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## Endowment pool continues to grow

By MEGAN DOYLE  
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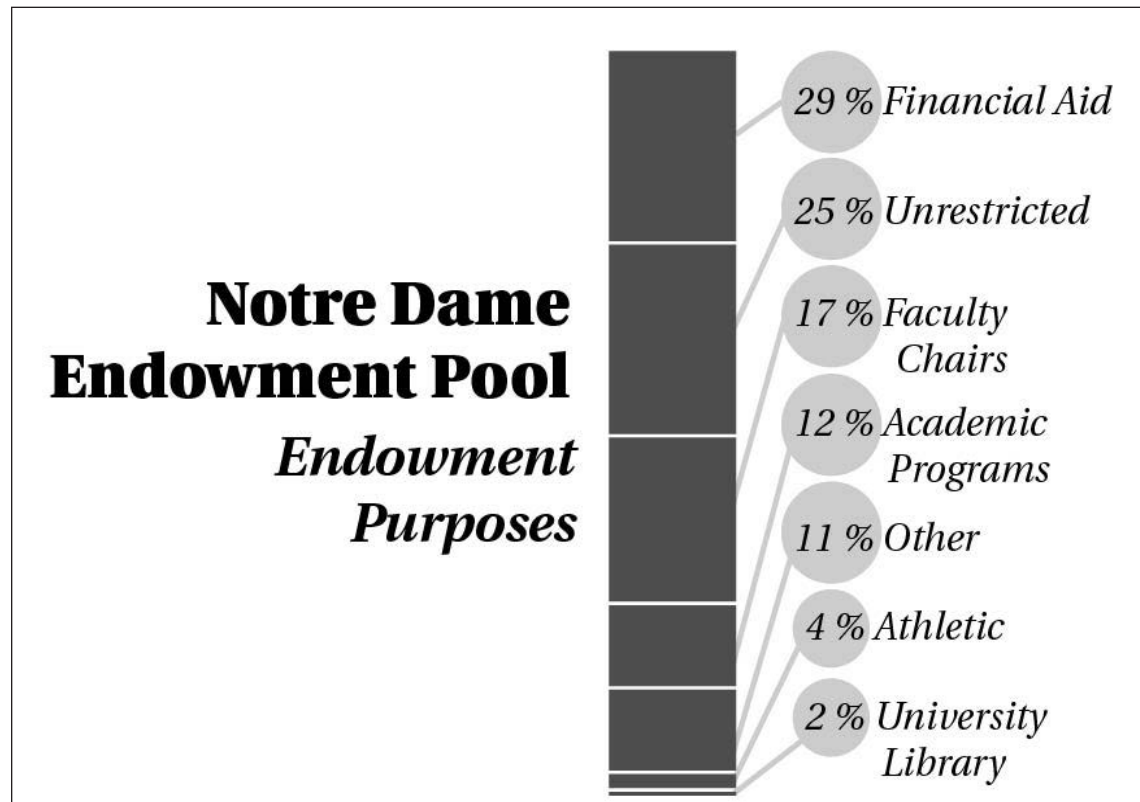
When University President Emeritus Fr. Ted Hesburgh became president in 1952, Notre Dame's endowment fund was approximately \$7 million.

Today, Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said the University's endowment fund for the 2010-2011 fiscal year amounts to over \$7 billion.

"Notre Dame's endowment growth over the last 20 or 25 years has been one of the biggest reasons we have been able to dream and do more," Malpass said. "This year we will end up [with our endowment fund] at \$7.3 billion. That's about a 21.5 percent return."

The value of the endowment fund at the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year was about \$6.1 billion, Malpass said.

"We would want students to know that we have a sophisticated investment management operation trying to earn superior risk-adjusted returns so that we can help students and faculty realize their dreams," Malpass said. "I mean that very sincerely. Whether its



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financial aid to help them be here, endowed chairs so we can recruit top faculty and promote faculty ... just know that we are working hard to try to provide the resources to have students and faculty function at the highest level."

The University's endowment is traditionally one of the best in the nation, Malpass said.

"We've been one of the top performing endowments in the nation in the last 15 or 20 years," Malpass said. "We're in the top

one percent of institutional investors."

The endowment fund finances a diverse range of campus programs, he said. "We talk about it like it's one pool, but it's actu-

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## Professor awarded book prize

By ADRIANA PRATT  
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Young people today are more accepting of gay marriage, but more opposed to abortion than their parents' generation.

The "God gap," or the polarization between the way religious and non-religious constituents vote, has widened over the past four to five years.



Campbell

associate professor

Between one-third and one-half of married Americans are in interfaith relationships.

David Campbell, associate professor of political science at Notre Dame, published these findings and others in his 2010 book "American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us."

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## Campus Life Council sets University policy

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Although the Campus Life Council (CLC) has yet to meet this academic year, student body president Pat McCormick said the group would be instrumental in the student union once its biweekly meetings begin.

"[Campus Life Council] is the body that has the single greatest influence on University policy, so I'm very excited to get started," McCormick said. "It directly incorporates student advocacy into University policy."

McCormick said CLC has not met this year because the group has not received rector recommendations yet from Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle.

"I am not able to appoint rectors or students affairs representatives," McCormick said. "Without those individuals, the purpose of CLC isn't able to be

fulfilled."

McCormick said he hopes that student government will receive the rector recommendations soon.

"We have made multiple requests for nominations and look forward to receiving them so that we can begin the work of the CLC," he said.

The CLC also includes student representatives from the Senate, Hall President's Council (HPC), the Judicial Council and the Coalition Council. The council is intended to provide a forum where students, faculty and administrative personnel can discuss matters impacting student affairs, according to the bylaws.

"The CLC makes policy suggestions directly to the vice president of student affairs," McCormick said. "He or she is then required to submit a public response to each resolution."

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## Journalists evaluate social media



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**The Galvin board members discuss the implications new social media like Twitter and Facebook will have for traditional journalism moving forward.**

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

During an annual journalism forum Monday, Professor Robert Schmuhl held up the Sept. 2 issue of The Observer for the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy Advisory Committee

to see.

He read the top headline aloud: "Notre Dame embraces social media use."

This headline is just one example of the increased popularity of Twitter and Facebook around the world, Schmuhl said.

"What do Twitter, Facebook

and all the other social networking technologies mean [not only] for practitioners of journalism, but also for those who receive news opinion and analysis?" Schmuhl asked.

The Gallivan board members, all experienced journal-

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# Award

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"America has uniquely found a way to accommodate its religious devotion, diversity and tolerance by building bridges across religious lines in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods and in our homes," Campbell said.

Campbell co-authored the text with Robert Putnam, professor of public policy at Harvard University.

The American Political Science Association awarded Campbell and Putnam with the 2011 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award this year. The award is presented annually for the best book on government, politics or international affairs, according to the foundation's website.

"Religion has always been a constant in American society, but we are living in a period of great religious change," Campbell said. "Our book speaks to that change."

Though Americans are becoming more comfortable with people of other religions, Campbell said they are also increasingly pulling away from endorsing a mix of religion and politics.

"The mixture of religion and politics is very tempting for politicians," Campbell said. "That's particularly true for Republican politicians. That's why we are seeing in this presidential race ... multiple candidates who speak very openly about their own religiosity and want to be identified as a candidate who is highly religious."

As religion intermingles with politics, Campbell said Mormon Republican presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman might face difficulty in gaining support from the Evangelical sector in the primary race.

"Especially among Evangelical Christians, it doesn't matter whether you're a devout Mormon or not," Campbell said. "The concern they have [about the Mormon religion] runs deep."

A Mormon himself, Campbell said that as a member of a religious minority, he was interested in exploring the progression of people's acceptance of other religions.

"My own family is a good illustration of people building bridges across religions," Campbell said. "I have many aunts and uncles who are not Mormon."

Campbell and Putnam began

working on the book in 2005, Campbell said. They conducted their first survey in 2006 and completed the study in 2010.

The professors used two primary methods to conduct their research.

"One was the 'Faith Matters' survey, which was a large nationally representative telephone survey where we asked people all sorts of stuff about their religions, families and civic involvement," Campbell said.

Campbell and Putnam also conducted a series of ethnographies, or studies of the customs and cultures of religious congregations across the country.

After collecting the data over a span of five years, "American Grace" was completed. Now, the award-winning book serves as the main text for Campbell's course called "Religion in American Politics."

"Basically our initial idea was that we should do a study of religious diversity in America," Campbell said. "From there, it grew into a much larger project not just about religious diversity, but religion in general."

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# College celebrates Constitution Day

By TABITHA RICKETTS  
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Exactly 224 years after the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, three Saint Mary's faculty members said controversy still surrounds the document's interpretation.

The panelists participated in a discussion Monday titled "Constitutional Tensions: Negotiating Consensus and Controversy in the 21st Century" in Haggar Hall and focused on the right to bear arms, the role of religion in national politics and censorship.

Political Science Professor Patrick Pierce asked the panelists to place themselves in the mindset of the Constitution's authors.

"[Supreme Court Justice John Roberts and the rest of the Supreme Court] consistently look at the intention of the framers,"

Pierce said, "So let's take a look at the intention of the framers."

Pierce analyzed the document's Second Amendment, which protects the right to bear arms.

After their experiences with Great Britain's militant oppression, the framers of the Constitution feared the tyranny of a national army, Pierce said. They designed the amendment to defend against a national militia.

Pierce drew on several Supreme Court cases, including U.S. v. Miller in 1939, to show the judicial system's interpretation of the amendment. These rulings upheld the founder's initial intentions, he said.

"Your right to [bear arms] ... has to be arms that could reasonably be employed again the national army," Pierce said.

History Professor Bill Svelmoe focused on the role of religion in national politics.

"Is America a Christian nation?" Svelmoe asked the audience.

Americans often call the United States "God's chosen country," Svelmoe said, but the founders of the United States did not intend to create a Christian nation.

As they built the Constitution, these men all rejected the European tendency to tie church and state, Svelmoe said.

Unlike many other countries, Svelmoe said the United States did not mention God or religion in any part of the Constitution besides the First Amendment.

Despite this, religion is a still hot-button issue inside and outside the political arena today. Religious play has entered America's political system during candidate debates at election time, Svelmoe said.

"If you pay attention at all during the next few years, you are going to hear a lot of talk about God," he said.

Catherine Pellegrino, librarian at the Cushwa-Leighton Library, spoke about censorship and the First Amendment.

