Observer Staff Report

University President Fr. John Jenkins offered information on several University initiatives including the fundraising campaign and campus construction in a speech delivered to the Notre Dame faculty Tuesday afternoon in the Delortalo Performing Arts Center.

His remarks also addressed the ongoing investigations into possible honor code violations involving several football players.

Jenkins said Notre Dame’s recent fundraising campaign had received $1.1 billion in total donations and pledges and the 2013-14 fundraising year had “shattered the University’s previous annual record by nearly a quarter of a billion dollars.”

“People do not give large portions of their wealth for the sake of mediocre results,” he said. “Critical for our recent success is the confidence that you, our faculty, inspire in potential benefactors. … I see the remarkable success of the early phase of the campaign as an endorsement of the quality of your work and the depth of your commitment.”

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Bestselling author examines Jesus as historical figure

By Kiera Johnsen News Writer

Reza Aslan, internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions, explored the life of Jesus and the way it is viewed by modern society in a lecture titled “Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth” on Tuesday as the 2014 Christian Culture Lecture at Saint Mary’s.

In his lecture, based off of his New York Times best-selling book by the same name, Aslan said there are differences between the historical Jesus and Jesus the Christ. He said these distinctions demand public attention because different cultures interpret Jesus differently based on their own traits and histories.

“You see, this is the thing about the Christ of faith: he is in many ways an infinitely malleable thing,” Aslan said. “He can be whatever a community that worships needs him to be and he has been for the last 2,000 years.

“he can take on any ethnicity, he can absorb any history you may have. He can take on anything the church or the society desires,” he added.

He said that Jesus the Christ is not “a naïve view, but an optimistic view that does not pretend that the inter-American system that we have worked in with our commission and our court itself can make any major social or political change in the Americas [by itself], but [it can] help this evolution that has taken place in the last two or three decades,” Sayán said. “… It has had very positive results in the strengthening of democracy.”

Judge explores impact of human rights court

By Peter Jensen News Writer

Diego García Sayán, judge and former president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and former foreign affairs minister of Peru, spoke Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center on the role of the court in promoting democracy in Latin America.

Sayán spoke at an event sponsored by the Kellogg Institute of International Studies. He said that he has “an optimistic view” on the role of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

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ND collaborates with research firm

By Joseph Tang News Writer

This month, Notre Dame announced the establishment of a joint venture with Feinstein Institute for Medical Research to establish a variety of academic exchanges, including collaborative research, student training and bilateral conferences as a combined effort to further clinical research and lower patient treatment costs, according to Arnie Phifer, external relations director for research of Notre Dame’s Advanced Diagnostics & Therapeutics (AD&T) initiative.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite childhood story?

Ellen Stucky
Senior
“Or the Places You’ll Go.”

Matthew O’Neill
Sophomore
Kroc Hall
“Magic Tree House.”

Peter Rodgers
Sophomore
Kroc Hall
“Redwall.”

Adelle Barte
Senior
Ryan Hall
“Little House on the Prairie.”

Logan Bridge
Sophomore
Kroc Hall
“The Kissing Hand.”

Chris Koehler
Sophomore
Kroc Hall
“Captain Underpants.”

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Series addresses basics of Christian faith

By PAUL STEVENSON
News Writer

Alpha; An Introduction to Christianity, a new Campus Ministry program that kicked off Monday night, offers a seven-week dinner and discussion series to address the fundamentals of Christian faith.

Though the series primarily aims to inform non-Christian students, Alpha encourages participants from all religious backgrounds.

“Of my favorite things about this program is that it can reach out to people unfamiliar with Christianity, and it is also useful for Christians to revisit the basics of belief, especially those who were raised Catholic and took a lot of these things for granted,” Harris said.

A team ofalphasophomore, juniors and seniors lead Alpha, and each week these students will offer insights and facilitate discussion. Each of the seven Alpha meetings will consist of a dinner, a talk by one of the student leaders on some of the major questions and topics of Christianity and small group discussions, Harris said.

“As a leader of Alpha, I hope to see people grow and learn from this program, but I also want to learn from the participants about what they discover and what in our faith sticks out to them,” Harris said.

Alpha meetings take place every Monday of the fall semester from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in 330 Coleman-Morse Center, in addition to one Saturday retreat Nov. 1. Topics for each week include “Who is Jesus?”, “How can I have faith?” and “Why and how do I pray/read the Bible?”

“It’s different from Campus Ministry in that it’s not just a retreat; it’s not focused on conversion. It’s just our way of spreading the gospel, letting people know of God’s word and allowing them to make their own decisions based on that,” junior Taylor Billings said.

Alpha also seeks to help Christians who feel uncommitted to or unmotivated by the Church.

“Many people now are what my priest back home calls ‘CEOs’, people who attend church Christmas and Easter only,” Alpha student leader and senior Sean Driscoll said. Driscoll said he hopes returning to the basics of faith will increase the participants’ desire to attend church more regularly.

Around 20 people, ranging from freshmen to seniors and including an alumnus of the Notre Dame class of 1968 attended the first meeting Monday. Twenty-two students have registered, but Harris said hope’s involvement with the group will increase throughout the semester.

“We are trying to find that intersection that kids need to stick with the faith,” Harris said.

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Writer explores politics of work

By MATTHEW McKENNA
News Writer

Indian-born French writer Shumona Sinha discussed her novels and their relationship to the political and social environments of the countries in which she has lived and worked during a lecture Tuesday titled “Literature and Activism: The Challenges of Representing the Impoverished Immigrant Other” hosted by French and Francophone Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

“Any writing, poems or novels, when we are touched by a sentence or an image or a metaphor, the writer is putting something that was right under our eyes into a new light,” Sinha said.

Sinha said she cares deeply about the topics on which her novels focus, so much so that she feels she must write about them.

“For me, even if I wanted to write a very romantic novel, I am unable to,” Sinha said. “If do not write about what I think, then I am being dishonest.

“Think of a literary work as a big train. There are people getting off and going up and down; this is the human story. However, the thing that interests me is the engine, that is, the socio-political codes.”

Sinha said she uses her writing instead of physical activism to affect people and initiate change.

