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey. Because of a foot injury, he’d made his preseason debut only a week earlier, and what role he’ll play during the regular season remains unclear. He played only the first quarter of last week’s game at Indianapolis, giving up a 7-yard completion.

Quarterback Joe Flacco did not take a snap. Running back Ray Rice also did not play.

Taylor played the entire first half, leading four scoring drives, and Baltimore led 16-13 at halftime. Keith Wenning took over under center in the second half, going 8 of 13 for 117 yards. The Ravens gained 214 yards on the ground, with Fitzgerald Toussaint rushing for 103 yards and Lorenzo Taliaferro 88. Baltimore outgained New Orleans in total yards 436-190.

McCown passed for 29 yards on his lone drive, which was helped by two personal fouls on Baltimore.

Griffin, a second-year pro out of Tulane trying to wrest the backup job from the veteran McCown, played the rest of the way, going 11 for 21 for 126 yards. He was not intercepted and was sacked once.

The Saints, founded in 1967, have never made it through a preseason without a loss. However, they did go 3-1 in the 2009 season, the same season they won their only Super Bowl.

Texas A&M piled up 680 yards of offense, including 393 yards of passing, in a loss to Alabama. Quarterback Johnny Manziel had 14 touchdowns and receiver Mike Davis caught a touchdown with 393 yards of passing, topping by his previous single-game record, moving past Jerrod Johnson’s mark against Oklahoma State in 2010. Hill and the Aggies essentially put this one away in the first half, scoring on five of six possessions. Hill, who played just four games last year in mop-up duty, looked at ease against the Gamecocks and their young defense. Hill completed passes to 12 receivers, most of them running free in a rebuilt secondary. South Carolina, coming off three-straight losses, had hoped to kick off a run to the conference title in a Thursday night showdown game on the startup SEC Network. Manziel, taken 22nd overall by Cleveland, was among three Texas A&M players picked in the first round last May. And the Aggies showed they could still operate without last year’s defensive stars. “We were ready to prove everyone wrong,” Hill said. “We were ready to show we could play without Johnny.” Malcome Kennedy had 10 catches for 85 yards in the first two quarters, allowing Aggies fans to rest easy about starting Mike Evans moving to on the tight end.”

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Cleveland leads Browns to win

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CLEVELAND — Brian Hoyer drove Cleveland’s starting offense to a rare pre-season touchdown before turning things over to rookie Johnny Manziel in the Browns’ 33-13 exhibition win over the Chicago Bears on Thursday night.

Fierce and Cleveland’s offensive starters needed a boost after struggling in the preseason as they learn a new system. Hoyer went 6 of 8 for 69 yards on the opening drive against Chicago’s backups before Ben Tate scored on a 1-yard run.

It was just the second TD for Cleveland’s first-team offense this summer and a confidence builder for Hoyer, who barely outmaneuvered Manziel for the starting job.

Manziel threw a TD pass, finished 6 of 17 for 83 yards, ran for 55 and did some typical Johnny Football improvising.

in wide receiver Santonio Holmes caught a 32-yard TD pass from rookie David Fales and returned a punt 44 yards that was only signed with the Bears on Aug. 16.

 Rookie running back Isaiah Crowell had a 48-yard TD run and was held out of the second quarter.

Manziel danced around the backfield, dodging sev-

eral Bears before throwing a strike to Burleson, who has been slowed by a hamstring injury. That play set up Manziel’s 1-yard toss to tight end Jimmy Dray. Bears coach Marc Trestman tested starting quarterback Jay Cutler and backup Jimmy Clausen, giving Clausen a good case for himself, finishing 13 of 24 for 146 yards. Holmes is trying to catch on with the Bears after a turbulent seasons with the Jets. He was released in March following two sub-

par, injury-plagued seasons. The 2009 Super Bowl MVP with Pittsburgh hasn’t played a complete season since 2011, and made just 43 receptions in the past two seasons.

Holmes, 30, showed he’s still got some breakaway speed on his TD grab. He hauled in a short pass from Fales, spun away from two Cleveland defenders, includ-

ing cornerback Leon McQuay III and punter Gilpin, and scampered into the end zone untouched for a 10-7 lead.

