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'Set your own path'



By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the third and final installment of a three-part series about Terrance Rogers, a 1979 Notre Dame graduate who has returned as a graduate student with the goal of winning Bengal Bouts.

Terry Rogers has taken a trip back in time, as a 1979 alumnus who is now a Notre Dame student again, and plenty has changed in 31 years.

"In a way, it's like I'm going back in time, carrying back with me the knowledge I've gained since that time," Rogers said,

He said some things have changed substantially since the 1970s, such as press coverage of the Bengal Bouts tournament. With more athletic events to cover, local media no longer devotes as much press to the event.

"Then, the South Bend Tribune covered the Bengal Bouts extensively. A reporter named Barry Miller used to write us all up. He knew all our nicknames," he said. "The town would get really into it, the football players would be boxing each other and the crowd would go wild.

"It was the heyday of tournament attendance."

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(Above) Terry Rogers practices with a speed bag; (below) Rogers points out a newspaper clipping referencing his boxing achievements when he attended Notre Dame in the 1970s.

President meets with students

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins held his first office hours of the year Wednesday, which gave students the opportunity to discuss issues on campus or in their personal lives with the president.

Junior Reid Brewster met with Jenkins to discuss the death of someone in his family.

"I definitely came out of the meeting with Fr. John feeling refined," Brewster said. "He sort of gave me a new perspective on how to deal with death and how best to move forward not only as a Catholic, but also just as a person."

Brewster urged students to take advantage of Jenkins' office hours.

"It gives you an opportunity to connect with him much more personally and get a backstage view of what kind of man he is," Brewster said.

Jenkins had previously sent a campus-wide e-mail inviting students to his office hours.

"I was so surprised that the president of a university would want to, amidst his busy schedule, meet with the students and hear about their issues," Brewster said. "It's something I

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Saint Mary's holds memorial service

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The College held a memorial service for Bruno Schlesinger, professor at Saint Mary's College for nearly 60 years and founder of the Humanistic Studies Department Wednesday.

Schlesinger died earlier this month at 99.

Judy Fean, director of Campus Ministry at the College, presided during the service.

"We are here today to remember Bruno and extend our welcome to his family members and friends who are here today," Fean said. "We are gathered to remember, and we give thanks to the gifts Bruno left his family and

friends."

Gail Mandell, professor of Humanistic Studies at the College, along with Schlesinger's son, Thomas, gave the eulogies.

"Bruno was a man of blatant emotional complexity," Mandell said. "He could be genial, stern, sweet, stubborn, shy, sly"

Mandell was a colleague of Bruno, and said she enjoyed her experiences working with him at the College.

"I was privileged to know Bruno for almost 40 years, and privileged to work side-by-side with him for over 30 of them," Mandell said. "That's 20 of his seasons and every season I spent with

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Jenkins runs with ROTC students

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Some students on campus take the call to "wake up the echoes" very seriously — or at least that's how it seemed Wednesday when the sound of the ROTC cadets could be heard outside Rolfs Sports Recreation Center at 7 a.m.

Members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corp, which is a component of the Navy, had just returned from their annual Tri-Military Run. University President Fr. John Jenkins and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves joined the cadets in the 2.7-mile run around campus.

"It's always a pleasure and

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TOM YOUNG/The Observer

University President Fr. John Jenkins catches his breath with ROTC cadets after completing their campus run Wednesday morning.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STUDY SPOT?

					
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<i>“While the weather is nice, sitting on a bench anywhere on campus.”</i>	<i>“The library basement.”</i>	<i>“Second floor of the library.”</i>	<i>“Probably the silent study lounge of BP.”</i>	<i>“If I do study ... it’s outside.”</i>	<i>“Arcadia in O’Shag.”</i>

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



Students spent time outside Wednesday, enjoying the sunny weather while it lasts. Here students play Spike Ball on South Quad in front of Fisher Hall Wednesday afternoon.