“Sometimes in a political party that was a very restrictive organization,” she said. “I knew that if I joined something like that again, that it would crush me. Barriers would be placed around my work and I would be labeled as a certain kind of writer.

“My work is with words. If there are two people that are touching hands, I feel that I have written, and they are able to think differently, then that’s not bad.”

Graduate student Lauren Lamore said Sinha’s lecture prompted her to think about the correlations between literature and society and the possibility for words to generate actions.

“It was very cool for me to hear a writer talk about how she engages in society and different issues through literature,” Lamore said. “I took away that even if you manage to reach one person, even for an hour, it could change their relationships and how they view the world, which means everything.

“This lecture is very much what Notre Dame tries to do,” she said. “They take a field of study and apply it and see how it can make a real difference.”

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resentation; it is much more than that. This isn't just a fig-
ure to be represented, this is a person of worship, a source of
emulation. There are thou-
sands more [representations] I could have shown you. They are attempt by vari-
ous Christian communities
around the world make Jesus their own."
Aslan said he wanted his book to explain to a faith-
based audience what conse-
quences come from believing
Jesus was fully divine and ful-
ly human.
“Part of the reason I wrote this book is because I wanted
to say in particular to a faith-
based audience that there is
a consequence to this belief,” Aslan said. “That whatever
else Jesus was, God incarnate,
whatever else he was, he was also a man.
There is a consequence to
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man, then he was product of
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Sayán cited the dramatic
improvement of economic
conditions across the Latin
American world and the
decrease in the number of
armed conflicts and coups
as other key factors in the
growth of a democratic tra-
dition and simultaneous
decrease of human rights
abuses in Central and South
America.
Sayán said the court’s
process and choice of cases

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"There is a consequence to this belief," Aslan said. “That whatever else Jesus was, God incarnate, whatever else he was, he was also a man. There is a consequence to that because if he was also a man, then he was product of his time and place,” he said. "I don’t know about you, but that is the most interesting man in the world to me. If I just told you that — don’t call him Jesus; call him Fred if you want — if I just told you this story about this guy, wouldn’t you want to know who that guy is? To me, it’s the human-
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"The court has a big difference with national courts worldwide or with other international courts like the European Court of Human Rights in the sense that when the court enacts its ruling, it retains the process of following the compliance of its rulings, Sayán said. … [It is] a system which we have discovered has, at the end of the day, been very important to guarantee that the implementation of the ruling follows international precedent.”
These kinds of changes can take the form of financial reparations or public apologies by a national govern-
ment or even changes to laws, regulations or na-
tional constitutions, Sayán said. For instance, the Inter-
American Court of Human Rights recently forced legal
change in Mexico that pre-
vented the holding of military tri-

bunals in the investigation
and trying of human rights
violations. Diego García-Sayán will be in residence from Sept.
8 to Oct. 8 as part of the Kellogg Institute’s visiting fellow-
ship program.
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aware of “a potentially problem-
atelic situation involving a current
student athlete as well as a student
who served for a brief time as a paid
student employee of the athletic
department, although that posi-
tion had no role in academic tutor-
ing or advising of student athletes.”

“I want to underscore that the
current investigation has not re-
vealed any misconduct or knowl-
dge of impropriety by regular,
full-time staff,” he said. “However,
given the student’s brief status as a
paid employee, there was the pos-
sibility of what the NCAA consid-
ers an ‘excess benefit’ given to the
student athlete by a representative
of the institution.”

Jenkins said the decision to re-
lease the names of the student-ath-
letes involved came as a result of
the names leaking through social
media before the University made
an announcement.

“In order to deter unfounded
speculation about individuals not
involved, we made an exception
to our policy of not releasing the
names of students involved in such
a process and confirmed the iden-
tities of implicated students who
had already been named in the
public forum,” he said.

Jenkins also mentioned a recent
survey of faculty that indicated
while Notre Dame faculty on the
whole are more satisfied than faculty at a comparison group of
schools, “women ... are on the
whole less satisfied than men,
those at associate rank for an ex-
tended period are less satisfied
than others and faculty in general
are less satisfied with the climate
for women and minorities.”

“I want to thank you for your
commitment to all our students,
particularly those in minor-
ity groups,” Jenkins said. “We will
continue to work to foster an en-
vironment of mutual respect and
welcome for all.”

He also detailed goals for the new
Keough School of Global Affairs –
the first new school at Notre Dame
in nearly a century. He said his-
tory professor Scott Appleby be-
came the dean of the new school
this summer after 14 years as the
John M. Regan Director of the Kroc
Institute for International Peace
studies. The new school will open
in August 2017.

“The school will offer a Master of
Global Affairs degree and we will
also consider creating a supple-
mentary undergraduate major
with thematic tracks in areas such
as peacebuilding and develop-
ment,” Jenkins said.

He updated the faculty on the
Campus Crossroads project and
said work will begin in November
on the west side of the stadium for
the student services center and
on the east side for the anthropol-
yogy and psychology departments’
building and a digital media cen-
ter. He said they hope to begin
construction on the stadium’s
south side in fall 2015 for a third
building that will hold the music
department and the sacred music
department.

Jenkins announced the ceremo-
nial groundbreaking and bless-
ing of the construction site for
McCourtney Family Hall which
will contain a laboratory space
for science and engineering re-
search, will occur “in a few weeks.”
Construction will begin soon on
Jenkins and Nanovic Halls.

In 2016, the University will
begin work on the new Walsh
Architecture Hall. Two new dorms
located east of Knott Hall will open
in fall 2016, and construction will
begin next spring. “A very signifi-
cant renovation” will take place on
the first and second floors of the
Hesburgh Library as well, he said.

“We are tremendously excited
about the facilities these projects
will provide … A great university
is much more than bricks and mor-
tar, of course. It is what goes on in
the buildings — not the buildings
themselves — that are the real
marks of progress,” Jenkins said.

“Nevertheless, to be able to provide
you, our faculty, with facilities for
your important research, scholar-
ship and creative endeavors … are
great blessings for us as we contin-
uo ur work in service to the mis-
sion of Notre Dame,”

“Notre Dame does a lot of
things in particular will see an
increase of research opportunities
in the coming years, Phifer said.