By the time rookie running back Jordan Lynch, a star quarterback at Northern Illinois, had 18 yards on six carries. He’s a long shot to make Cleveland’s 53-man roster.
Saint Mary’s hosts Bethel to open season

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s will make a push for the MIAA conference title this year after finishing second in last season’s MIAA NCAA championship qualifying rounds.

The Belles also finished in second place in the MIAA during the fall season before Olivet. They averaged 335.4 strokes per round in the fall and 340.7 strokes in the NCAA qualifying rounds. With Kimberly Moore going into her second season as head coach, Saint Mary’s has already set winning the MIAA conference title as their primary goal, senior Janice Heffernan said.

Heffernan, the squad’s lone senior, junior Katie Zielinski and sophomores Ali Mahoney, Courtney Carlson and Rachel Kim will lead the team this season as the returning players for the Belles. Mahoney, Heffernan and Zielinski led the squad with the top-three lowest averages from last fall. Each golfer shot under 90 strokes per day but also maintaining that means practicing hard each day but also maintaining academic performance is also important to me.”

In addition to holding herself to high expectations off the golf course, Heffernan said she expects nothing less than a conference championship this season along with a win in the MIAA NCAA qualifier in the spring.

“My goal for our team is to win conference this fall and then win the MIAA NCAA qualifier in the spring,” Heffernan said. “I think we have a very good chance of accomplishing those goals. We have to work hard the next few weeks before MIAA conference tournaments begin, but I am optimistic about this season.”

To accomplish this ambition, the Belles will have to contend with Olivet, who is coming off its third MIAA conference championship in a row. Regardless of the tough competition, Heffernan said she is optimistic about her team’s potential this year.

“I want to focus on lowering my average and our team’s average,” Heffernan said. “Since it is my senior year, I want to finish up playing the best golf of all four years. However, golf isn’t an individual sport so we really need five consistent players at every tournament. I think if we really work hard and maintain focus we will have a successful season.”

The Belles will get their chance to start off on the right foot this weekend at the Olivet Labor Day Tournament in Olivet, Mich.

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The Belles take aim at MIAA title, NCAA qualifier

By MANNY DE JESUS Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s in a 1-0 decision.

Saint Mary’s opens up its season with a 7-9-1 mark, and started off this season with a 7-3 loss to Trinity and started off this season with a 7-3 loss to Trinity International university.

Saint Mary’s senior midfielder Maggie McLaughlin wards off defenders during the Belles’ 4-1 victory over Illinois Tech on Sept. 2. McLaughlin started 19 games for the Belles in 2013.

Saint Mary’s opens its season at home Friday at 5 p.m., when they face cross-town foe Bethel College. The Belles, ranked 4th in the MIAA preseason coaches poll, look to secure victory against the Pilots in a non-conference matchup.

The Pilots (0-1-0) ended last season with a 7-9-1 mark, and started off this season with a 7-3 loss to Trinity International University. Bethel’s match against the Belles is its only away game until Sept. 12. Last season, the Pilots emerged victorious over Saint Mary’s in a 1-0 decision.

After posting a 10-7-3 record in 2013, Saint Mary’s hopes to continue its streak of three consecutive seasons of 10 wins or more. The Saint Mary’s defense was well represented on the all-MIAA first team last year, as goalkeeper Chanlara Rosenbaum, defenders Gerry Green and Mary Kate Hussey, all seniors, were first team selections. These seniors, along with six other seniors and three juniors, will form the backbone of the Belles’ veteran squad.

On Sunday, Saint Mary’s will conclude its opening weekend with a matchup against Mount St Joseph’s. The Linns finished with a 4-14-1 record last season and start this season with three games in three days, concluding with the Belles. It will mark the first time the two squads have met in Saint Mary’s history.

Saint Mary’s in a non-conference matchup.

The Belles in a non-conference matchup.

Belles take aim at MIAA title, NCAA qualifier

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Letting the rookie quarterbacks play and keeping the starters on the sideline may have been the best decisions Vikings coach Mike Zimmer and Titans coach Ken Whisenhunt made all night.

Teddy Bridgewater threw a touchdown in his first NFL start, Joe Banyard ran for 111 yards and the Vikings wrapped up a perfect preseason beating the Tennessee Titans 19-3 on Thursday night.