"[The First Amendment is] everyone's favorite amendment ... and everyone's favorite clause," Pellegrino said. "As soon as you start talking about free speech you immediately [jump to] the topic of censorship."

Pellegrino cited several examples of censorship, ranging from a controversial book withheld from display in a library, to a threat against a newspaper by a local Congressional representative.


However, Pellegrino said none of these examples actually violated the Constitution.

"If you recall...the first amendment actually reads, 'Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press,'" Pellegrino said. "Notice how it says Congress. Not the newspaper, not a bookstore, not the library, not publishers; Congress," she said.

However, Pellegrino said the Cushwa-Leighton Library established strict guidelines to prevent books from being removed purely on prejudicial bases.

Different interpretations of the Constitution and its amendments create controversy in libraries around the nation, she said.

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ally almost 5,000 different funds set up for scholarships, endowed chairs for senior faculty, for the library, for various academic programs," Malpass said.

The largest portion of the University's endowment supports financial aid. Malpass said about a third of the fund contributes to scholarships and fellowships.

"Our financial aid program has just gotten so strong here over the years," Malpass said. "I remember in 1990, we spent about \$5 million on grant aid, actually scholarship aid to students. This year we spent \$100 million ... A big portion of that is funded through endowment."

While the market reels in the United States and abroad, Malpass said he is also proud Notre Dame's investment portfolio continues supporting programs at the University.

"We did not have to cut our endowment spending," Malpass said. "We did not have to cut faculty and staff or any programs as a result of the crisis ... And because we didn't have to cut endowment spending, we were able to hire some tremendous young new faculty that in the past we wouldn't have been able to afford. That's a huge positive for the University."

Notre Dame's endowment supports almost 400 faculty chairs across all departments. Despite volatile markets, Malpass said the endowment also continued to support financial aid over the past few years.

"That's probably what my team is most proud about — what that increase in financial aid has done over the years for the quality and diversity of the student body," Malpass said. "It's just been fabulous to watch these talented young people from all over the country and the world come here and be able to afford it."

The University's investment portfolio was down about 20 percent — compared to about 30 percent at peer institutions — during the depths of the financial crisis several years ago, Malpass said. However, the

endowment fund's current figures show a significant rebound from those numbers.

"If you had told me that we would have a crisis where most of the world's big banks were insolvent because of the subprime and ... that basically three years later we would have recovered our value from the drop and actually be at

a new high and not have to cut spending, I would have never thought that could happen," Malpass said. "It's a wonderful outcome."

The Office of Investment did not falter in its philosophy during difficult financial times, Malpass said.

"We know that we have a good, broadly diversified portfolio," Malpass said. "We have good managers. We invest all over the world in all kinds of different asset classes, so that protected us some. It was a huge meltdown in the markets and everybody lost money, but relatively, we did okay."

This portfolio includes a number of start-up investments that have seen huge success, Malpass said.

"We are a pretty big venture investor," he said. "I don't think students today realize that we were one of the early investors in Google, in Yahoo, in YouTube."

Notre Dame's identity as a Catholic university influences its endowment, Malpass said.

"We comply with the bishops' guidelines on investing, so we have some restrictions based on Catholic social teaching," he said.

The University does not invest in companies that violate these guidelines, Malpass said. For example, Notre Dame's investment managers would not work with companies involved in stem cell research, contraceptives or pornography.

"I don't think that [Catholic social teaching] limits us in terms

of getting good returns, though," Malpass said. "I think it's just part of who we are."

The future of the economy is uncertain, Malpass said, but he remains "hopeful."

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"I still think we have a couple of years of volatility and uncertainty and probably modest returns," Malpass said. "That was a pretty nice rebound, 21.5 percent, but now we have to build the rest based on some real economic growth. This fiscal year is likely to be more modest than that ... It's hard to know, but we're going to keep at it."

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## CLC

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The bylaws stipulate that all resolutions passed by the CLC must receive majority vote from two-thirds of the members present at a meeting.

Chief of staff Claire Sokas, now a senior, sat on CLC during her sophomore year.

"I think it's really important to meet because having the opportunity to discuss student affairs issues directly with rec-

tors and other faculty allows us to get a better perspective on their opinion," she said. "We all had the goal of bettering the University in mind."

McCormick said CLC provides a valuable opportunity for students to speak with staff from the Office of Student Affairs.

"It allows us to learn the background and history of issues that may have predated our arrival to Notre Dame," he said.

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# BAVO screens film on domestic abuse

By BRIDGET FEENEY  
News Writer

The slogan for the documentary “Sin by Silence” reads “Prison is safer than the love of your life.” Saint Mary’s Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) screened the documentary Monday evening to educate students about the cycle of domestic violence and its consequences.

The 2009 documentary studies women sentenced to life in prison for murdering their abusive husbands. The women featured in the documentary act from behind bars as advocates against domestic violence.

Senior Taylor Paton serves on BAVO’s Student Advisory Committee. She said the film is one way to educate the student body about domestic violence as a social problem.

“The most important thing to take away from [this movie] is that we need to raise awareness of domestic violence issues,” Paton said. “We need to educate people in the options and the cycle of violence.”

Program director Connie Adams said BAVO chose the film because it is a striking example of the consequences of abuse.

“The issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are prevalent issues in our society,” Adams said. “However, they are often overlooked or ignored.”

Many people do not understand the reality of domestic abuse, Adams said.

“It is difficult to address issues which are misunderstood for one primary reason ¾ an effective solution reflects a problem,” Adams said. “If a social problem is misunderstood, the solution cannot be fully effective.”

Adams said the documentary is a “particularly powerful film.”

“[‘Sin by Silence’] demonstrates the complexity of relationship violence and matches a face with the issue,” Adams said. “Furthermore, it highlights women who have taken action and created change despite the injustices they have endured. Events which empower attend-

ees to take action are central to the aims of BAVO.”

The movie and panel discussion are a means to educate women about the real stories of domestic violence, Adams said.

“This is one reason Saint Mary’s College has instituted the Belles Against Violence Office on campus,” she said. “It is a proactive response to end violence.”

After the film, Professor Leonard Sanchez led a panel discussion. Sanchez, a member of the Department of Social Work, shared stories from his time working in the Arizona police department.

He also addressed the need for improvement in the courts’ handling of domestic abuse cases.

Sophomore Mallory Welsh said the discussion and film were eye-opening.

“One thing I really learned from this movie and discussion panel was how much the courts don’t care about the victims,” Welsh said. “The courts aren’t as emotionally invested in the victims as the social workers are. People are very uneducated.”

Welsh said Sanchez’s examples of unbalance in the court system struck her as unjust. In some states, Sanchez said a person who shoots and kills a home intruder would be held less accountable for the death than a woman who shoots and kills an abusive husband who attacks her.

“[That explanation] really made me mad,” Welsh said. “I can’t believe that both cases aren’t viewed as self defense. I learned that though the courts have made some progress in tackling abuse cases, there is still a long way to go. They need to improve.”

Domestic abuse is an issue that deserves more attention in order to stop this cycle of violence, Welsh said.

“The community needs more events to bring awareness,” she said. “We need to educate people because education is what brings change.”

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ists, focused their discussion on this shift toward constant online updates and its consequences.

Meg Martin, online editor for “The Roanoke Times,” said journalism’s engagement with social media is a result of readers’ demand for greater accessibility.

“It’s about bringing [stories] to where people are,” Martin said. “Some people want [stories] to show up in their pockets, on their iPads or phones. Some say they want them to show up on Facebook or in their Twitter feeds.”

For Monica Yant Kinney, metro columnist for The Philadelphia Enquirer, social media is also a valuable tool for receiving feedback and gauging public interest.

“[Facebook] is an ongoing dialogue between people who have some interest in what I’m doing or what we’re doing at the paper,” she said. “If two or three total strangers find a topic engaging, I think a few hundred thousand readers might find it engaging.”

While many news organizations now see social media as a necessity, Kinney said it could also be a positive opportunity.

“We are totally powerless to change a lot of these trends in our industry,” Kinney said. “My theory is that this is about enhancing and further building my brand and my employer’s brand.”

Kelley Tuthill, a reporter for WCVB-TV in Boston, said the responsibility to maintain an on-line presence poses a stressful but exciting challenge for journalists.

“We’re expected to tweet,” Tuthill said. “If I go out on a story, I’m expected to tweet throughout the day. There’s a live feed all day



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Gallivan Board members Robert Schmuhl left, John McMeel, center, and Anne Thompson discuss social media.

long on our website.”

This summer, Tuthill covered the notorious mobster Joseph “Whitey” Bulger’s trial. She said the case tested her ability to balance traditional reporting with social media coverage.

“It’s really hard to follow the proceedings and tweet the whole time,” she said.

Despite the challenge, Tuthill believes the social media element enhanced WCVB-TV’s overall coverage.

“People loved it,” Tuthill said. “I can’t tell you how many people told me, ‘You made me feel like I was in the courtroom.’ I heard from victims’ families that they followed it.”

Tuthill did, however, express concern that social media coverage may distract reporters from focusing on the traditional print, online or

broadcast story.

“Now you get 140-character updates nonstop,” she said. “We’re doing that. We’re taking pictures. In some cases, we’re recording videos on our iPhones. Something’s got to give, sure. At the end of the day — six o’clock — is there an effect on the quality [of the broadcast story]? Maybe.”

While social media may take its toll on broadcast and print products, Twitter and Facebook are not a death sentence for the industry, Bill Mitchell, head of Entrepreneurial and International Programs at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, said.

“[Social media] is partly supplanting traditional means of distribution, which, in the long-run is not a bad thing,” Mitchell said. “If we can distribute through Facebook instead of trucks and gasoline, I think that’s not a bad thing.”

Despite the advantages of social media, the panelists said journalists should still use caution in their online updates.


Anne Thompson, chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News, said journalists must be conscience of how their use of social media may reflect on their organizations.

“It’s dangerous, I understand, having done this for many years now, [determining] where the line is between the personal and professional,” Thompson said. “If you’ve got the [NBC logo] peacock on your picture or ‘NBC’ at the end of your name, what you’re doing is representative of the network, not just you.”

While readers continue to demand constant updates via Twitter and Facebook, Thompson said social media would never eliminate their desire for developed news stories.

“I don’t think journalism is going to come down to 140 characters,” Thompson said. “It’s one tool, but you can’t be an informed citizen if all you follow is Twitter. Excellent writing is always going to be the most important part of journalism — that is always going to be king.”