“Notre Dame has invested many
resources in medicinal research as
part of a group effort that includes
numerous biomedical research
entities like Feinstein working to
determine deadly diseases and
lower treatment costs, Phifer said.
AD&T, a group of Notre Dame sci-
entists, engineers and researchers,
was one such investment to that
end.

“About six to eight months ago,
we started a new program that we
call precision medicine,” Phifer said.

“That program is really fo-
cused on tying our work in the lab
directly to the problems that physi-
cians and people who actually pro-
vide health care have.”

Phifer said AD&T spearheaded
the University’s cooperation with
the Feinstein Institute. He said
AD&T director Paul Bohn and
Norman Dovichi, both professors
of chemistry and biochemistry,
first met with Feinstein leaders
last spring to discuss prospective
collaboration between the two
institutions. Both are members of
the Cleveland Clinic Healthcare
Innovation Alliance, a associa-
tion of healthcare organizations
and individuals that combine
clinical and technological re-
search to the benefit of patients,
according to a University press
release.

“This is a years-long process,”
Phifer said. “We anticipate that we
will get a lot of good work started
between the two institutions and
that it will last a long time — there’s
no end date to it.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

I love my taters

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Scene Writer

There are many things I missed about Notre Dame this summer: friends, dorm life and of course the golden … crispiness of dining hall tater tots.

Staying true to my Irish heritage, potatoes make up a substantial part of my diet. In “Forest Gump,” Bubba calls shrimp “the fruit of the sea.” Similarly, potatoes are the fruit—vegetable? starch?—of the land. Inspired by Bubba, “You can bake ’em, mash ’em, roast ’em, fry ’em, Day’s, oh, french fries, tater tots, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, gnocchi, hash browns, home fries, potato triangles, potato pancakes, potato salad, potato chips, mashed potatoes. That—that’s about it.”

I’ve brought me fame and fortune. Well, at least fame. The summer after my junior year in high school, I went to Sea Camp, a marine biology research camp in the Florida Keys, thanks to a scholarship I won from a marine biology research camp in the Florida Keys. That was my moment of fame. The summer after my junior year in high school, I went to Sea Camp, a marine biology research camp in the Florida Keys, thanks to a scholarship I won from a marine biology research camp in the Florida Keys.

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This is old news, but a situation really isn’t “awkward” until someone points it out as such. Taking this into consideration, I’ve done my best to redefine life’s inevitable graceless moments. Being less awkward is as simple as changing your perspective on instances of ineligance. Elimiate the “A” word from your vocabulary. Situations are no longer — dare I say it again — awkward. Instead, these moments are “celebrations of humanity.”

We can conceal these things to the best of our abilities, but it is absolutely crazy to presume you can go your whole life without a loud stomach rumble while sitting in a 15-person seminar classroom. You are going to yell someone’s name across the quad before realizing that it’s not your classmate looking under the table to see who exactly is incessantly trying to play footsie with him or her. Is it a bit uncomfortable? Yes. A bit clumsy? I suppose. But I refuse to acknowledge this reoccurring event as awkward.

To my classmate I simply say, “I really like your shoes.”

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Recipes for Getting By

Ingredients:
- 2-20 teaspoons of uncomfortable situations on any given day
- 1 cup of humanity

Recipe does not call for any “Awkward”

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Recognize the fact that your stomach just made a bizarre noise in the middle of a discussion on Shakespeare’s tragedies. Say something like, “Should’ve eaten before this class” or “Grab-and-go sandwiches are always a bit unsettling.” Don’t shy away. Stand in solidarity with the fact that nobody’s perfect. Others will follow suit.

In the past, I believed walking towards someone you don’t know but always pass in an otherwise empty hallway or being left alone with someone you just met or times of unexpected silence were the most uncomfortable situations imaginable. I figured these circumstances led to inevitable flashes of disconnect and unfamiliarity while the other person internalized judgment. These three setups were the trinity of awkwardness, I firmly believed.

Now, however, in seeing these things as “celebrations of humanity,” I’ve come to know them as moments of unity, as there is an agreement of feeling in each scenario. Chances are the other person experiences the same feelings as you. That familiar face in the hall probably recognizes you as well, so say hello. Commemorating your humanity alone can be fun, but when two people come together in celebration, it’s a party. Three or more individuals — that just might be a rager.

During lectures, I have a bad habit of swinging my left leg back and fourth under the table. I’m afraid to count the number of times my foot brushes up against that of another student, but I assure you, it is more than a dozen times within a given class period. Each time this happens, I eventually catch my classmate looking under the table to see who exactly is incessantly trying to play footsie with him or her. Is it a bit uncomfortable? Yes. A bit clumsy? I suppose. But I refuse to acknowledge this reoccurring event as awkward.

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Charlie Ducey

English Channeled

Defeating religious doubt

As James goes on, he says the decision either to accept God or to go on without God is a living, forced and momentous option. Such an option is, as James classifies it, a genuine one. However, he says we encounter a common problem when attempting to engage with this genuine option. Many people think that any religious belief — belief that doesn’t have “sufficient evidence” — is a belief we should avoid at all costs.

Putting aside the question of what would constitute “sufficient evidence,” James observes plainly that very little of what we actually do is motivated by the purely logical side of our thinking, asserting, “Our non-intellectual nature does influence our convictions. ... The state of things is evidently far from simple, and pure insight and logic, whatever they might do ideally, are not the only things that really do produce our creeds.”

James goes on to explain humans are absolutist by instinct, individuals who “dogmatize like infallible popes.” We always think we’re right. In our grasp, then it seems a piece of idle fantastical to preach so solemnly our duty of waiting for the bell.”

To believe religiously in something, in any thing, is an option thrust at us in the trials and uncertainties of life. It is a genuine choice we cannot walk away from because walking away is itself a choice when the option is presented to us as: “Believe religiously or go on without it.” But this isn’t just philosophical trickery. Our lives demand it, James ends his speech with a quotation from Fitz-James Stephen’s “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity,” which I also would like to end on: “In all important transactions in life, we must take a deep leap into the dark.”