OFFBEAT

Goose shooting interrupts ‘preach at beach’ Mass
HINGHAM, Mass. — The rector of a Hingham church said parishioners trying to hold a post-Mass picnic at the town’s beach were interrupted by a Canadian goose being shot in front of them. The Rev. Timothy Schenk of the St. John the Evangelist Episcopal church said that the church was holding its “preach at the beach” Mass last week when parishioners saw two hunters open fire on a small flock of geese. He said one goose was shot and fell into the water, but did not die immediately. Schenk said parents and children at the picnic were upset about the shooting. He said the Mass was designed

for children and to remind them that God isn’t just found at the pulpit and in the pews. A regulation prohibits discharging firearms on town property. No charges have been filed.

Firefighters: TV left in sun likely caused blaze
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A big-screen television left outside in the sun this week was blamed for a fire that caused minor damage to a Springfield apartment. Assistant Fire Chief Randy Villines called the blaze “bizarre” and said mirrors inside the projection TV likely bounced and concentrated sunlight enough to start a fire.

The TV was left outside the apartment building Monday with the screen facing toward a parking lot. The Springfield News-Leader reported that one person was arrested at the scene on suspicion of an unrelated charge, but Villines declined to give additional details.

One apartment complex resident was treated for smoke inhalation but refused further treatment. Officials said a sprinkler system installed on the outside patio possibly prevented the blaze from spreading more rapidly to the wooden balconies above the patio.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The seminar, “Engineering in 2030: How the Engineering Profession is Changing,” will take place today at 3:30 p.m. This is the next installment in the Fall 2010 Seminar Series: Challenges and Innovation in Civil and Environmental Engineering. It will take place in DeBartolo Hall.

The 2010 Rev. Bernie Clark, C.S.C. Lecture, “Globally Engaging Charity in Truth” will take place tomorrow at 7:15 p.m. in Andrews Auditorium, Geddes Hall. The speaker will be Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services.

A lunch session, Fostering Global Citizenship Learning Community, will take place Friday at noon in the Geddes Hall Coffee House. Subsequent Global Citizenship lunch sessions are scheduled for the second Friday of each month for the 2010-11 academic year.

Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation is a three-session self improvement program that provides an introduction to the use of mindfulness and relaxation. Peace of Mind meets Wednesdays from 4:05 to 5 p.m. in the third floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.






John Montgomery, the founder of Bridgeway Capital Management, will present a lecture Monday in 129 DeBartolo Hall. The Berges Lecture Series features senior executives speaking on their experiences of the ethical dimensions of business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Terrence Rogers was misquoted in a Sept. 22 article titled “Ready for round two.” The quote: “He investigated kidnappings, disappearances and burnings of black people” is factually incorrect. Rogers, who is describing his FBI agent father in the quote, said he does not know of any documented cases of burnings of black people in the United States in the 1960s. When interviewed, he described one particular case of a kidnapping of a black person, named Mack Charles Parker, by several white-hooded men, from a jail in Poplarville, Miss. in 1959. Rogers said this is a well-known Civil Rights case, and his father interrogated the sheriff and the deputy of the jail about their possible complicity in the kidnapping. His father did not investigate multiple kidnappings as the misquote incorrectly states.

Additionally, in the Sept. 22 article “Daly accepts position to be head of task force,” a quote was misattributed. The quote regarding Daly’s conflict with the administration as an undergraduate should be attributed to University President Fr. John Jenkins. The Observer regrets these errors.

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STUDENT SENATE

Members discuss voting, relief fund, pep rallies

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student senate covered a broad agenda during its meeting Wednesday and discussed plans for voter registration and education, a disaster relief fund and the upcoming Stanford pep rally in Purcell Pavilion.

Social Concerns chair Pat McCormick said efforts for voter registration and education kicked off Monday with a standing-room-only crowd for the lecture "Pizza, Pop and Politics: Midterm Elections 2010."

"The way that we have developed [voter registration] in terms of an action plan splits into three tiers," McCormick said. "We have spent a lot of time researching this because it is really a priority."

The plan includes education on election issues for all voters, voter registration for residents of Indiana and encouraging out-of-state students to participate in midterm elections in the best way possible, McCormick said.