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# Missing Mom's cooking

The past few weeks my roommates and I found one of the most dramatic channels on TV. No, it's not TNT (they don't know drama ...) or MTV (as much as I love the "Jersey Shore," it's getting a bit stale). There's only one channel on TV that truly grabs my attention: The Food Network.

Now before you begin to judge us for indulging in the likes of "Iron Chef America" and "Chopped," ask yourself why you aren't watching professional chefs pan sear chicken to perfection and bake the perfect cupcake. While we really are blessed with decent dining halls, acceptable on-campus eateries and off-campus restaurants on par with any medium sized city in the country, Food Network has the ability to show what food could be.

Since birth, I have been spoiled by my mom's incredible cooking (those of my friends lucky enough to try her samosas know what I'm talking about). More than being home or away from classes, what I look forward to most during summer and winter breaks is Indian food — food that actually has flavor and complex textures.

As I said, we have really exceptional food services on campus, but it can't compare or even come close to freshly made naan, chicken tikka masala and daal mahkni. Unfortunately, I haven't gotten accustomed to the standard arbitrary cut of meat, some form of potatoes and a mixture of boiled vegetables for dinner every night like my roommate has.

Instead, I've been accustomed to the spices, aromas, curries and abundance of vegetarian options as the central part of a meal. The unique pairing of flavors in Indian cooking, such as cheese cubes in a creamy spinach (saag paneer), is yet another thing that keeps my stomach unsatisfied after a trip to South Dining Hall. Nothing on this planet (other than potentially a red velvet cupcake) is as utterly delicious as Indian food.

Now a disclaimer on what the dining halls label "Indian food" — spoiler alert, it isn't. While I appreciate the effort, half of the dishes have names that I've never heard of despite spending significant time in India and literally eating Indian food every day whilst home. The other half of the dishes served hardly resembles their namesake (the channa masala had no masala...) and unfortunately don't do the cuisine justice.

Fortunately for those of us who crave the flavors of the Indian peninsula, I have learned a great deal from watching Food Network and am cooking dinner for any and all who would like to join me this Thursday. Just kidding. But seriously, there's a pretty good Indian restaurant down the road on Edison named India Garden and I'm always looking for people to go there with me.

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# Palestine's bid for U.N. membership

Throughout most of its history, the United States has sought to be seen by the rest of the international community as the world's foremost promoter of freedom, democracy and human rights. While instances of America failing to uphold these virtues are both numerous and often quite embarrassing, seldom are they as brazen or ill-conceived as what is likely to occur at the United Nations this Friday, Sept. 23.

It is on this day that the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, plans to seek recognition of Palestine as a full U.N. member state. President Obama has vowed that the United States, on behalf of its close "ally" Israel, will exercise its Security Council veto to prevent that from happening. This would be a tremendous mistake and would ensure that hatred of America continues festering in the Middle East for years to come.

The United States' support for the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 is one of the single greatest foreign policy blunders in our history and has resulted in nothing but unmitigated disaster for this country. Vetoing Palestinian membership in the United Nations would only be doubling down on a thoroughly failed and discredited strategy.

The history of the Palestinian people since the birth of Israel is a tale of endless tragedy, grief and despair. Driven from their homes in the face of Israeli tanks and bulldozers, most Palestinians have spent the last 60 years either suffering under the cruel oppression of Israeli occupation or attempting to eke

out a squalid existence in the miserable refugee camps that dot the landscapes of the surrounding Arab states. Along the way, the United States has supported practically every single action undertaken by the Israeli government, enabling and abetting their creation of an apartheid state in Palestine and generating overwhelming enmity towards America among the people of the Arab world.

For nearly 20 years, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have tried to broker an agreement that would bring an end to their destructive conflict, and 20 years later they have made extraordinarily little progress in resolving their most divisive issues.

Part of the reason for this deadlock is the incredible disparity between the bargaining power of Israel and that of the Palestinian Authority. In attempting to gain recognition as a full United Nations member state, the Palestinians are merely trying to gain international status as a sovereign government, on equal footing with the State of Israel. This would allow them to vote and propose resolutions in the U.N. General Assembly, to bring claims against other nations in the International Court of Justice and to pursue charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity against Israeli military personnel and government officials at the International Criminal Court.

President Obama has thus far parroted the Israeli argument that any resolution to the conflict must come not through unilateral action such as a direct appeal for statehood, but rather through the same direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority that have thus far resulted in little more than 20

years of stalemate.

Meanwhile, with each passing day Israeli settlers seize more Palestinian land, forcing Palestinians from their homes and leaving them with no other option than to turn to more desperate forms of resistance.

These are the people that the United States should be supporting, the oppressed and downtrodden, those too weak to stand up and defend themselves in the face of tyranny. This was once seen to be at the heart of America's duty and responsibility to the rest of the world, and we as a nation have strayed much too far from this path.

Defenders of the apartheid regime in Palestine like to argue that Israel is the only true liberal democracy in the Middle East, and thus the United States has an imperative to support her. And yet only recently, the parliament of our great friend and compatriot in freedom passed a law making it illegal for Israeli citizens to boycott Israeli goods, a measure that desecrates the core American value of freedom of speech.

Clearly, it is time to reconsider this relationship. President Obama has the opportunity this Friday to take that first step, to begin the process of rebuilding America's shattered credibility and respect and to show the world that we will stand with those who seek freedom and justice once again. It is an opportunity that he would be foolish to miss.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I think people don't place a high enough value on how much they are nurtured by doing whatever it is that totally absorbs them."*

Jean Shinoda Bolen  
American author

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## Who cares? You should

Mr. J. Sandberg,  
In your piece in The Observer on Sept. 19, you ask the question (in the title) “Politics and Evolution: who cares?” You then go on to assert that discussion concerning biological evolution does not matter in a presidential debate. Thank you for your article, for it displays how scientific ignorance and misunderstanding can creep into many aspects of our lives, even politics.  
To my way of thinking, questioning candidates concerning scientific ideas is not only important but also essential. National political figures have enormous power not only over education, but also policy acute to issues such as global climate change, management of natural resources (e.g., fisheries) and last but certainly not least human health (e.g., stem cell research).  
How do our leaders make quality choices about such issues? One answer

**Kenneth E. Filchak**

*Guest Columnist*

that I have heard repeatedly is they have “advisors” for such things; therefore they really do not have to have any of this knowledge themselves. Think about this for a moment. This is a policy of “I really don’t need to know about X because I have other people who will know for me.” Is this good policy for anyone in such a leadership position?  
While it is certainly the case that any person, even a politician, cannot be an expert in every field, a modest level of scientific literacy from one of the most powerful and influential people in the world is essential.  
For example, the phrase “believe in evolution” is one that is used often, even in your own article. Scientific ideas are not evaluated by belief. They are proposals that are tested with evidence.  
One may “believe” in the Easter Bunny, but not evolution or any other scientific idea. To have confidence in a scientific idea requires evidence, and lots of it.  
Take a phrase from our former Presi-

dent George W. Bush concerning evolution and intelligent design being taught in schools: Bush reportedly said, “I think we should teach the debate.”  
While some have castigated the former president for this comment, I think we can actually give him a bit of slack here. Debate and intellectual exchange sound like perfectly sound principles, and indeed in most aspects of intellectual life they are.  
However, science is not an egalitarian philosophy. It is true that, in the realm of science, any idea can be proffered, but those ideas consistent with the evidence that are given priority. This is why we do not discuss astrology in high school astronomy courses or the Earth being flat in geology courses.  
As one colleague said, “[I]t’s fine if you are the president of the Flat Earth Society, but do not ask us to teach this in school as a scientific equivalent”.  
If a presidential candidate was highly informed about chemistry, for example, but did not know much about evolution,

this shortcoming might be excusable. However, my perception of your advice to the Republican Party debate is not along this path.  
When politicians affirm their lack of “belief” in a particularly well-supported scientific idea, such as evolution, this is a troubling signal for their future policy decisions involving any scientific phenomenon. Therefore, moderators and the public should actively pursue questions involving science such as evolution, stem cell research and energy use.  
Perhaps I am alone in my opinion, but if any of our politicians “believe” in the Tooth Fairy, astrology or any such idea, I think it best if we know before they become our President.  
  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Time for change

Finally, some sense from current Notre Dame students Kyla Wargel and Cody Gaffney (“Rally all of Notre Dame,” Sept. 19) about an issue some of us alums have been supporting since our days on campus back in the early 1980s. Last I recall, the student population at Notre Dame is now 50/50 men vs. women instead of 100 percent male back before 1972.  
It’s sad to read the rather childish comments from those responding online. Just like believing that the childish act of raising fists during the victory march on the words “her” and “sons” is supposed to somehow recognize the contributions of women on campus, when all it does is reinforce the misogynistic attitude among the “mature” sons of Notre Dame.  
The University survived the acceptance of women as regular students, its first tenured female professor, a female drum major for the band and the selec-

tion of a female member into the fraternity known as the Irish Guard. Also, all three of the last single-sex national championship teams were women (soccer, basketball).  
Some are right — changing the lyrics is not going to achieve world peace or solve all the world’s social problems. But it does recognize a human trait we are called to demonstrate to one another — respect. It’s time for Notre Dame students and alums to accept that women now comprise an equal if not a majority role on campus and show them the respect they have always deserved.  
“While her loyal sons and daughters march on to victory!”

**Eduardo Magallanez**  
alumnus  
Class of 1983  
Sept. 19

### UWIRE

## Study finds contractors waste government cash

Hiring private contractors to do work for the federal government costs more than having a federal employee do the same work, according to a new study by the Project on Government Oversight. In fact, on average, contractors charge the government twice as much as it pays federal workers.  
There has been an ideological push since the 1980s to outsource government work to the private sector. Supporters have justified this by claiming that the private sector will do the work more cheaply, but this argument is divorced from the reality of government contracts.  
Private contractors have been ripping the federal government off for decades. For example, in May Boeing had to refund the U.S. Army for massive overcharges — in one case, the company charged almost \$1,700 for an \$8 spare part.  
The Commission on Wartime Contracting also found that private contractors have wasted or lost more than

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\$30 billion in taxpayer money in Iraq and Afghanistan since the wars began. That’s a sixth of the money we have paid them.  
The ideological pushers for outsourcing government to the private sector shouldn’t plead ignorance, either. All the way back in 1991, a congressional study found that the government could save money by using its own employees instead of private contractors.  
Fiscal hawks who demand cuts in government spending should take careful note of these reports — they are usually the same people who want to cut the federal workforce and sell off government functions to the private sector. Instead of being blinded by ideology, they must engage with the reality of government contracting.