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Think on Ink: ‘The Children Act’

As Notre Dame students, we confront the intersection of science and religion more often than the average college student. We take theology alongside biology and chemistry labs, and we are asked to weigh possible benefits of new scientific methods against possible ethical violations.

In Ian McEwan’s new book, “The Children Act,” he wrestles with these issues through the medium of the law. Judge Fiona Maye, the protagonist, is forced to decide the fate of a 17-year-old Jehovah’s Witness when his parents (and the boy himself) refuse the blood transfusions deemed necessary by the hospital to save his life.

It is not the first difficult choice Fiona’s career. In the case that made her famous as a judge, she was asked to decide whether a set of Siamese twin should undergo a surgery that would separate them. It would kill one of the brothers, but avoiding the surgery would kill both boys.

Fiona comes down clearly on the side of science — she does not see how she could allow people to die when science could save their lives.

At this point in our lives as students, we are not asked to debate upholding religious morals versus saving someone’s life. Our struggles are much more mundane, yet we must balance the same issues.

Moral principles, for better or for worse, confine us to certain codes of behavior. In general, we believe that following our moral codes will make us better people and help us lead better lives. But there is no doubt that certain Bible passages were written in a time and place so different from our own that they do not deal with all of the same issues we face today.

Adam’s family rejects the idea of blood transfusion because of the biblical passage where God condemns the consumption of blood. In court, the hospital attempts to make the point that until 1914, Jehovah’s Witnesses could receive blood transfusions. It was a decision made by a council of elders in Brooklyn that outlawed the concept.

The lawyer questions whether blood transfusions can be considered the same as eating blood.

We know from history that biblical interpretation is a tricky business. It defines how Christians view themselves and others in various religious traditions. There is no concrete answer to these questions — like all great literature, the Bible can and does support many different viewpoints, with no hope for ever resolving the debate. Perhaps one of Ian McEwan’s greatest strengths as a writer is composing endings that leave the reader with questions, but that is, of course, the beauty of the issue.

I have to admit, I got about halfway through “The Children Act” before I remembered there was a reason.

I’ve never finished either “Atonement” or “Sweet Tooth” (also by Ian McEwan). For some reason, though, I continue to have an appreciation for his skill and value as a contemporary author. I find McEwan hard to read. I think it’s because I innately know he will never give me the end I desire. That is, he won’t give me a young adult fiction ending, where everything is tied up and all questions are answered. McEwan will ask me to keep thinking about the issues he raises, and no, he’s not going to give me an answer.

In finishing “The Children Act,” I realized my intuition was correct. Fiona can’t resolve her feelings about either case, and there is no sign she ever will. She, and the reader by extension, are forced to continue wrestling with the question of biblical interpretation. In the end, McEwan’s desire to make me think is valuable. If, as a Notre Dame student, I am ever going to balance religion and science, I have to take the time to grapple with it, even if I never find the answers I want.

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Arcade Fire’s ‘Funeral’ Celebrates Ten Years

By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN
Scene Editor

Ten years ago this week, Arcade Fire released its debut album, “Funeral,” through Merge Records. It was still a time, though maybe one of the last times, the term “indie” was a relevant phrase. Arcade Fire, a relatively unknown but up-and-coming band, released the LP and named it “Funeral” because many of the band members had experienced the death of a loved one. With dark themes and dramatic tone, the Canadian group made quite an entrance with their debut full-length album.

It also made quite an impression. The album received a startling amount of critical success and had staying power with five successful singles, spots in film and television and a presence on nearly every “best albums” list. Pitchfork named “Funeral” second in the top 200 albums of the 2000s, just behind Radiohead’s 2000 album, “Kid A.”

I don’t want to sound like Natalie Portman’s character in “Garden State” (another product of 2004 that aged significantly less well by telling you that when you listen to “Funeral,” it’ll change your life. But what I will claim is that this album at least has played a huge part in my own. It changed, in many ways, how I listened to music and the kind of music I wanted to hear. And I’m not alone. Several Scene writers and many more audiophiles know that there’s an awesome roller-coaster in the island of “Funeral” so good, and don’t forget to give the LP a listen while you’re at it.

We’ll not only analyze the tracks themselves but also give different perspectives on why “Funeral” was and is so important to so many music fans. Follow along this week and next week to get a breakdown of what makes “Funeral” so good, and don’t forget to give the LP a listen while you’re at it.

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Talk Nerdy to Me: A Superhero Guide To Geek Culture

By EMILY KEFALAS
Scene Writer

Aristotle once posed this question to his followers: “What defines a geek?” I suppose the joke’s on me because if you were any sort of certified geek, you would know that I just made that up to get your attention. Aristotle had much broader questions to address, not to mention the fact that the word “geek” didn’t enter mainstream vocabulary until fairly recently. It wasn’t a term invented by Dr. Seuss as was the case for “nerd,” but let’s consider this faux-Aristotelian inquiry so that we all may be a little bit geekier.

Looking at the connotations of “geek” throughout history, the urban use of the term defines it as one who is eccentric or non-mainstream. It implies a person who is an expert or enthusiast obsessed with a specific hobby, though this use often has negative connotations. I have read analyses comparing “geek” to “nerd,” but I think before I venture further into this territory, we should ask ourselves, “Am I a geek in a specific sense?” I’ll just leave this cute little cliché right here: “Let your freak flag fly.”

Now, let’s get geeky.

The word has become a popular synonym associated with people dedicated to cultural phenomena such as Pokemon, Star Trek and Dungeons and Dragons. For the record, my vague perception of “geek culture” is rather shallow considering I am a geek myself in certain aspects. If you challenged me to a duel of Harry Potter or Disney trivia, then you would understand.

At lunch the other day, I mentioned “Iron Man 3” would be in theaters soon. My group of friends instantly started fangirling over “Captain America: The Winter Soldier.” Had nothing to contribute to the discussion other than, “Loki’s hotter.” At that, I was briefed on the Cap and every intricacy that traces X-Men “mutant” twins to... Falcon or something. Essentially, it doesn’t matter what superhero story you strip apart layer by layer. Somehow, they all fit together like conveniently placed puzzle pieces, blowing your mind the same way movies lather plot with explosives.