Blair Walsh kicked four field goals, and the Vikings’ defense had three sacks in a game where both coaches protected their starters by keeping them safely on the sidelines as a storm drenched LP Field most of the first half. Lightning less than 3 miles away delayed the kickoff of Temple at Vanderbilt.

Titans quarterback Jake Locker and Matt Cassel of the Vikings both dressed and warmed up. Locker didn’t bring his helmet out for kickoff with Zach Mettenberger getting his first start, while the Vikings also went with their rookie. Vikings running back Adrian Peterson warmed up, too, but he sat a fourth straight preseason game.

Those starters spent the night watching teammates finish up the preseason, many holding towels over their heads against the rain. Defensive lineman Jurrell Casey, who signed a $36 million extension Wednesday, at least got some action in high-fiving the Titans as they ran into the field for kickoff.

Zimmer, who interviewed for the Titans’ head coaching job before Tennessee hired Ken Whisenhunt, finished off the Vikings’ seventh undefeated preseason and first since 2001. Zimmer announced Monday that Cassel will start at quarterback Sept. 7 when Minnesota opens at St. Louis. Bridgewater showed why he will be ready if the Vikings decide to make a change during the season.

Bridgewater escaped two would-be sacks on the opening drive, and drove the Vikings 80 yards over more than 6 minutes. He completed 3 of his 4 passes and capped the drive with a 3-yard TD pass to Adam Thielen. Bridgewater played two series and was 4 of 9 for 17 yards with a touchdown.

Walsh kicked three goals in the first half as the Vikings scored on their first four drives with only Ponder kneeling down on the final play of the first half the only time they didn’t finish with points.

Banyard did most of the damage, ripping through the Titans’ backups over and over again. Banyard had 69 yards on 11 carries in the first quarter alone, and the second-year pro out of Texas-El Paso who has never carried in the regular season made his case with all 111 yards on 18 carries in the first half.

Christian Ponder, the 12th overall pick in 2011, took over in the second quarter for Bridgewater. Ponder was 12 of 15 for 121 yards in his most play this preseason.
ND opens season in Minnesota

By ANDREW ROBINSON
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Notre Dame is set to begin its regular season this week-end with the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, and ‘challenge’ is certainly an appropriate title for its two opening match-ups. On Friday, the Irish square off against No. 12 Minnesota, followed by a match against No. 6 Wisconsin on Saturday.

Louisville will join Notre Dame as the other ACC representative in the Challenge.

After ending with a 13-18 record overall and a 7-13 mark in the ACC last year, Notre Dame was recently voted 11th in the preseason ACC rankings. The Irish will face a major test heading into the first games of the season, Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

“It’s obviously a very challenging opening for us, [but] we like playing strong competition,” Brown said. “When it’s the first matches, we’re trying to prepare our team just to play for [the rest of] the season.”

Minnesota, the host of this weekend’s event, finished second in the Big Ten last year with a 29-7 record overall and a 15-5 record in conference. Wisconsin finished just behind the Badgers in third at 28-10 overall and 12-8 in the Big Ten. Each team has two players who were named to the preseason all-big Ten team: Senior Adrianna Nora and sophomore Hannah Tap for the Gophers and senior Ellen Chapman and sophomore Lauren Carlini for the Badgers.

For Notre Dame, senior middle blocker and right side specialist Jeni Houser was recently named to the preseason all-ACC team for her third consecutive preseason all-conference recognition. The Irish return nine players from last season and have a large incoming class of six freshmen.

With such a young team, integrating new players and building team chemistry has been a major focus of the Irish preseason, and Brown also cited senior outside hitter Meg Vonderhaar as a player who has been impressive during preseason and could have a major impact in the upcoming games.

“[It’s] kind of fun when you have [the freshmen] coming in and stepping up,” she said. “We like what they’re doing.”

While Brown said the team is ready for the season to start, she also acknowledged that there are plenty of improvements to be made along the way.

“We’re nowhere close to peaking, that’s for sure, and you don’t want to be [at the start of the season],” she said. “This is a team that’s very eager to learn, very coachable, so they’re absorbing a lot and each day we’re getting better.

“We know that we’re not even close to where we’re going to be in a month or even two months and that’s exciting.”