Those students who are not residents of Indiana may legally switch their residency to Indiana and vote in local elections, but this change could be problematic when transitioning back to their home state, McCormick said.

"State laws vary in terms of switching your permanent residency," McCormick said. "We are encouraging everyone who is think-

ing about switching their residency to Indiana to register here to meet with someone who can give them legal specifics."

Oversight chair Paige Becker said her committee is planning a disaster relief fund that would help the University reach out financially after a crisis.

"The fund would act somewhat like a church charity fund," Becker said. "It would be a continuous charity fund to be accessed in the event of a national or international disaster."

Student clubs could also petition to use the fund to finance projects and trips to areas in need of aid, Becker said.

Senators also talked about the details of the upcoming home game weekend.

The Stanford pep rally on Friday will bring the student body back to Purcell Pavilion, student body president Catherine Soler said.

Each dorm will not have a designated seating area, so students should arrive as early as possible with their residence hall before the pep rally begins at 6 p.m., she said.

"We will definitely have good conversations next week about what format we like best for pep rallies," Soler said.

Feedback from the Stanford pep rally will continue efforts to host pep rallies that are more oriented toward students, Soler said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Board to revise budget for 2010-11 academic year

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

The budget for the Saint Mary College 2010-11 academic year was at the forefront of discussion at Wednesday's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

The Board voted to have the budget reviewed, and it will be brought up for approval again at next week's meeting.

Student body president Rachael Chesley said one of her main goals is to positively use this money to make it more visible on campus.

"What's important to remember is this is our money, and we want to make sure whatever the money is used for, we would use it to make our mark this year," Chesley said.

The SGA budget goes to a wide variety of units on campus, including club and organization sponsorships, allotments and programs and events on campus.

SGA treasurer Megan Griffin outlined the budget for the Board to help be clear where the funds would be going.

Issues over the amount of money going into the Capital Fund, which will be used to improve the campus in general, Griffin said there has been feedback from students about what they would like to see on campus.

Chesley said the money will be used carefully since it is money that comes from the students and needs to be used for them.

Some members of the board were concerned about the Capital Fund because it comes from student fees. Senior Emma Hoffman, student trustee, said she wants to be sure there is student input in the decisions made about spending the money in the Capital Fund and that it is directly benefiting students.

"The students are deciding how much they want to give for that. So, maybe if we could even encourage more events on campus," Hoffman said.

Chesley said she understands their hesitation, but told the Board the money will be used carefully and with full input.

"We will have to be critical by saying, is this benefiting the student body?" Chesley said.

Members also raised concerns about the amount of money that was allotted to the class boards, which changed this year.

"In the past, [class boards] have been done by a certain number of people in the class," Griffin said. "We did the same amount for every class, which is a \$500 increase from last year."

Senior Katie Cuda, community commissioner, suggested money could be used to pay for Junior Moms' Weekend or Senior Dads' Weekend — events that currently cost parents money to participate.

The budget was voted down and a revised budget will be brought before the Board Sept. 29.

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ND adds Ph.D. program

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

A push from students helped bring about a new Ph.D. program in theology and peace studies that will begin in the fall, said Robert Johansen, director of doctoral studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

"We've had many inquiries from people with interest in theology. These inquiries are coming from really excellent students," Johansen said.

Though the program was first approved two years ago, it will begin taking applicants around December or January, and classes will start in the fall. Applications are already available online.

Johansen said students will be interested in the program for two reasons: their religious beliefs, commitments and ethics can contribute to peace making, and religious people can do their work much better if they understand peace building.

"If you're in a religious position, you can educate

people on peace building," he said.

The faculty for the program will mainly come from the Kroc Institute, with other faculty members from the theology department also teaching classes, Johansen said.

He is expecting a strong group of applicants, with around six spots for students in the theology and peace studies program.

"The biggest benefit [of the program] is it brings together religious faith and peace making," he said. "It provides the best possible instruction for both domains with a multidisciplinary feel."

Johansen said the program has been three years in the making.

"There is a feeling widespread among the administration that it is natural to bring these two together," he said.