My baptism into this world has been incomplete, meaning I have watched only sequels and remakes (except for the original Batman with Adam West and Burt Ward). All I know about the Incredible Hulk is that there’s an awesome roller-coaster in the Island of Adventure at Universal Studios that is big and green. My eleven-year-old cousin can do an adorable husky Batman impression, though I still don’t get why the character talks like that. Other than “The Amazing Spider-Man 2,” “The Avengers,” “Thor: The Dark World” and more recently, “The Winter Soldier,” I have little to no comprehension of character backstories in comic books or in pop culture.

Here’s the dish from one of my cohorts on where to begin if you are just starting to study superheroes other than “The Incredibles.” Caitlyn Jordan has been my “geek” master from Pokemon to Star Wars to Spider-Man. In addition to knowing somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody working with Marvel, she is pursuing a career in film and cited the “Dark Knight” himself, Chris Nolan, as one of her directing inspirations.

On Marvel vs. DC Comics

“I think Marvel is better, but it really depends on what mood I’m in. Marvel has more of a nationalism aspect. Captain America beats up the Nazis, and everyone is happy, except for the Nazis, of course. Marvel characters have a lot more spunk. Spider-Man is known for his witty comebacks and puns after beating up a nasty villain. I guess Marvel is somewhat more relatable. DC, on the other hand, mostly focuses on dark aspects. Batman faces a city with poverty, destruction and corruption everyday. He doesn’t have time to come up with jokes. He’s just way too depressed about his dead parents.”

Favorite Superhero

“Captain America. He’s such a clean-kid sweetheart. He’s such a good role model too. However, you have to remember he was created for war propaganda, so that’s a bit of a downer.”

Spider-Man: Toby Maguire or Andy Garfield

“Andrew Garfield forever, hands down. He brought back what Spider-Man stands for: fun and wit. Andy shows that Peter Parker was a typical high school student that was shy and nerdy. However, the movie doesn’t go overkill for this. Toby’s movie constantly reminded the audience how much of a ‘loser’ Spider-Man is and how emotional he could be. Blah. Who needs that! I want action and laughs! Not the famous Toby crying face.”

On the “Geek” Connotation

“Don’t judge a book by its cover. People who like comics or superhero movies aren’t strange or odd. It’s the equivalent of liking America’s Next Top Model or baseball. Comics are just another way to be entertained. I’m not quite sure why comics are even considered geek-like. There shouldn’t be a label, honestly. It’s fun to really get into something and find others who love it just as much. That’s geek culture, connecting with others through certain fraternities.”

As I continue this process of integration into geek culture, I welcome all requests to expand my knowledge in this field. My friends will thank you (so will I). Now, please excuse me as I start watching “Tarzan.”

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Calm your outrage at athletes

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It’s a bad time to be a professional athlete. And it’s (unfortunately) a good time to be a sports writer. With the sensationalizing media and a judgmental society, nothing short of God himself coming down and giving The Observer a Hushpuppy, and she live with her

child abuse case from being filmed at the game because he or she might elicit the wrong reactions from fans — a reaction in which the NFL doesn’t want to be associated with.

What the NFL did wrong, but is understandable. The media sensationalizes these kinds of incidents and then looks to blame the NFL. However, why let players like this exist? The league is filled with terrible abusive men. The league itself has gone to the dumps.

And then people become psychoanalysts, asking why Janay Rice, Ray Rice’s wife, stayed with him. People assume to know she is frozen with fear and stuck in an abusive relationship; people come forward and say she doesn’t understand. It is unbelievable what people, led by the media, will do just to make you believe what she is feeling or thinking about her own situation. Life is not so clear cut. Unless it is someone else’s life.

As I looked at ESPN and other sports news sites today, there was only one story not involving an athlete who hasn’t recently been in trouble, and that was Giancarlo Stanton recovering in the hospital after being hit in the face by an 88-mph fastball. Chris Davis was in the news because he took Adderall, and much of the car story and subsequent comments focused on his suspension.

It is sad the media needs scandals in order to hold our attention, and it is sad we are all too eager to judge. We all need to take a step back and breathe before we begin accusing and throwing out unsubstantiated blame. It is easy to be upset with athletes when they have money and fame, but it is our fault that we equate money and fame with morality. We need to realize that athletes are human as well, and we should not idolize or hold them to higher standards.

I am not defending one way or the other concerning these incidents — I am pushing for the NFL to treat professional athletes differently and not be so quick to judge.

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NFL

Steeler penalties do not worry Tomlin

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin’s list of issues with the Steelers is lengthy. The number of flags his team has piled up during the first two weeks of the season is just one more.

While the Pittsburgh Steelers have been flagged 28 times during their 1-1 start, the third-highest total in the league — Tomlin believes there’s plenty of time for things to even out.

“We’re two games into this one,” Tomlin said Tuesday. “Hopefully by the time we’re able to compare this year to last or any year for that matter over a 16, 19-game schedule or 20-game schedule if you will (that) we’ll have a better showing than we have to this point.”

The Steelers have typically been among the NFL’s most well-behaved franchises during Tomlin’s tenure. They’ve only finished in the top half of the league among most penalized teams twice since 2008.

Pittsburgh was the 10th-most penalized team in 2010 and still went to the Super Bowl. The Steelers ranked 16th in 2011, but went 12-4 and advanced to the playoffs. That doesn’t mean Tomlin wouldn’t like to see some improvement heading into Sunday’s game at Carolina. After 16 total penalties, that means there are bigger issues at the moment.

Asked if he sees the uptick in flags on his players symptomatic of a league-wide crackdown and he shrugged his shoulders.

“I haven’t looked at it globally,” Tomlin said. “I’m really familiar with anything going on outside of Pittsburgh right now.”

And what Tomlin sees is a group that’s trying to do the right thing most of the time even if Pittsburgh leads the NFL in unnecessary roughness penalties (three) and personal foul facemasks (three).