The Irish open their season Friday at 8 p.m. against Minnesota and play again Saturday at 5 p.m. against Wisconsin. Both games will be held at the Minnesota Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis.

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Cousins, Washington get better of Tampa Bay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kirk Cousins didn’t get a chance to add any fuel to the idea that there is an unlikely quarterback controversy brewing in Washington. Redskins coach Jay Gruden rested both struggling Robert Griffin III and backup Cousins in Thursday night’s 24-10 preseason-ending victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Third-stringer Colt McCoy played the entire game for Washington (3-1), throwing for 321 yards, two touchdowns and one interception to stop promising drives. Ryan Grant scored on a 2-yard reception for the Redskins, and Lache Seastrunk turned a short pass into an 80-yard TD that gave Washington a 17-3 lead in the fourth quarter. McCoy finished 22 of 29 and was sacked once.

Mike Kafka played most of the game for Tampa Bay, throwing for 86 yards and one TD — a 25-yarder to Solomon Patton in the fourth quarter. Griffin has labored this preseason as he attempts transition into a more traditional pocket-passer under Gruden, who replaced Mike Shanahan as the Redskins’ coach late last year.

Instead, he will have to wait until the team’s Sept. 7 opener at Houston to give his quarterback a chance to end the preseason on a positive note.

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Washington’s first-team offense did not score a TD in roughly four quarters of work this preseason.

Tampa Bay also rested starting quarterback Josh McCown, and his backup, second-year pro Mike Glennon, only played one series. In fact, the only regulars who played for either team were Tampa Bay guards Oniel Cousins and Patrick Omameh, one of whom undoubtedly will lose his starting spot with the arrival of Omameh, one of whom undoubtedly will lose his starting spot with the arrival of Logan Mankins.

Cousins has looked much more comfortable in Washington’s new system, raising questions about whether he might be a better fit for the starting role.

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The Irish start their 2014-15 campaign Sunday at the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge at the Warren Golf Course.

By KIT LOUGHRAN  Sports Writer

The Irish tee off their fall season at the Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge on Sunday at Warren Golf Course.

A seventh-place finish in its inaugural ACC season paired with an intense summer schedule leaves Notre Dame in a position ready to return to competition, Irish coach James Kubinski said.

“This is the earliest competition we’ve ever undertaken, but we just want to keep all those players who played strong summer tournament schedules on a good roll,” Kubinski said. “The goal is to avoid any transition from summer to team play by affording our guys an almost-immediate opportunity to compete.”

The Irish will compete against Ball State and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). The Kickoff Challenge marks the first tournament of the year for these teams as well.

Senior Zach Yinger leads the Ball State squad into this tournament with a 79.67 scoring average last season and a recent victory this July at the Miami Valley Golf Association Metropolitan Championship in Ohio. The duo of seniors Santiago Ruiz and Jose Pablo Segurola returns to the starting lineup for IUPUI. Respectively, the players held scoring averages of 75.40 and 74.52 last season.

Like the Irish, Ball State and IUPUI return only a handful of veteran golfers this season. This weekend will be important for the Irish to see the potential of their younger roster, senior Patrick Grabek said.

“This tournament provides an opportunity for the players on our team who haven’t had travel experience to show they are improving and want to be on the squad,” Grabek said. “We are trying to get some experience under our belt for the younger guys and from that gage the rest of team.”
different compared to the rest of the schedule. Notre Dame plays just five teams this year that failed to receive a vote in the preseason coaches’ poll. Adding to that competition, the Irish will play three players on the watch list for the Hermann Trophy, the award presented to college soccer’s top player, this weekend.

In its first game, Notre Dame will face Marquette redshirt junior forward James “C.” Nortey. The Accra, Ghana native scored 10 goals and recorded two assists last year for the Golden Eagles en route to a Big East conference tournament title and a spot in the NCAA tournament Sweet 16.

On Sunday, the Irish will have to contend with two Hermann Trophy watch list members when they take on Georgetown. The Hoyas are led up front by junior forward Brandon Allen — who is coming off an 11-goal campaign in 2013 — and in back by sophomore defender Joshua Yaro. In Yaro’s 17 appearances last year for Georgetown, he and his teammates slatted 12 clean sheets.