The program's approach can be compared to the approach in medical schools, Johansen said. Both schools bring together a wide variety of disciplines and integrate ideas.

"By bringing both [theology and peace studies]

together, each is enriched," he said. "People are fully equipped to lead in matters."

Johansen said he worked with Matt Ashley, the chair of the theology department, especially when the program was just beginning to come together.

"Theologians increasingly are aware that answering questions of peace and reconciliation requires a penetrating and nuanced grasp, not only of diverse aspects of Catholic theology, but also of cultural, political and economic conditions in which this theology is to be brought to bear," Ashley said in a University press release.

Johansen said although religion can sometimes contribute to war or violence, it can also contribute enormously to peace. The program will help handle challenges faced in faith traditions and peace building, he said.

More information can be found on the Kroc Institute's website, kroc.nd.edu, under "Degree Programs."

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Lecture focuses on Christian unity

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's welcomed best-selling author Thomas Cahill as the speaker for the fifth anniversary of the revival of the Christian Culture Lecture Wednesday.

Cahill's lecture, "The End of Christian Divisions: Achieving Reunion Through Truth-telling," focused on the three divisions of Christianity — Orthodox Christians, Roman Catholics, and Protestants — and the characteristics that form barriers between them.

Cahill said Orthodox Christians have a strong liturgical component, but also said they adhere to the Julian calendar, instead of adapting to the Gregorian calendar as the other Christians have.

Cahill said it was time for the Orthodox Church to switch to the Gregorian calendar, a move that would

help them unite with other Christian factions.

Cahill said the Roman Catholic priests do not have roots founded in the Bible. It may have been an invention of the early church, he said.

He suggested changing the name of Roman Catholic priests because Christians only have one father: God.

"Let's stop calling them 'father.' Jesus would certainly approve," he said.

For the Protestants, Cahill spoke about their narrow focus on scripture. The Bible is full of contradictions, he said.

Cahill said it is important to acknowledge questions of each division, but each Christian tradition also has merit.

Orthodox Christians have consecrated tradition, Catholics have the necessary insight of a universal church and Protestants show the importance of the Bible, Cahill said.

He said the next step should be toward admitting the gaps of Christianity and admitting the faults of each division.

"When we are certain we are right, are we not in danger in alienating anyone who does not agree?" Cahill said.

The decisions people make to embrace other Christians or to continue excluding them will have immense consequences in the not-so-distant future, Cahill said.

The Christian Culture lecture's goal is to explore the impact of Christianity on western culture, College President Carol Ann Mooney said.

The lecture has hosted over 100 speakers since its commencement in 1957. Each lecture is specifically written for the occasion and later published by the College, she said.

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Memorial

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Bruno, I discovered more surprises."

Thomas Schlesinger shared his father's softer side with more than 85 people in attendance at the memorial service.

"Dad's idea of family nights, he would show us art slides," he said. He recalled many different instances he spent with his father discussing politics, admiring art and traveling.

Attendees remembered Schlesinger for his dedication to both the College and its students. He joined the College in 1945 and taught his final class in 2004.

Schlesinger founded the Program for Christian Culture, later renamed Humanistic Studies. He also launched the Christian Culture Lecture series, which was re-established in his honor in 2006.

He received several awards from the College including the Spes Unica Award for teaching and service in 1958. In 1994, the College awarded Schlesinger an honorary degree.

Donations will be collected in his memory to fund the Christian Culture Lecture series in the future. For more information on ways to honor Schlesinger, please contact Libby Gray at egray@saintmarys.edu or 574-284-4240.

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Gail Mandell
professor
Humanistic Studies

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definitely respected and appreciated."

Senior Liz Furman, a member of the Campus Labor Action Project, addressed the University's investments in HEI Hotels & Resorts with Jenkins.

Furman said hotel workers have allegedly poor working conditions, expensive health care premiums and are intimidated when they try to form a union. Other worker complaints involved low wages and heavy workloads.

"It's just really hard to fight against a corporation, especially a corporation that's employing you," Furman said. "We think that the University should be investigating this more thoroughly."