Two of the unnecessary roughness calls came in a span of a minute during last week’s 26-6 loss to Baltimore. Safety Troy Polamalu was flagged when officials ruled he hit Ravens tight end Dennis Pitta after Pitta trying to complete a catch.

A couple of snaps later, safety Mike Mitchell drew a whistle for slamming into Baltimore wide receiver Steve Smith at the goal line. Replays showed Mitchell — who was fined several times last year for dangerous hits while playing for Carolina — appeared to lead with his shoulder.

The call on Mitchell set up a short Baltimore touchdown that made it 17-6 and the Steelers never recovered.

“I don’t have major concerns about our ability to respect the player-safety initiatives and lowering the target and things of that nature,” Tomlin said. “I know that we were called a couple of times in the football game, but largely in regards to our guys and our approach to it, I have very little concern.”

The Steelers had a similar ratio of penalties in 2014, incurring 28 penalties through the first three games. They turned it around quickly enough to end up the seventh least-penalized team that year.

While Tomlin allowed keeping the referees from reaching into their pockets would help his team avoid the kind of sloppy play that highlighted the loss to Baltimore, he’s more worried about a rush defense that is allowing 170 yards per game.

Pressed on if it’s simply bad tackling or players being out of position, Tomlin just laughed.

“It’s all something that needs to be addressed and quickly rectified,” he said.

Doing it against the Panthers won’t be easy. Carolina has one of the better running back combinations in the league in Jonathan Stewart and DeAngelo Williams. Throw in quarterback Cam Newton and Carolina is among the most physical teams in the NFL.

“It starts with working to minimize what they are capable of doing in the run game for us,” Tomlin said. “We haven’t been our best in that area.

Pittsburgh needs to improve quickly or risk its third consecutive start of 1-2 or worse.

Orioles win AL East title

Associated Press

Baltimore — The Baltimore Orioles won their first AL East crown since 1997, using home runs by Steve Pearce and Jimmy Paredes to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-2 Tuesday night before a boisterous crowd of 35,297 at Camden Yards.

With their ninth in 12 games on the Orioles clinched their second playoff appearance in three years fol-

lowing a run of 14 consecutive losing seasons. Afterward, the Orioles converged behind second base, fireworks soared in the out-

dfield and streamers sprayed throughout the crowd.

It was Baltimore’s 19th AL East title and only its second since 1983, when the Orioles last won the World Series.

The franchise has enjoyed a rebirth under the guidance of manager Buck Showalter, whose 1,254th victory thrust him past mentor Billy Martin into sole possession of 36th place on the career list.

Baltimore is 42-23 in a division that includes the defending World Series champ-

ion Boston Red Sox, the free-

spending New York Yankees and pitching-rich Tampa Bay.

The Orioles led by only four games on Aug. 6 before going on a 27-11 run.

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Belles swept by rival Calvin

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s faced its toughest challenge of the season Tuesday, when it fell to No. 4 Calvin College, the defending national champion, 3-0, at Angela Athletic Facility.

The first set featured the Knights (12-2, 4-0 MIAA) taking advantage of early four-point runs to establish a 13-8 lead. When the score was increased to 19-14, the Belles (3-6, 2-3) began to make a comeback to narrow the score to 22-20. Calvin would commit two errors to tie the score up later at 23, and senior libero Samantha Grady added an ace to break the tie and give Saint Mary’s a late 24-23 lead. However, Calvin racked up three straight points to take the first set, 26-24.

The second set featured an explosive start by the Knights. Calvin would take an early 11-0 lead and looked to put the set away quickly. However, from that point, the Belles would outscore Calvin 19-14 to narrow the score to 21-16. Saint Mary’s would again come close when a late three-point run cut the lead down to 22-19, but the Knights hung on for the 25-19 set victory.

In the third and final set, Saint Mary’s took an early 3-1 lead, but Calvin came back on a 14-2 run to put the score at 15-5. The Belles were not able to go any runs for the rest of the set, picking up single points between Knights’ multi-point runs. That pace allowed Calvin to claim the third set and the match victory, 12-25.

Calvin senior right side Stacey Kamp posted a match-high 13 kills. Knights freshman setter Jenna Lodewyk contributed 31 assists, and senior libero Emily Biesboer dug out 12 balls, both tops for Tuesday’s contest.

Elsewhere, the Belles will have to look out for senior setter Alex Gothard, who registered 63 assists over the weekend, including 39 in the victory over Bluffton. This marks only the second conference match away from home that the Hornets have played, after dropping a 3-0 game to Olivet on Sept. 2. The Belles look to break their two-game losing streak against Bluffton in a match in which she compiled 40 digs during two matches.

The Belles’ next opponent is conference rival Kalamazoo. The Hornets (6-4, 1-3 MIAA) are coming off a split at the Wooster Kilt Classic on Saturday, defeating Bluffton but being swept by host Wooster. Hornets sophomore libero Logan Iregui was named to the all-tournament team after a weekend in which she compiled 49 digs.

The Belles look to break their two-game losing streak against Kalamazoo on their final match of this five-contest homestand, before they travel to Adrian on Sept. 24.

The Belles resume action on Friday at home against Kalamazoo at 7 p.m.

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Arrieta loses no-hit bid in eighth

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning before giving up Brandon Phillips’ one-out double, the only blemish for the Chicago Cubs pitcher in a 7-0 shutout of the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Arrieta (9-5) struck out 13 and walked one in his first career complete game. He was five outs from the first no-hitter at Wrigley Field in 42 years when Phillips drove an 0-2 pitch to deep left-center, just beyond the desperate dive of center fielder Matt Szczur on the warning track.

It was the third time this season Arrieta has flirted with a no-hitter. He carried a perfect game into the seventh inning against Cincinnati on June 24 before Billy Hamilton singled. In his next outing, the right-hander held Boston hitless until Stephen Drew singled with two outs in the eighth.

Chicago gave Arrieta plenty of run support against Reds ace Johnny Cueto (18-9). Chris Coghlan capped a five-run sixth inning with a three-run double, and Jorge Soler homered in the seventh.