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## Why change?

Ms. Wargel and Mr. Gaffney,  
On Sept. 19 (“Rally all of Notre Dame,”) you proposed changing the words of the fight song to make it more “gender-inclusive.” Upon reading it, my moral compass began to shift. Not because I support you in this endeavor, but rather because I swore to myself around this time last year that I would never write a Viewpoint article during my time at Notre Dame. While the occasional Viewpoint provides insightful commentary, the majority are merely a forum for the passive aggressiveness and senseless whining that are all too prevalent on this campus. Your article has proven to be the rule, rather than the exception.  
Having grown up with three sisters and no brothers (even my Beagle is a girl), I feel that I am more in tune with the complexity of feminine emotions than many of my male counterparts. Having said this, however, I see absolutely no need to alter any portion of the song. If we make the changes that you proposed, we must ask ourselves this: Where does it end?  
Should we burn every history textbook that has ever been written and change the word “human” to “humyn” as some feminists have proposed? The fiscal costs associated with such an endeavor would be astronomical, and in these trying economic times, such an effort could send the United States back to the Stone Age. This argument really comes down to opportunity cost. Is it really worth it to you to expend the time and energy associated with making these switches? As you stand together as “one” with the entire student body on football Saturdays, are you really so offended that you refuse to sing along? If so, I pity you. Life is too short for this nonsense.

**Chris Grant**  
sophomore  
Zahm Hall  
Sept. 19

## Keep the fight in the Fight Song

How to create a controversy in The Observer: complain about an issue that is not an issue to the majority of the student body, and, if possible, insult those who love Notre Dame (“Rally all of Notre Dame,” Sept. 19).  
I would hope that by this point, it’s a given that women are a respected and important part of life here at Notre Dame. A lot of great things have been accomplished with women around, and I think it trivializes those accomplishments to portray us as victims. As a woman myself, I find it rather hard to believe that all this time by singing the words “her loyal sons,” I have been disenfranchising myself. Kyla and Cody, I challenge you to find someone who has been harmed directly by our traditional lyrics. Find me a woman who does not feel welcome here specifically because of our songs, and if you do, I’d like to talk to her and find out why she’s so easily intimidated.  
In short, please stop complaining about our fight song and worry about something that actually does harm women. It’s not that hard to find.  
  
**Theresa Arico**  
senior  
Howard Hall  
Sept. 19



By ROSS FINNEY  
Scene Writer

Despite all expectations, Girls have outdone themselves with their sophomore album, "Father, Son, Holy Ghost." Spiritual only in the loosest sense, this album is pop-rock classicism at its finest, and is certainly one of the best rock 'n' roll albums released this year.

The group's excellent debut, simply called "Album," introduced the indie rock world to singer and guitarist Chris Owens, a romantic with Elvis Costello's voice and a background (including being raised in the notorious Children of God Cult) that gives a dark edge to his sentimentality. Owens, Chet "JR" White (writer, bassist and producer) and a rotation of other temporary members followed their debut last year with a good, if not exactly groundbreaking, EP that left some worried this group would be a one-album wonder.

No need to fear. Girls bring their A-game with topnotch tunes and excellent production.

Owens' songwriting on the newest LP works best because each track plays like a familiar melody. At various points, you can sense the echoes and penumbras of Paul Simon, Eric Clapton and even Alex Chilton, but delivered with a sadness and heartfelt earnestness that is unmistakably Owens.

Don't be put off by "Vomit," the lead single from the album. Despite the strong name, the lyrics and sound are pure pop gold. One of many lovelorn tracks on the album, the song benefits from a full rock band backing and recalls the ability of Tom Petty to make even slow songs rock.

"Honey Bunny," the album's opening track is a relatively happy jaunt that takes any number of ballad clichés and turns them on their heads to aching effect. Initially driven by instrumentation that recalls surf-rock, the real magic of the song comes in the breakdown, which is mellow and

melancholy, but still beautiful in its simplicity.

"Die" will draw in the real rockers. A surprisingly hard-edged track, the bass and guitar recall Black Sabbath, but the anger Owens can muster is neither menacing nor spiteful, despite the song's aggressiveness.

It certainly draws from the band's origins in the San Francisco punk rock scene, but, like the whole album, it is more personal than political. The lyrics are pointed and precise, but hardly lecture.

The second half of the album slows down the tempo and, like the group's debut, it takes a listen to get into. Critics will call the album top-heavy, but the dichotomy of the album's two sides is clearly intentional. While one may disagree with the aesthetic choice, it can hardly be called a deficiency.

Second-half cuts like "Just a Song," or the, dare I say, Beatlesque, "Magic" are at least as strong lyrically and musically as any songs on the first side. One never gets bored with the album.

They say you have your whole life to write your first album; it's the second that proves a songwriter. Chris Owens and Girls are certainly songwriters, and "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" is a testament to that fact. Nostalgically recalling and boldly reinventing pop rock, the album is more than worth the trip to your local record store.

## Girls 'Father, Son, Holy Ghost'

Label: True Panther Sounds  
Release Date: Sept. 13  
Best Tracks: "Vomit," "Just a Song"



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# NEW TO Your Queue

## The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

### 1. "Brick"

This 2005 thriller from Rian Johnson is a modern mystery about a high school girl's unknown involvement in a drug ring and her former boyfriend's efforts to save her. The twist? It's written as an old film noir, circa 1940. Imagine Humphrey Bogart's quick wit coming from the mouth of a high school student. Oh, and that high school student is Joseph Gordon-Levitt, so it's got that going for it, too.

### 2. "Dazed and Confused"

Taking its name not only from a Led Zeppelin song, but also from a way of life, this cult comedy classic is one of the great teen movies that is essential viewing for Netflix Instant. The film takes place over the course of one day, à la "American Graffiti," in a small Texas town as school gets out for summer in 1976. The entering freshmen have to avoid hazing from the exiting seniors, and everyone is looking to party. Starring a who's who of early 90s indie comedy including Ben Affleck, the real breakout star was Matthew McConaughey in a role he has yet to top.

### 3. "Father of the Bride"

Steve Martin portrays the most lovable father in the 1991 remake of a film about a young woman's engagement and its effects on her dad's mental state. Having never met the lucky man before the announcement, George Banks (Martin) is understandably shocked and even horrified. While the wedding planning continues to break the bank, Banks gets more distraught by the day. It all leads to one of the most touching phone calls that represents the father-daughter relationship in all its complexity and love.

### 4. "Monty Python's Flying Circus"

Most people know the hilarious British sextet for their classic comedy, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." But before John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Eric Idle and Terry Gilliam went on a hilariously low budget search through silly obstacles, they entertained the English masses on the BBC with their sketch comedy show, voted consistently in the top 10 on TV Guide's "Top Cult Shows Ever." From silly walks to fish-slapping dances, lumberjacks to the Spanish Inquisition, everyone can find a skit that will pick them up after a long day of schoolwork.

### 5. "Sports Night"

Aaron Sorkin's "Sports Night" was a highly underappreciated drama-comedy in the same vein as his later created "West Wing," one of the most highly acclaimed shows in the history of television. The show follows the behind-the-scenes lives of sportscasters and producers of a "SportsCenter"-like show. "Sports Night" never developed a large audience, and thus only lasted two seasons. However, in Sorkin's typical style, it is tightly written and contains enthralling storylines with the biting wit that has made Sorkin famous.



## FOREIGN FILM FEATURE: 'Bicycle Thieves'



By PATRICK McMANUS  
Scene Writer

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center showed "Bicycle Thieves," one of the most influential foreign films of all time, Friday. The 1948 Italian neorealist film was based on the novel by Luigi Bartolini, with a screenplay by Cesare Zavattini and directed by Vittorio De Sica. Zavattini and De Sica are widely considered some of the greatest names in European cinema.

Set in the depression of Rome following the Second World War, the story of "Bicycle Thieves" concerns a young man, Antonio Ricci (Lamberto Maggiorani), who finally gets the job he needs to support his family. But, there is a catch — he needs a bicycle. Ricci's wife pawns their sheets to get the money to buy back the man's bicycle, and he eventually starts his job putting up posters around the city.

However, tragedy strikes on his first day. His bicycle is stolen. Bicycle theft is a calamity that unfortunately many Notre Dame students can identify with, but for Antonio, his bicycle is far more than a mere convenient conveyance. It is essential to his livelihood.

What ensues is something of an inner-city odyssey in an attempt to recover the pilfered bicycle. Antonio and his young son Bruno (Enzo Staiola) scour the city with mixed success.

The essence of Italian neorealism is the life of ordinary, working class

people, treated without the gloss of Hollywood romanticism. De Sica achieves that flavor in his film by casting both actors and laypeople as characters and including the facades of war-devastated buildings in the set.

"Bicycle Thieves" is not escapist entertainment, nor does it offer any moral solace. It is a bleak film — which is where its power lies. It is a real story about real people. Yet, that hasn't stopped generations of critics from maligning the movie as overly contrived, too Marxist or not pointed enough in its social criticism.

"Bicycle Thieves" is frequently cited as one of the greatest movies of all time. It won an Honorary Academy Award in 1950 for "Most Outstanding Foreign Film" years before that category even existed. That should say something about how highly the film was regarded in its day. Its consistent placing on lists of the great movies clearly shows that that regard has hardly diminished in the more than half-century that has passed since its initial release.

If you are turned off by subtitles, black and white film, foreign sensibilities and depressing movies, then "Bicycle Thieves" is probably not the movie for you. But if "Bicycle Thieves" sounds just like the intelligent foreign flick you've been waiting for and you missed it this weekend, don't worry. You can stream it instantly on Netflix.

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It's hard to believe that "The Lion King" is already 17 years old. And in the 17 years since its original release, we've gotten a sequel, a re-telling of the same story from Timon

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Scene Writer

and Pumbaa's perspective, a Broadway musical, multiple home video and DVD releases and an IMAX re-release. Now we get another re-release, this time in 3D.

We all know the story. It's a classic that echoes "Hamlet" and Biblical epics. The impeccable talent of the cast, including Matthew Broderick, James Earl Jones and Nathan Lane, still shines, and the humor, surprisingly, still works most of the time.