During her discussion with Jenkins, Furman urged the administration to meet with HEI hotel workers and adopt more transparent investment practices.

Furman said the meeting was worth her time, even though she still disagrees with the University.

"I think it gave me a better idea of where the University stands on these issues, even though I disagree with it," Furman said.

An average of about 300 students request an appointment to meet with Jenkins during his office hours, but the office can accommodate only a third of

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Reid Brewster
junior

those students, said Mirella Riley, executive assistant to the Office of the President.

"There's a widespread interest in students to participate in office hours and to meet Fr. Jenkins or to bring a special concern to his attention," Riley said.

The office typically groups students who have a common complaint together.

"Students themselves can dialogue with one another in Fr. John's presence, and I think he does a good job of facilitating those perspectives and sharing his own perspectives," Riley said. "Obviously when the conversations are more personal or confidential in nature, we don't do that."

A typical complaint involves construction on campus.

"We've had students who have said, 'This is great in terms of facilities and I'm glad that Notre Dame is providing these types of facilities for us as students,'" Riley said. "Then students on the other end have said that in expanding, Notre Dame is losing the intimacy and character of the campus."

Jenkins will hold office hours again in November. Students must sign up in advance by completing a form available at <http://president.nd.edu>

Jenkins has been holding office hours since 2006 and Riley said he values interacting with students in a more informal setting.

"We notice at least in the office that he is very energized by meeting with the students," Riley said.

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Rogers

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Rogers' boxing description emerged from the three years he spent at West Point before transferring to Notre Dame.

"The South Bend Tribune billed me as the boxer from West Point, which seemed to have some sort of mystique or aura about it," Rogers said.

As Rogers prepares to re-enter the boxing ring, he will meet some familiar faces. Terry Johnson, a volunteer coach and official for the Bengal Bouts, has held that post since before Rogers made his first Bengal Bouts attempt — and Johnson says today's undergraduates will benefit from having Rogers spar with them.

"Since the day I met Terry, he's been a great competitor, and more than that, he's been a great sportsman. Anyone who's faced Terry in the ring will tell you that," Johnson said. "He'll knock you down the hardest, but he'll be the first to pick you back up again."

Nonetheless, Johnson said Rogers' health, as a 55-year-old boxer, will need to cooperate.

"Obviously, safety is our priority," Johnson said, "If he's allowed to box, he'll be the oldest boxer ever to compete in the Bengal Bouts."

But Rogers wasn't too worried about his eligibility to participate.

"I'm probably in better shape overall now than when I was as a student here," he said.

As Rogers has changed, so has life as a Notre Dame student — and Rogers noticed some improvements.

"The most obvious change is that this place is now 50 percent women. When I was here it was probably about 20 percent," Rogers said. "Notre Dame guys don't know how lucky they are."

Another positive change, Rogers said, is the increased



DAN JACOBS/The Observer
Terry Rogers poses next to boxing equipment in 'The Pit,' where boxers train for Bengal Bouts in the JACC, Wednesday.

cultural diversity.

"I've noticed so many different ethnicities and nationalities here," Rogers said. "Just like having women here, it's made the University much stronger from a cultural and learning standpoint."

Although Rogers is now studying in a completely different field than he did in his undergraduate days, he said students today are more accomplished.

Rogers said the application pool to be admitted into a Notre Dame graduate program was competitive, and he was rejected 11 times.

"After 11 rejections, it doesn't take an Einstein to see that this is a more accomplished crowd," he said.

Students may also have had more fun back in the day, Rogers said. Many students went out to the Four Corners bars every night and drove up to Michigan on Sundays.

Rogers recalled one bar called "The Library."

"They could say, 'I spent every night at The Library,' and be truthful, sort of," he said.

While some changes have been beneficial for the University, Rogers said football is another matter.

"Certain realities have tempered the students' expectations," Rogers said. "When I was an undergraduate, a national championship was considered a birthright."

While Rogers can't do anything to fix the football program, he can prepare himself to win the Bengal Bouts, which means a rigorous schedule of training of at least an hour every day.