However, the Irish have their own member on the Hermann Trophy watch list in senior midfielder and team captain Nick Besler. But while Besler is back for this season, a couple of key players are not — Grant Van de Casteele and Harrison Shipp have both moved on to professional careers in the MLS. Clark said that while his team will be looking to replace Shipp, he does not expect graduate student forward Leon Brown to be Shipp’s replica.

“Leon will start off in [Shipp’s] role, and he’ll be different,” Clark said. “Leon’s just has to be Leon and play Leon to the full, and that’s the key. You’ve got to play who you are.”

And while Brown played more of a “super-sub” role last year for the Irish, making 24 appearances while starting just three games, he made an impact on offense. The forward netted five goals and added three assists and was clutch in crucial moments of last season. Brown scored both Irish goals in the tournament-clinching, 2-1 victory over Southern Methodist at the IU Classic last year and tallied the equalizer in Notre Dame’s 2-1 national title game victory over Maryland.

Looking to take their third consecutive Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic championship, the Irish begin their campaign to defend the title Friday against Marquette at 5 p.m.

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and the Trojans, Romagnolo said.

“We have some pretty good players up front in terms of pace and one-(on)-one ability,” Romagnolo said. “We’ve got great leadership players out of the back who have a lot of experience and have seen some different systems, who should be able to direct and organize the play in front of them.”

Romagnolo also emphasized that the games will be a team effort, saying she foresees contributions from every player.

“I expect a lot of everybody,” Romagnolo said. “I expect us to be strong up the middle, I expect our wide players to get forward and get crosses, I expect our forwards to make things happen in the final third [of the field] and I expect players off the bench to step up and have an impact.”

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For all of you

Questioning your direction can be a good thing. It may have some arm nasties for you.

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(Answers tomorrow)
Irish lose one more as investigation concludes

Eilar Hardy named fifth player included in investigation involving football team

By MIKE MONACO
Senior Sports Writer

Irish senior safety Eilar Hardy will be held out of practice and competition, a University official confirmed Thursday evening.

Notre Dame announced this decision Thursday.

"As Notre Dame's internal investigation relating to potential NCAA violations reaches its conclusion, a decision has been made to hold a fifth football player out from practice and competition," a University spokesman announced in a statement. "As with all cases of suspected academic dishonesty, the matter will now be subject to the University's Honor Code process."

Hardy played in 10 games, making two starts, during his junior season in 2013. He notched 26 tackles.

Irish head coach Brian Kelly said during his regularly scheduled post-practice press conference that he has been informed the investigation has been closed.

"The investigation has concluded, and so for our football team, we feel like this brings a big part of closure for us," Kelly said. "So now we can really just focus the next 48 hours on preparation for Rice."

Irish junior cornerback KeiVarae Russell, senior receiver DaVaris Daniels, senior defensive end Ishaq Williams and graduate student linebacker Kendall Moore have been held out of practice and competition during Notre Dame's ongoing academic investigation into "suspected academic dishonesty." The University announced the investigation Aug. 15.

Kelly said no other players — other than the quintet — were missing from Thursday's practice and competition during Notre Dame's internal investigation.

"I don't know what the outcome is going to be," Kelly said. "But I do know that we are now moving very quickly because we've concluded the investigation."

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Defending champs look to three-peat at IU Classic

By ALEX CARSON
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The defending national champions are not waiting long to challenge themselves this year, as the No. 1 Irish will head down to Bloomington, Ind., to take on a pair of top-12 teams this weekend in the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic to begin the regular season.

Notre Dame will take on No. 12 Marquette on Friday at 5 p.m., before going up against No. 9 Georgetown on Sunday, with the first kick slated for 11:30 a.m.

The Irish have won the last two editions of the Labor Day weekend competition held annually at Indiana University's Bill Armstrong Stadium. Irish coach Bobby Clark said he knows his team will have to put in a strong 180 minutes to stretch the title streak to a third year.

"We'll have to play very well [to get results this weekend], it's simple as that," Clark said. "We'll have to put in a top performance because we're playing two top teams."

"While the competition is tough for the Irish, this weekend is not much of a concern for us," Clark said. "We'll have to play our best [to get results this weekend], it's simple as that."