The movie has great tunes from Elton John, is superbly animated and, almost two decades later, is as entertaining as any other Disney movie from the period — though let's be honest, Disney could do no wrong in the early '90s. Disney might describe the film as "timeless."

It's hard to say you can get too much "Lion King." You probably can't.

But the 3D release does raise some important questions. Chief among them is the deceptively simple question, "Why does a 2D animated movie need to be in 3D?"

Making a computer animated movie in 3D is a pretty logical step. It makes instinctive sense. Making a live action movie in 3D is still pretty logical. Taking 2D animation and turning it into something 3D, however, seems like a little much.

We all know "The Lion King" works as it is. It is quite visually impressive, actually, and there seems to be very little reason to mess with it.

It's not really even a question about 3D technology itself. Many people are divided over the technology's merits and both sides have valid points. When you get right down to it, though, it's about whether "The Lion King" in 3D is worth it for fans of the film.

Luckily, early reviewers tend to agree that the 3D employed is not too distracting. While there has been some suggestion that 3D affects the vibrancy of the color, which for "The Lion King" is certainly a loss, most reviewers agree it is not the kind of haphazard 3D nightmare that makes the film unwatchable or leaves the audience with headaches.

That being said, the next logical question would be, "Is 3D worth the money?"

The cynics know Disney is just trying to make some cash off one of their most valuable commodities. They've pulled this kind of stuff for the last 20 years, and clearly we keep paying for it.

This is where Disney really has us. The experience of "The Lion King" on the big screen is always a treat. For kids seeing it the first time and for parents introducing it to their children, it is probably well worth the money.

The nostalgia factor for kids of our age group is a different story. To some extent, nostalgia is certainly something on which Disney is betting. However, when it comes right down to how to blow \$10, "The Lion King" in 3D probably doesn't top the list.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Surprised? Don't be

Really nothing should surprise anyone anymore. But every Sunday (or Monday), my jaw drops at Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's stat line.

One week he throws for over 500 yards and four touchdowns at Miami. The next week, he returns home against the Chargers to toss 423 yards and three more scores. And, oh yeah, San Diego held the Vikings to 28 passing yards the previous week.

Brady picks defenses apart like an overzealous, congested 3 year old would his nose. He slices up the opposition with precision and efficiency usually reserved for the Slap Chop. So what if I just called the Golden Boy a snotty toddler with a cooking informational product. Surprised? You shouldn't be.

New England's impressive 2-0 start has the rest of the NFL quaking and bracing for Hurricane Tom to rain on their Super Bowl parade. Forget the fact that the AFC East has two other undefeated squads or that the Patriots still must play Dallas, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Brady's stellar opening has New England looking like Super Bowl favorites ... again. Surprised? You shouldn't be.

But he has a great offensive line, a legendary — but fashionably challenged — head coach and an incredible receiving corps. Wait, what? You're saying his pass-catchers aren't the best? You're right.

His best receiver is a five-foot-nine gym rat built for the slot position. His next best option is 32-year-old Deion Branch who has yet to surpass 1,000 receiving yards in a season or snag more than five touchdowns in a year. His tight ends appear interchangeable and his suddenly non-controversial new wide-out Chad Ochocinco has just three catches.



Matthew DeFranks

Sports Writer

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“Brady leads the league in nearly every passing category and is on pace for 7,520 yards and 56 touchdowns.”

Meanwhile, Brady has connected with nine different players on his way to 940 passing yards in the first two games. Surprised? You shouldn't be.

Brady leads the league in nearly every passing category (Matt Schaub's 71.7 completion percentage edges out Brady's 71.6) and is on pace for 7,520 yards and 56 touchdowns. By comparison, Dan Marino's long-standing record for passing yards in a season is 5,084 yards. In the Patriots' 18-1 season, Brady tossed a record 50 touchdown passes.

So what if his numbers are inflated because of a shoddy Dolphins' secondary or a small two-game sample size. Those stats are beyond video game level and into Looney Tune Land, where anything is possible. Surprised?

You shouldn't be. Right now, there are no real threats to Brady's throne, either. Immediately following Brady on the yardage list is Panthers' rookie Cam Newton, whose own back-to-back 400-plus yard games have been overshadowed by his team's two losses. Bills quarterback

Ryan Fitzpatrick and Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford each have seven touchdown passes also in helping their squads to undefeated starts. But don't think Newton, Fitzpatrick and Stafford have the three-time Super Bowl winner shaking in his Uggs boots.

Brady can rest easily knowing his biggest competition, Peyton Manning, will not be torturing the Patriots any time soon. Manning's neck injury

has temporarily ended the bar room debate over who is better, although Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers may inspire a

touch of fear. Brady, it appears, will remain the best quarterback in the league. Surprised?

You shouldn't be.

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MLB

Rivera moves to first on all-time list

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera stood by himself, in the center of the diamond at Yankee Stadium.

For once, the great closer wasn't sure what to do next.

So he smiled, blew a kiss to the crowd, and then doffed his cap as cheers washed over him following the record 602nd save of his career.

“Oh, my God, for the first time in my career, I'm on the mound alone,” Rivera said. “It was priceless. I didn't know it could be like that.”

Rivera pitched a perfect ninth inning, striking out Chris Parmelee on what appeared to be his signature cut fastball to end the New York Yankees' 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins on Monday.

Fans from the smallest crowd in the Stadium's three-year history stood and shouted from Rivera's first pitch to his last as he retired Trevor Plouffe, Michael Cuddyer and Parmelee in order and broke Trevor Hoffman's mark.

They even roared in the bottom of the eighth when Nick Swisher grounded into an inning-ending double play — and drew a loud cheer from fans who wanted to see history made at the ballpark for the second time this summer. In July, Derek Jeter got his 3,000th hit at home.

“These guys are into it,” Rivera thought to himself.

It's a remarkable achievement, considering the slender right-hander throws mostly one pitch. Opposing hitters have seen it for years, but still haven't figured it out.

“It's amazing,” Cuddyer said. “You've got a 99 percent chance of knowing what's coming, and he still is able to go out there and dominate.”

So good for so long, Rivera has built a Hall of Fame-caliber career and been a pillar of five World Series championship teams. The only person who might not acknowledge Rivera isn't the best closer of all time is Rivera himself.

“You know me, I'm not like that,” Rivera said. “I like to be under the radar, do my job.”

He nearly did it outside the country. The 41-year-old Rivera tied Hoffman with save No. 601 on Saturday in Toronto. The AL East leaders lost Sunday, putting Rivera in line to get the milestone in the Yankees' last homestand of the season.

Hoffman earned most of his saves with San Diego and retired after pitching last year



AP

New York Yankees' closer Mariano Rivera delivers a pitch in the ninth inning of a 6-4 win Monday at Yankee Stadium.

with Milwaukee.

“I want to congratulate Mariano Rivera on setting the all-time saves record,” Hoffman said in a statement. “It's a great accomplishment and he is still going strong! I have tremendous respect for Mariano not just for his on-field accomplishments, but also for his service to the community.”

On Monday, the New York crowd hollered as Rivera came in to his customary of “Enter Sandman.” The fans grew louder with every strike, every out as Rivera closed in. He even broke a bat for good measure — sawing off Parmelee and sending the rookie back to the dugout for another piece of wood.

Parmelee lasted only one more pitch. Plate umpire John Hirschbeck rung him up, and catcher Russell Martin came out to the mound, gently placed the ball in Rivera's glove, and then gave the skinny Panamanian a big hug.

Rivera stayed and accepted congratulations — Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira and finally Jeter came over to him before the bullpen and bench got there while the Twins watched from their dugout.

“I think it shows what he means to baseball, what he's done,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. “I also think it shows the class of the Minnesota Twins.”

Eventually, the Twins went back to their lockers and the Yankees did, too. That meant Rivera was left on the mound. He tried to sneak off the field with them, but longtime teammate Jorge Posada pushed him, laughing, onto the mound, where fans cheered him once again.

And who would've thought it, at least back in 1995 when Rivera started out. He began his career as a starter, lasting only 3 1-3 innings and losing 10-0 to the Angels in his debut, before becoming a star in the bullpen. He posted his first save in 1996, working usually as a setup man for John Wetteland.

Rivera's 602 saves have come in 674 chances. Hoffman got his 601 in 677 tries.

Paid attendance was 40,045, less than the capacity crowd and attendant hullabaloo surrounding Jeter's historic hit. STATS LLC said Monday's makeup game drew the fewest fans since the new Yankee Stadium opened.

“Thank God it's over, too. Because I was getting a little uncomfortable,” Rivera said.

New York now has another goal before heading to Tampa Bay to close the season: winning the division. The Yankees lead Boston by 5½ games with 10 to play.

The Twins lost their ninth straight, tying a run in May as their worst of the season. The Yankees have been struggling, too — this was just their fifth win in 12 games.

Rivera has finished their last three victories, though. He got his 600th save in Seattle on Sept. 13.

Now that the milestone is behind him, Rivera can focus on getting ready for his 16th October in 17 seasons — that's when he really made his reputation. Those 602 saves don't count any of the 42 wins — in 47 chances — he locked down in the playoffs.

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Unfortunately, no one's gonna pay you to be a husband, unless you marry Oprah. So, I had to find a job. Now, I always admired dentists. They're smart, they're capable, they keep your teeth healthy. So I went out and I became one. Okay, I became a dental assistant. It's basically the same thing. I just make a lot less money.

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They're lazy and they're slow and they make me sad to look at

We've been taking murder advice from some guy, who's biggest crime is taping an Ethan Hawke movie!

-Horrible Bosses



CLUB SPORTS

# Cyclists open season with top-five finish

*Women's Rugby dominates Illinois in opening game; Men's Water Polo seizes opening victory over Iowa*

Special to the Observer

Cycling

The Notre Dame Cycling Club opened the Mountain Bike season at the Michigan Cross Country Race this weekend. In Men's B Division, grad student Douglas Ansel finished 3rd and sophomore Luke Tilmans came in 5th for the Irish. In the Men's C Division, junior Carl Josephson and sophomore Colin Sidberry entered their first competitive event. Sidberry had to pull out of the race due to a mechanical issue, while Josephson finished mid-pack.