Carlos Zambrano pitched the most recent no-hitter for the Cubs in 2008. He accomplished the feat against the Houston Astros at Miller Park in Milwaukee, a game that was moved because of a storm.

Milt Pappas threw the last no-hitter at Wrigley Field, an 8-0 victory for the Cubs over San Diego on Sept. 2, 1972.

Arrieta retired 21 of the first 22 batters he faced before allowing Phillips’ double. He issued a leadoff walk in the fourth to Billy Hamilton, who was caught stealing on the next pitch.

Arrieta has allowed two or fewer runs in 18 of his 24 starts this season. Previously, the longest outing of his career was on May 2, 2012, when he pitched eight scoreless innings for Baltimore against the New York Yankees.
A combination of focus and continual improvement on defense, as well as a team effort on offense, has led the Irish to a promising start. The team’s only two losses, to No. 6 Texas Tech and No. 14 USC, came after Notre Dame surrendered two goals in the second half to lose a 1-0 lead.

Since then, the team has played hard for the full 90 minutes of each game. If they can continue to do this, the Irish will be tough to beat. Depth has also been, and will likely continue to be, a crucial component in Notre Dame’s success. Irish coach Theresa Romagnolo repeatedly has emphasized an expectation that anyone on the team, whether starter or player off the bench, could step up on any given day.

Senior forward Lauren Bohaboy dominated in August, scoring all three of her goals in the first four games of the season. Recently, though, sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews has led the offensive effort, scoring two of her three goals on the year in Sunday’s 2-1 win over Toledo to tie her with Bohaboy and junior defender Katie Naughton for the team lead in goals. Andrews also has three assists on the year.

Three of the next four on the top-scoring list are freshmen, with forward Kaitlin Klawunder, midfielder Taylor Klawunder and forward Karin Muya all tied with junior forward Anna Maria Gilbertson at one goal. This range of experience levels illustrates the depth of the team and Notre Dame’s ability to utilize the whole roster to score points.

If the Irish can continue to get significant contributions from prominent veterans and the freshman class, they should be a formidable opponent for any of the ten ACC teams they’ll face in coming weeks.

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performance in the 2013 Big East championship as a freshman, which also was the last tournament the Irish had won until this past weekend.

"It was good to see that we got a win with a team effort this weekend," Campbell said. "I think that’s a great sign moving forward as we’re all beginning to hit our stride early in the season."

Despite her personal success and the team win, Campbell said there is still a lot of work to be done.

“We can definitely work on minimizing our mistakes, and we’re (going) to have to keep moving forward,” she said. “Our schedule is going to get a lot tougher as we play ACC, Big 12, Pac-12 teams. … Everything we’re doing throughout the season is a work in progress working towards May for the NCAA regional and national championships.”

Campbell and the rest of the Notre Dame squad will compete in their next tournament, the Schooner Fall Classic, starting Oct. 4 in Norman, Oklahoma.

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Nationals clinch NL East title

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Washington Nationals are again champions of the NL East, wrapping up their second division title in three years against the team that knocked them out of the top spot last season.

Tanner Roark pitched five-hit ball over seven innings, Ian Desmond’s two-run homer broke a scoreless tie and the Nationals celebrated another trip to the playoffs with a 3-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

The clinching victory was especially sweet coming against the Braves, who finished 10 games ahead of the Nationals in 2013. The roles were reversed this season as Washington steadily pulled away down the stretch.

Atlanta lost for the 11th time in 14 games, further damaging its hopes of making a third straight playoff appearance as a wild card. The Braves dropped to 75-76 with their fifth straight loss, the first time they have been under .500 since losing on opening day to Milwaukee. They came into the night 4-12 against Pittsburgh for the second NL wild card and have only 11 games left in the regular season.

Roark (14-10) pitched around four leadoff singles by Atlanta, which never got a runner past second base. He struck out four and walked none, lifted after throwing 89 pitches. Tyler Clippard worked a scoreless eighth, and Drew Storen finished up for his seventh save.

The Nationals finally broke through in the sixth off Aaron Harang (11-11). After Jayson Werth led off with a walk, Adam LaRoche took a called third strike before Harang worked the count to 2-2 on Desmond.

The next pitch was a breaking pitch that stayed up in the zone. Desmond got all of it, sending a drive deep into the left-field seats for his 23rd homer of the season.

left fielder Justin Upton barely moved, while Harang pumped his fist angrily on the mound.

Desmond scored another run in the ninth, trotting home on David Carpenter’s wild pitch.
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point.

Despite her youth, Olmsted is no stranger to the starting spot at forward. She appeared in 19 matches last season and made nine starts. She finished the year with two goals, including one in her collegiate debut, and four assists, ranking second behind Andrews among Irish freshmen in both of those categories.

Notre Dame coach Theresa Romagnolo said Olmsted’s freshman-year play made her one of the more experienced players on the Irish front line. Among Notre Dame’s eight-member sophomore class, only Andrews and goalkeeper Kaela Little have more career appearances than Olmsted.

“(Olmsted) got a lot of experience her freshman year, and she’s been through the battles, and she knows what it takes,” Romagnolo said. “Kaleigh’s someone who can change the game because of her ability to get in behind defenders and to pick out people in the box, like we saw her do (Sunday).”

Although she’s found a more consistent spot in the starting lineup this season, Olmsted said she doesn’t feel like she has taken on a bigger role in the offense. Rather, The Woodlands, Texas, native said she feels more at ease working with her teammates.

“I wouldn’t say I have more knowledge in that I played with Bohaboy for a year, I played with our back line for a year, so it’s more comfortable playing with my players rather than playing the position.”

Part of playing the forward position involves picking up positive traits from those around her, Olmsted said. She added that she has tried to match Bohaboy’s competitiveness on the field.

“Lo’s always pushing me to be a lot more intense than I am, and I think what I’ve learned from her is to have a stronger mentality on the field,” Olmsted said. “I don’t always have that mentality, but I feel like she does every single game and every single practice.”

After some hesitation, Olmsted said her top trait is her ability to create crosses much like the one that set up Andrews’ goal Sunday.