Ultimate

The Notre Dame women's Ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday to compete in an early season warm-up tournament. The players split into two even teams to give everyone optimal playing time. Each team competed against one team from Michigan State and two similarly split teams from Michigan. Both the Wolverines and the Spartans sported well-conditioned rosters over the weekend. Michigan State brought a large number of returning players to the tournament, and Michigan was the national runner-up last season. Although neither Irish team came home

with a victory, the tournament experience was helpful for Notre Dame's blossoming program. While the rookies learned the game, the returning members became comfortable with their new roles both on and off the field. Senior captains Vicke Hadlock and Ashely Satterlee kicked off the season with strong leadership and solid playing. Sophomore Kelsey Fink and junior Annie Flood stepped into the role of handlers. The women will practice throughout the week to prepare for their home tournament at Junior Irish Fields on Oct. 1 and 2.

Women's Rugby

The Notre Dame Women's Rugby team beat the University of Illinois at Chicago 50-10 in their opening game Sept. 11. Entering their second year as a club sport, the Irish have many more seasoned players this fall compared with their first fall season. Alongside the veterans on the field were also a few new recruits who were eager to experience playing in a game for the first time. They altered the format of the game to have three 30-minute periods instead of the usual 40-minute halves in order to give players the chance to ex-


perience different field positions with significant playing time. The Irish maintained an aggressive attitude on defense and capitalized off of UIC's mistakes to gain early possession of the ball. Junior Ashley Okonta took the ball out wide for the first Irish try. Junior Amelia Vojt kicked for points, successfully putting the Irish at a 7-0 lead early in the game. Graduate Student Kayla Bishop brought the ball in for another try during the first period of the game, and Vojt made the conversion again. However, later in the third UIC passed the ball out wide for their first try of the game. They missed the conversion for a 14-5 score at the end of the first third. In the second third, the Irish continued to put pressure on the opposing team, which prompted another try. Vojt converted Okonta's try successfully. After a long standoff at the UIC tryline with the Irish unable to get past UIC's defense, Vojt made the decision to kick off a penalty and won three more points for the Irish. UIC pushed back, bringing the ball around a scrum close to the Irish tryline and scored again, bringing the score at the end of the second 3rd to 24-10 with the Irish in the lead. In the last third of the game the Irish again seized opportunities to get the ball and move it forward, for a total of 4 more tries by senior Christina Konkey, junior Janet Mostrom, and rookies freshman Natalie Branch and senior Carli Fernandez. Vojt again demonstrat-

ed her kicking ability by successfully converting three of the four tries, bringing the Irish score to a total of 50 points. The Irish were able to hold back UIC from scoring again, and the game ended with a 50-10 Notre Dame win. The team will welcome Grand Valley State University and Iowa State University to Notre Dame for matches on Sept. 25th. **Men's Water Polo** Notre Dame started out their season well with a victory over Iowa 7-2 Sept. 10th. Senior Captain Dan Geisman made the opening goal with a skip shot to the upper right corner. Junior Chris Jennis followed soon after with a goal off of an ejection to put the Irish up by two. In the second quarter sophomore Jack Turek managed to put a point on the board. Sophomore Goalkeeper Geno Freeman maintained the shutout for the entire first half. In the third quarter, Iowa finally managed to get on the board during an ejection play. Jennis scored two more goals putting the score at five to one. Iowa came out strong during the last quarter with quick goal off the start. However, Geisman scored two goals out of hole set to seal the 7-2 Irish victory. Notre Dame missed two fast break scoring opportunities early against Michigan State. The Spartans capitalized on these mistakes and gained the lead by three. The second quarter did not fare better for the Irish as the Spartans scored six more goals. Jennis did manage to bar in a shot, putting the

Irish on the board. In the second half, the Spartans scored six more points, but Freeman was able to stop a 5-meter penalty shot. Geisman scored late in the fourth quarter to bring the score 15-2 in Michigan State's favor. Notre Dame lost against Michigan 7-2. The Wolverines only scored one in the first quarter while the Irish offense struggled to develop. In the second quarter, sophomore Jack Turek and freshman Dolff Hanke both added points for the Irish. Before the end of the quarter, the Wolverines countered with 3 goals. Offense struggled to develop in the second half as the Wolverines scored three more times before the end of the game. Notre Dame fell to Illinois 7-6 after a possible comeback almost tipped the game in their favor. The Irish seemed to have a clear advantage as Illinois had no substitutes, but the Irish lost a few passes and Illinois went up by two in the first. Notre Dame came out strong in the second with Hanke scoring off of a 5-meter foul. Jennis scored a cross-cage skip shot to tie the game. Illinois responded by scoring two goals of their own to maintain a lead. During the third quarter, Geisman scored out of hole set, but Illinois scored yet again. Dan Geisman scored during a man up in the final quarter. Illinois scored two and temporarily widened the gap. After an Irish timeout, they rallied with Jennis and Hanke scoring back-to-back.

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## Badin

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linebacker Meaghan Ayers returned a touchdown the first play of the second half. Senior captain cornerback Maggie Fahrenbach sealed the game with a touchdown late in the game for the Chaos. "It feels great to start off with a win," Fahrenbach said. "Now we have a lot of confidence going into our game on Tuesday. Our defense was definitely a strength today." The Chaos offense also contributed with a well-executed passing game. Senior quarterback Rebecca Cink connected with senior receivers Brittini Alexander and Megan Robertson for a pair of touchdowns. Badin (0-1) started off with a disappointing loss against a powerhouse Cavanaugh team. The Bullfrogs' debut of their two-quarterback system was halted by the opposing rush. Senior quarterbacks Carli Fernandez and Sylvia Banda had problems distributing

the ball, with only junior receiver and running back Ashley Okonta able to often break into the Cavanaugh secondary. The team hopes to gain experience and build on team chemistry to pull through in its next game. "I think we did a lot of things right today," Okonta said. "I think we need just a bit more chemistry to improve on the season." Cavanaugh faces Pasquerilla West in a quick turnaround Tuesday, while Badin plans to rebound next Sunday against Howard. **Pangborn 40, Breen-Phillips 0** Pangborn came ready to play Sunday evening in a 40-0 shutout over Breen-Phillips. Senior receiver and captain Liz Pawlak shined, with over 60 receiving yards and three touchdowns for the Phoxes (1-0). The offense posted a total of 200 yards. "Our offense really worked well together," Pawlak said. Pangborn's defense also played strongly. The Phoxes had four interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown. "[The defense] played really well, especially because there are a lot of new girls," Pawlak said. Breen-Phillips (0-1) struggled to contain the Phoxes. The Babes were particularly plagued by penalties and interceptions. Before the first snap, the Babes already had incurred a five-yard delay of game penalty. "Any of our attempts that were not finished off were probably more due to penalties," Breen-Phillips senior captain Emily Thompson said. Despite the loss, there were good signs from the Babes on Sunday. Their offense had several promising drives that they hope to continue in future games. Thompson sees potential in the team. "We have a lot of athleticism," she said. "The score doesn't reflect actually how good our team is." Pangborn looks to continue its successful play against Pasquerilla West on Sunday, while Breen-Phillips looks for its first win of the season when it faces Howard on Tuesday.

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MEN’s INTERHALL

Dawgs gain last minute advantage over the Manor

Junior quarterback Spinelli leads Sorin to victory over Fisher; Dillon breaks apart the Angry Mob

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Alumni 7, Morrissey 0

A 26-yard pass caught deep in the end zone by junior wide receiver Jeff Kraemer with just 22 seconds of play on the clock solidified an Alumni victory in a defensive matchup with Morrissey.

“I would have looked dumb if I didn’t catch that ball,” Kraemer said. “It was a great pass, and it felt amazing catching it to win the game.”

Alumni senior captain Dan Dansdill said the team used a new play to guarantee the win.

“We analyzed their defense and knew we would need a play we hadn’t run before,” Dansdill said. “We were just trying to get the ball to our best player.”

Morrissey junior co-captain Sean Baur said they knew exactly where the ball was headed, but were unable to stop the touchdown.

“We were calling it out,” Baur said. “It was just a miscommunication and something we need to work on.”

Other than Alumni’s successful last second play, the game was quiet offensively. The defense from both teams dominated, forcing a total of five interceptions, three of which were caught by Alumni sophomore Connor Hanney.

Baur said the Manor (0-1) will need to focus on their offensive approach before their next opponent.

“What we did today didn’t work,” Baur said. “We just need [to] try something new.”

Next week, Alumni (1-0) takes on Duncan while Morrissey has a bye week.

Sorin 24, Fisher 8

Sorin’s squad started off its repeat campaign with a big win over Fisher.

The defending champions emerged victorious thanks to a high-octane offense and a defense that capitalized on Fisher’s (0-1) mistakes. Junior captain Ted Spinelli, threw a 59-yard touchdown pass and a rushing touchdown. Junior receiver and linebacker Ryan Robinson caught the go-ahead touchdown pass.

“Ted looked fantastic throwing the ball,” Robinson said. “Last year, we started off our season with a loss, so it’s good to start off on the right foot.”

Sorin (1-0) also scored a field goal before halftime after Robinson’s interception of Fisher sophomore quarterback Joe Paggi put the Otters in field-goal range. A muffed Fisher punt return late in the game was recovered by freshman Andrew Kuhn, who ran it back for a touchdown to ice the game.

The Sorin defense held Fisher’s attack to only four first downs. The Green Wave’s lone score came in the fourth quarter when junior receiver Justin Barnes caught a 30-yard pass from Paggi. A draw play gave Fisher the two-point conversion.

Fisher junior captain Matt Hart said Fisher improved [its] intensity in the fourth quarter.

“We want to make sure we come out for all four quarters instead of just one,” Hart said. “We definitely need to focus on secondary assignments and offen-

sive line blocking for next week.”  
Next week, Sorin will clash with Zahm while Fisher looks to bounce back against Carroll.

Knott 7, Duncan 0

It took one big play from junior quarterback Jake Coleman and sophomore receiver Joe McGillicuddy to help Knott defeat Duncan in the first regular season game.

Coleman connected with McGillicuddy on a 20-yard touchdown pass in the beginning of the fourth quarter for the game’s only scoring play.

“We had single coverage and thought we would take a shot at the end zone,” Coleman said.

The gamble paid off as the lone score propelled Knott (1-0) to victory.

The Juggerknott offense focused on the running game, amassing 119 yards, 60 of which were from Coleman.

Meanwhile, Duncan (0-1) struggled to move the ball, gaining only two first downs in the game.

“We just have to keep executing our offense,” junior captain Neil Eveld said. “We just made some mistakes, missed blocks.”

Part of the Highlanders’ difficulties was the starting field position. With one exception, Duncan never started with the ball past its own 35-yard line. The only instance occurred when the Knott punter took possession of the snap with his knee on the ground, effectively downing the ball.

Starting from the Knott 37-yard line, Duncan eventually ventured into the red zone and scored on a 15-yard touchdown pass. The play, however, was called back on a holding penalty.

Special teams played a large role in the game as Duncan’s first punt had a net gain of zero yards. Knott inadvertently downed the ball on a punt and both teams blocked a field goal.

Knott looks to keep the momentum going next week against Siegfried, while Duncan will try for a win against Alumni.

Keenan 17, Keough 6

The Keenan Knights (1-0) utilized their combination of a steady offense and a dominating defense to start the season off with a win over Keough.

Keenan’s first drive of the game resulted in a touchdown, as junior quarterback Andrew McDonough went to the air for four completions, including a 4-yard touchdown pass set up by a 39-yard completion on fourth-and-10. The Knights were propelled by a strong offensive line that gave McDonough ample time to throw the ball.

“It all starts up front for our offense,” McDonough said. “Our offensive line set the tone.”

The opening drive gave the Knights momentum, and Keenan relied on a stalwart defense for the remainder of the game. Keenan allowed only 126 total yards and forced three turnovers.

One of those was a fumble forced by junior linebacker Kevin Walsh that was recovered in the end zone by junior linebacker Tyler Gregory.

Keough (0-1) struggled to put together consistent drives. Many of their possessions were marred by miscues, including five penalties, two lost fumbles and an

interception. The Kangaroos defense, which held Keenan to 100 yards, was led by junior linebacker Robert Toole.

“We came out and we hit hard, and our defense played well,” Toole said. “That’s the way it has been for us the past few years. Our defense is fine but we need to get our offense going.”

The Kangaroos’ offense showed signs of life on its final drive, a five-play, 56-yard run that ended with a touchdown.

“We need to use that momentum [from our final drive] to get us going next game,” Toole said.

Keough looks to get in the win column next week against Stanford while Keenan hopes to move to 2-0 when they face Dillon.

Carroll 24, St. Ed’s 0

Sophomore receiver Bobby Dorman and senior running back Nick Tammerine led Carroll to a resounding win over St. Edward’s on Sunday at Riehle Fields.

Tammerine got going early, breaking off long runs on the Vermin’s first drive. Sophomore quarterback Jack Gardner found Dorman on a 15-yard fade to the back right corner of the end zone for a 7-0 Carroll lead. In the second quarter, Gardner hit sophomore receiver Tom Spoonmore in the end zone as he rolled to his right, bringing the score to 14-0.

Tammerine ran for a 2-yard touchdown in the third quarter for a 21-0 lead. Dorman boomed a 46-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to finish it off. Carroll (1-0) captain Keith Marrero, a junior linebacker, was happy with

his team’s performance, but also saw it as a learning opportunity for the Vermin.

“We got a big win today, and we want to build upon that,” Marrero said. “We don’t want to get lazy. We’re just going to keep building throughout the season, get to the postseason and get to the stadium.”

St. Ed’s (0-1) had difficulty getting anything going on either side of the ball. Many of the big plays the Gentlemen made were undone by costly penalties.

Senior linebacker and captain Jay Mathes expects his team to get better as they have more players available.

“Overall I’m happy with how everyone played,” Mathes said. “The effort was there. When everyone comes back and we’re at full strength, I think we’ll be ready to play with anyone out here.”

St. Ed’s has bye week, while Carroll will look to build off its big win in a contest against Fisher next week.

Dillon 24, O’Neill 0

Dillon sophomore quarterback Kevin Fink looked unrelenting in a victory over O’Neill in the Rec Sports’ Interhall Football Game of the Week.

Finks threw for 132 yards with two passing touchdowns and ran for another 20 yards, leading Dillon (1-0) to a shutout. Fink gave credit to the offensive line for his success through the air.

“Our offense played really well,” Fink said. “They are the unsung heroes of this game in my mind. They made my job eas-

ier and gave me enough time to find the open receiver. I can’t say enough how big they played.”

Dillon’s dominance in the game was evident on both sides of the football. The Big Red defensive line combined for four sacks in the game and resisted giving O’Neill senior quarterback Mike Wilbur time to get settled in the pocket.

Dillon held O’Neill (0-1) to 24 total yards of offense and forced an interception. Coach Guy Andrew knows that he has his work cut out for him in O’Neill’s next game but is also confident that his team will be fired up.


“We need to work on pass blocking more than anything else, but we did have a few sparks,” he said. “Our defense did not play too bad. I know our guys will be ready to come out big for our next game two weeks from now because we love playing football.”

Dillon junior Terry Howard had a versatile performance, leading the team with 57 receiving yards and 72 rushing yards. He credits the team’s success to preparation.

“We prepared well and made no mental mistakes like penalties,” Howard said.

Dillon will look to keep its potent offense hot against Keenan next week while O’Neill will look to recover as it has a bye.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Farley breaks the Duck’s streak behind stout defense

Lewis struggles against potent Shamrock offense; Chaos take control and shutout Bullfrogs 28-0

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Farley 6, Howard 0

Howard’s steady, two-year reign of dominance in the world of interhall football came to a halt Sunday night, as Farley shut out the Ducks in a defensive, penalty-ridden contest. Strong defense on both sides marked the first half as each team was forced into a number of three-and-out series. An interception by Farley senior safety Claire Kueny put the Finest (1-0) into favorable field position, but two penalties negated the turnover’s impact. The defensive struggle between both teams continued well into the second half, as Howard and Farley each struggled to gain yardage. However, Farley utilized their option attack and capitalized on several costly pass interference penalties to set up a strong drive. The Finest finally broke through when junior receiver Stacey Collins hauled in a six-yard touchdown pass.

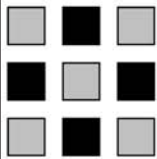
Howard (0-1) looked poised to score on the next drive, as sophomore quarterback Clare Robinson made some strong runs, but the Ducks’ comeback hopes were crushed when Kueny made yet another interception with just two minutes left in the game. With the victory, Farley ended Howard’s two-year interhall football winning streak. Kueny saw the Finest victory as a testament to the team’s strong defense. “Our defense made it very difficult for the quarterback to get a good pass, which allowed me to step in front of receivers,” Kueny said. Despite the loss, many on the Howard sideline remained confident about their team’s ability to carry on the winning tradition of its predecessors. “We have built on the defense of the last two years and continue to have a very strong defense,” Robinson said. “Our offense is coming along, but we need to capitalize on errors by the other team.” Both teams will play Breen-Phillips next. Howard will look to make some quick improvements against the Babes on Tuesday, while Farley will

play Breen-Phillips looking to start a winning streak. **McGlinn 24, Lewis 14** There was one word on McGlinn’s mind while playing Lewis ¾ dominate. With senior receiver Kate Tucker leading the way with three touchdowns from senior captain and quarterback Lauren Miller, the Shamrocks were nearly unstoppable in their win. “We have done a lot on perfecting our plays,” senior captain Ayla Bicoy said. “Our strongest aspect was our cohesion on offense and speed development. It showed with our amount of successful runs.” Out of the gates, McGlinn (1-0) was ready to go. On the first down of the game, freshman running back Emma Collis had a 15-yard run, which was only a preview of how the rest of the game was going to be played. It was a struggle for the Chicks (0-1) to get past strong forces such as Tucker and Collis. Despite the opposing factors and the rain, Lewis did not go down without a fight. “We had a really great start to the year,” senior receiver Christine Hamma said. Referring to the second half of the game, Hamma noted that the defense stepped it up and the offense pulled itself together. The Chicks struggled defensively, but fought hard on offense thanks to junior quarterback Connaught Blood. “Blood really holds the team together,” Hamma said.

Despite the outcome of the game, the Chicks consider themselves a threat for the rest of the season. “As the year goes on, everything will click a little more and people will get used to each other,” Hamma said. “I think we’re really going to impress some people.” McGlinn will face Lyons on Sunday, while Lewis plays Welsh Family on Sunday. **Welsh Family 13, Pasquerilla East 0** Welsh Family junior quarterback Vicky Moreno was dominant as she led her team to a shutout win Sunday over Pasquerilla East. Moreno racked up 179 passing yards while throwing touchdown passes to senior receivers Natalie Baldasare and Charlotte Seasily as the Whirlwind (1-0) were able to edge out a win. “The key to today’s game was making adjustments,” Moreno said. “We saw that [Pasquerilla East] was bringing blitzes pretty hard and our offense was fantastic in adjusting to that. My receivers made my job very easy; all I needed to do was put it in their vicinity and they caught it.” Welsh Family came out firing from the start, with Moreno completing passes all over the field. The Whirlwind were able to sustain a pair of long drives in the early first half, but were twice stopped in the red zone by a stiff Pasquerilla East (0-1) defense. With the first half in danger of ending scoreless, the Welsh Family offense found itself at midfield with only 1:10 to play in the half. Moreno quickly completed consecutive 17-yard passes to Seasily and Baldasare. Shortly after, Moreno found Baldasare in the back of the endzone with only three seconds left on the clock. The Whirlwind scored early in the second half when Moreno’s found a diving Seasily from the 8-yard line. Pasquerilla East looked to rally late in the game when quarterback Macy Mulhall threw back-to-back passes of 26 and 17 yards, but the Welsh Family defense held strong as time ran out on the Pyros’ rally. “Obviously it was a tough loss, but there are a lot of positives we can take from this game,” Pasquerilla East senior captain Kristin Mannion said. “Our offense really was able to pick it up late in the

game.” The Pyros will look to bounce back as they take on Walsh next Sunday, while Welsh Family hopes to maintain its momentum when it takes on McGlinn on Monday. **Ryan 34, Lyons 8** Ryan senior running back Brianna Curtis dominated in Sunday’s win over Lyons. Curtis rushed for 105 yards and two rushing touchdowns on the day. “We just ran our plays like we were practicing and had a good week of practice,” Curtis said. The Wildcats (1-0) drove down the field on their first possession, as senior quarterback Maya Pillai threw one of her three touchdown passes over the middle of the field. Lyons (0-1) responded quickly though, as senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez and the offense thrived early in the game by alternating between the option and bootleg to keep Ryan’s defense off guard. After a touchdown and two-point conversion, Lyons took the lead, but Ryan soon responded. The Wildcats’ defense played extremely well, as they made big stops and started to force turnovers. With this momentum, Curtis and the rest of the offense took the lead and never looked back. Despite the loss, Rodriguez took a lot of positive signs come from the game. “We have a young team this year,” Rodriguez said. “We haven’t had as many practices as we would have liked leading into the game, and so we didn’t have the chemistry that we would’ve hoped for. We have a lot of promise, though, and I can see us being a great team.” Lyons will face McGlinn next Sunday as it looks to improve on its chemistry, while Ryan hopes to continue its success as it takes on Walsh.