“I feel like I see the field pretty well, and I try to get the cross off,” she said. “That’s a lot of times … what my first look is, to try to get the cross off.”

Romagnolo echoed Olmsted’s sentiments but also added that the science pre-professional major’s speed makes her a hassle for defenders.

“[She has] great speed, an ability to go one-on-one and get behind defenders and a great ability to cross the ball as well.”

Olmsted and the Irish will aim to harness that ability in their next game, a home meeting with No. 9 North Carolina on Saturday. Last season, the Irish topped the then-No. 1 Tar Heels in the only meeting between the two squads.

Despite the history between the two programs, which have combined for 24 national championships, Olmsted said she sees the game as just another step the Irish need to take.

“We all know they’re a good team, but it’s just another game,” she said. “We need to come out exactly the way that we came out against Stanford, against Santa Clara. I think we know how to play, and we know what we need to do — it’s just a matter of putting the pieces together and fighting for every single ball.”

Olmsted and the Irish will face North Carolina on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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OLMSTED TRACKS DOWN A LOOSE BALL AGAINST TEXAS TECH ON AUG. 29. SHE HAS RECORD EIGHT SHOTS IN EIGHT GAMES SO FAR THIS SEASON.
Happy Birthday! Look back and you will discover a way to handle some of the changes you see coming down the pipeline. Change is necessary, and the sooner you recognize and prepare for what’s to come, the easier it will be to make a transition and find peace of mind. Consider what you can offer others and your generosity will be countered with rewards. Your numbers are 5, 13, 17, 23, 31, 35, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Jump into action to settle differences regarding a financial and emotional issue. You will be surprised how much you can resolve if you are open and honest. Compromise is easy if you look at both sides of a situation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Finish what you start. The less contact you have with others, the easier it will be to move forward with your personal plans. Learn to see in others something you think will bring you more for less.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Fill your day with activity and lots of chatter and socializing. Make quick decisions and organize precisely in order to fit in everything you want to do. You will learn something fascinating if you interact with people from different backgrounds.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Work in solitude to avoid people who upset you. Don’t count on anything going according to plan. Unexpected change will take place, so prepare to deal with the inevitable. Don’t count on anything or anyone and you won’t be disappointed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Do what you can to make a difference. Listen to the concerns that other people feel are important. Your insight and knowledge will help you supply solutions and in turn, boost your reputation and put you in a great position for advancement.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let the little things get to you. Take time to reflect on the past, but refrain from being self-critical regarding the choices you’ve made. Learn from the experience you have gained and head into a new beginning with assurance and confidence.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your interests will mount regarding people from different backgrounds or beliefs. Take part in community events and you will benefit from the encounters you have and the knowledge you gain. Reconnect with someone you miss.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Making improvements to your surroundings will benefit you regarding a personal business venture. An unusual investment will bring additional rewards if you follow your heart and dreams. Keep your feet on the ground and your plans simple and realistic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ll stand out in the crowd, so be on your best behavior if you want to attract positive attention. Let your wit and intelligence be your guide, not your brawn and bravado. Anything is possible if you have a positive, congenial attitude.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The past held you back. Recover is a waste of time and stands between you and being successful. Don’t worry about what others do or say. Focus on your own goals and realize your talents to rise above controversy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think about your future and how you can make the most of the knowledge you have gained along the way. It’s up to you to recognize and take advantage of any opportunity that allows you to follow your dreams.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the interesting steps to combine business with pleasure. Positive alterations at home still have to be made in order to gain maximum improvements to your community. Love and romance are on the rise.

Birthday Baby: You are a doer and a mediator. You are perceptive and progressive.
ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Notre Dame offense working itself into groove

Olmsted finds her niche in the Irish attack

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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With the trio of senior forward Lauren Bohaboy, junior defender Katie Naughton and sophomore midfielder Morgan Andrews accounting for more than two-thirds of Notre Dame’s 13 goals this season, it’s sometimes easy to forget other players can create scoring opportunities for the No. 18 Irish.

Witness the example of sophomore forward Kaleigh Olmsted, whose cross to Andrews set up the first goal in Sunday’s 2-1 victory over Toledo.

“I passed it to [Bohaboy], and she passed it back, and then I took the ball forward, and I was kind of just hoping that Morgan or someone was running up and behind covering the slot, so I just put it into that area hoping someone would be there,” Olmsted said of the play. “I heard [Andrews] calling for it, and she put it away pretty easily.”

For Olmsted, the assist marked her first point in a season that has seen her start at forward in four of Notre Dame’s eight games.

“We played really well, and we were passing the ball and keeping it well, and to finally be able to score in the second half — we had so many opportunities — it felt good,” she said of her first goal this season, it’s some-than two-thirds of Notre Dame’s andrews accounting for more sophomore midfielder morgan defender Katie naughton and olmsted said of the play. “i heard ing someone would be there,” kind of just hoping that morgan she passed it back, and then i
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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Campbell’s consistency lifts Irish to opening title

By ANDREW ROBINSON
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After capturing the Mary Fossum Invitational title this past weekend, the Irish have jumped out to a fast start — and the same can be said of junior Talia Campbell, who played a major part in the victory, contributing a 9-over-par 225 (73-76-76) to finish fourth in a field of 87 golfers.

Campbell and the rest of the Irish golfers had been awaiting and preparing for this season-opening invitational title this past weekend — were able to do just that. With a final-round team score of 307, Notre Dame was able to make up 11 strokes on the Spartans and win the tournament by four strokes.

Despite double-bogeys on the 11th and 17th holes Sunday, Campbell was able to shoot consistently for most of the round, firing a 76 for the day. Her tournament score of 225 was enough to finish with a share of fourth place, four strokes behind the individual champion, junior Meghan MacLaren from Florida International.

“We were actually a little disappointed to put ourselves in a position where we have to make up strokes on the last day,” she said. “We came in expecting to win … and we were confident the whole time that we were going to get it done.”

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“It was definitely nice to get the [team] win and play pretty well [individually],” Campbell said. “We’ve been investing a lot of time and effort in our game, and it was a good validation to come from behind and win.”

Her fourth-place finish was the second best in her Notre Dame career, behind a medalist