**Cavanaugh 28, Badin 0** Cavanaugh’s defense dismantled Badin’s offensive game plan and led the team to a season opening victory. Cavanaugh (1-0) pressured the Badin quarterbacks throughout the game and forced two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns. Sophomore middle



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Lyons will face McGlinn next Sunday as it looks



# Doubles

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beneficial to her game. “It’s been really helpful,” Frilling said. “Starting off last year was rough because we hadn’t played with each other before. It took a while to get used to.” Mathews and Frilling have found success throughout their careers in both doubles and singles. Frilling was named the Big East Player of the Year for two straight sea-

sons. She was also named a 2011 ITA Singles All-American. Mathews made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament last season in singles, before falling to Washington Huskie Venise Chan. Mathews said she felt privileged to be Frillings’ partner and teammate. “Kristy’s one of the best doubles players in the country,” Mathews said. “She’s proven that in her first three years at Notre Dame. Just to know that she’s an amazing partner and getting to be on the court with her has been

an amazing experience.” In practice, Frilling said she and Mathews are editing the small things about their game that fell short last season. “I think we’re going to try to focus on playing our game, reducing errors and being consistent,” Frilling said. “Our main thing is we want to be consistent in our wins and keep it at the highest intensity and focus. We hope good things come out of that.” Mathews said she sees an advantage in being familiar with her partner’s play. “We’re fine-tuning our dou-

bles game, which is a great position to be in this early in the season,” Mathews said. “We already have an understanding so we can work ahead of the game in that sense.” Mathews said her and Frilling’s experience has a definite impact on their leadership for the team. “At this point we’ve probably been through it all in our careers at Notre Dame,” Mathews said. “Coming in, being a senior with Kristy, and finishing our career as co-captains is going to be a lot of fun.” Frilling and Mathews still

have a few weeks before they will test their doubles play. While the team will be in Bloomington this weekend for the Indiana Invitational, Frilling and Mathews will not see competitive action until the All-American Pre Qualifier on Oct. 1. Though she won’t play in the Indiana Invitational, Mathews has high hopes for her team. “I’m looking for great results from them,” Mathews said. “It should be a really good experience for the girls.”

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# Focus

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“If we want to win the game, we’re going to have to shut her down.” While the Belles have made vast improvements in their game, Kuschel said there are still a few areas they need to focus on to beat Trine. “I’m looking for our front row to really block well,” Kuschel said. “We have to be more consistent. We have to come up with big plays and that’s going to take a lot of mental toughness.” Kuschel said her team has worked hard at every practice. “I’m looking for that to continue,” Kuschel said. “If that stays the same, I think we’re going to be beating these teams the second time around.” The team will have to battle if they want to defeat Trine, Kuschel said. “Everyone has contributed and put forth great effort in every match,” Kuschel said. “I’m looking for everyone to step up and take it to the next level.” The Belles take on the Thunder today at Trine at 7 p.m.

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# Dealy

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Wisconsin, it was like it didn’t even phase us. That’s credit to those two.” Dealy is among the leaders in both kills and digs for the Irish again this year, even though she could not pick up a volleyball until the pre-season began in August. Hampered by shoulder problems throughout her career, Dealy underwent surgery in January and missed practicing the entire spring and summer. “It’s quite amazing what she’s been able to do this season coming off of a surgery like that,” Brown said. “She certainly doesn’t have the strength that she used to, so she’s winning points in other ways. She has to be smarter and more efficient with her shots.” On an Irish team that has its hopes pinned on a Big East title and hopefully more, Dealy’s smarts and experience are invaluable, whether she’s getting digs, kills or — more likely — a whole lot of both.

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# Seniors

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tively. Holt said that her senior leaders had a few missed opportunities. “We have 27 more rounds to play this year, and this is just the first one, but they definitely have some room for improvement.”

Holt said. “[Huffer] in particular is a much better player than that. She had four three-putts today, and she left herself in some tough positions on these greens.” Even with their difficulties on the putting surface, the Irish were able to keep themselves near the top of the leaderboard by taking advantage of the par 5s and the par 3s. The team collectively shot -1 on the par 3s and -2 on the par 5s. “The par 5s were definitely

birdie holes today, most of them were pretty short and playing downwind,” Holt said. “I thought we played the par 3s very well today, though. Our assistant coaches and I worked hard on clubbing our players for those holes, and I definitely think we had the right clubs in our hands today.” The Irish stayed well within striking distance and now sit eight strokes back with 36 holes to play. With the shifting conditions possibly striking at any

time, a lead can vanish in the matter of a few holes, which puts Notre Dame in solid position to gather its first win of the year this weekend. “I think we’re still in it, for sure,” Holt said. “We know we left some shots out there today, but we just need to keep chipping way. We know what we need to do.”

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Leading the pack

*Dealy digs her way into the record books*

By CONOR KELLY  
Sports Writer

1,000 kills and 1,000 digs later, senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy leads her teammates as one of the most accomplished players in Notre Dame history. Dealy is just the eighth player to eclipse the 1,000 mark in both categories for the Irish.

"My role on the team is to lead my teammates and put them each in the best position to succeed," Dealy said. "I am lucky to have teammates who have done the same for me. I am happy and honored to have achieved this accomplishment, for it could not have happened without them."

Dealy broke the record during Notre Dame's second set against Western Michigan at the InnTownner Invitational in Madison, Wis.

Dealy's fifth kill of the day hit the 1,000 mark. She did not stop there, though. Dealy added eight more for good measure.

Her 21 digs added to her total of 1,042. After breaking the record, Dealy was named MVP of the tournament.

The upper echelon of Notre Dame volleyball players is exactly where Dealy belongs, Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

"It's hard to put into words how valuable she's been to



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**Senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy attempts to lift the ball past two Valparaiso defenders Sept. 11. Dealy is the eighth Notre Dame player to record 1,000 digs and 1,000 kills in her career.**

this program over her four years here," Brown said. "She's been a starter, a six-rotation player, from the day she stepped on campus."

As a freshman, the Santa Barbara, Calif., native showed she had the talent and drive to lead the Irish both offensively and defensively. Dealy recorded 324 kills her first year playing for the Irish, the second highest on the team. She also led the team defensively with 325 digs.

"Dealy is a great all-around player," Brown said. "I don't know if she's better offensively or defensively. She's just so good on both sides of the ball. They don't keep stats for serves received, but that's another area in which she would be up there. She's as good as they come in that department."

Over the next two years, Dealy continued to lead the Irish statistically. She finished second on the team in

kills in 2009, third in 2010 and was second in digs both years.

Senior libero Frenchy Silva placed first in digs in the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

"Silva and Dealy are incredibly important to us from a leadership perspective," Brown said. "There's no duplicating experience. This weekend, playing in front of almost 3,500 people against

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

## Belles look for second MIAA win

By KATIE HEIT  
Sports Writer

The Belles will travel to Trine University in Angola, Ind., today to compete for their second conference win this season.

Saint Mary's (2-6, 3-1) opened MIAA conference play with losses against Calvin, Kalamazoo and most recently Alma. A 3-0 win over Olivet gave them a conference win and experience for the Trine match.

"We're a very young team," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We've had a lot of great confidence builders even though those games didn't turn out as we'd hoped."

Kuschel said the Belles take every loss and use it as a learning experience to find the good in the game, no matter the result.

"We've had some amazing matchups," Kuschel said. "Last week [against Alma], our team had 82 digs. We did awesome defensively, and it was just a really great stepping stone."

Trine (7-6, 2-1) is strong offensively, Kuschel said, and promises a tough match for the Belles.

"Trine has a phenomenal middle hitter," Kuschel said.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Senior captains rely on experience

By KATIE HEIT  
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Senior co-captains Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews are no strangers to change. Both have started three consecutive seasons with a new doubles partner. However, for the first time in their collegiate careers, Frilling and Mathews will return for their second season as doubles partners with the expectation of being better than before.

Frilling and Mathews, whose 2011 season ended with a loss against USC during the Round of 16 at the NCAA tournament, are eager to see the advantages playing with a familiar partner will give them this year.

"Kristy and I have been teammates our entire career at Notre Dame," Mathews said. "We understand each others' game really well."

Frilling, who has been a leading player for the Irish since her freshman year, said having a familiar partner is



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**Senior co-captain Kristy Frilling prepares to return a ball during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Baylor on March 6.**

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

## Irish fall behind eight strokes after first round

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

The Irish showed no rust in their first round of golf this season despite tough conditions and tougher competition at the Golfweek Conference Challenge at the Red Sky Golf Club in Wolcott, Colo.

The team posted a total mark of 14 over par and sits just eight strokes back of the leader, UC Davis.

Wednesday's 18 holes marked the first time Notre Dame participated in the Conference Challenge, which takes the best teams from each conference and brings them together for a 54-hole tournament at the club's Tom Fazio Course.

According to Irish coach Susan Holt, the course was set up to be a true test for the nation's best.

"We're glad to have the first round out of the way," she said. "The greens are big. They're huge. And they're rolling at tour speed out there, so we've re-

ally got to put ourselves in the right place on the greens. Also, we were the last tee time today, and it got pretty windy later on. We're first off the tee tomorrow, so hopefully we aren't out there for the worst part of the day again."

Despite the difficulty of the course, several Notre Dame golfers were able to turn in great scores. Notable in the group was freshman Ashley Armstrong. Playing her first ever collegiate round, Armstrong played bogey-free golf on the front nine, and finished the day at two over par, placing her among the top ten individual scorers.

"Ashley's a really good player," Holt said. "We weren't surprised at all that she played so well today. It was definitely nice to see that out of her though."

The highest of Notre Dame's scoring rounds came from seniors Katie Allare and captain Becca Huffer, who shot rounds of five-over and six-over, respec-

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