After all, Rogers is not just fighting for himself, but to inspire other men over 40 and to raise money for the Holy Cross missions. With his wife's support, Rogers plans to make his fourth attempt at winning Bengal Bouts a success.

"My wife said to me, 'I'm coming out to watch you fight and I'm not coming out to watch you lose,'" Rogers said.

And he doesn't plan to lose. But he does hope his story can be an inspiration to others.

"If you believe in yourself and you have reasons to, you don't have to follow the path of the herd," Rogers said. "Set your own path and the herd can follow you."

"That's why I'm here."

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Run

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a rush,” Jenkins said of the run. “It’s a great chance to remember God’s important people who have made sacrifices in our country.”

Running in the annual Tri-Military Run is a tradition for the University president, and a representative from the Navy said ROTC appreciates his support.

“We have a great relationship with Notre Dame and we’re glad Fr. Jenkins can come out with us,” said Capt. Dale Nees, a professor of Naval Science, Navy captain and senior commander.

Jenkins told ROTC cadets after the run they “speak to what Notre Dame is all about.”

“I just want to say how proud we are to have you at Notre Dame,” he said. “I want to commend you for your leadership, hard work and sacrifice.”

Midshipman Matthew Zak, a senior, said the annual run is one of the best ROTC events each year.

“Just running around the campus early, hearing the cadences, we enjoy it,” he said.

The run also gives the dif-

ferent units of the ROTC a chance to come together, Nees said.

“This run builds that camaraderie between the services. We’re probably just 2 to 3 percent of the student body, maybe three times the size of the football team,” he said. “The folks here are all preparing to be leaders in the military so we like running around campus all together.”

But that doesn’t mean a little friendly competition was out of the question.

“It was just a good thing, Fr. Jenkins showing his support for the Navy and also the rest of the military,”

Midshipman Neil Flattery, a freshman, said.

“There’s definitely an ‘also’ that comes before ‘the rest of the military,’ since Navy is the best.”

Freshman cadet Chris Lillie joked with Flattery, and said, “The Army is definitely better than the Navy.”

But in the end, Lillie said the run showed solidarity between branches.

“It was really amazing to see all the branches moving together and serving the military, and to see all of the other branches coming together and doing the same things you’re doing,” Lillie said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A shore thing

This past Tuesday, I took advantage of a two-hour lull in the afternoon to go to the gym and put in a workout. On the walk back to Alumni, I rolled up my shirt-sleeves and tried to get a tan on an uncharacteristically sunny day, an attempt that failed miserably. When I got back, I put in a load of laundry.

To anyone out there who knows I'm from New Jersey and sarcastically made a 'G.T.L.' joke in their minds, this column is for you. I'm about to hit you with a dose of reality.

For the less MTV-savvy among you, the process I'm referring to is the daily tasks of Gym, Tanning, and Laundry (in that order, mind you) made part of the popular lexicon by the increasingly visible member of the reality series "Jersey Shore".

There are a lot of things that make me angry. But almost nothing makes me angry enough to write a column. The total desecration of the image of my home state, and its most beautiful region, by MTV's admittedly addicting reality series leaves it to people like me to bring some basic facts to this fine Midwestern university community.

The real Jersey shore is not teeming with self-proclaimed guidos, binge drinking and sketchy nightclubs. Trust me, the shore I grew up with wouldn't make a good reality show. Go up to any New Jerseyan you know (and given the preposterously high ratio of us at Notre Dame, I'm willing to bet you know a handful) and ask them what the region means to them.

I'll tell you what it means to me. It's a place where, inexplicably, a collision of beautiful beaches, boardwalks and a dizzying combination of attractions and amusements results in an almost impossible juxtaposition of serenity and vibrancy and an environment where time almost ceases to exist. Some of your fellow Domers even call the region home. I should be so lucky!

Some of the best moments of my childhood occurred at Point Pleasant Beach in New Jersey, so I can say with absolutely certainty that the nine-year old that is still alive and beating inside me feels a little betrayed that people now associate my beaches with a bunch of celebrity-hungry bim-bos from New York and New England. Just about the only thing that would make my inner child more angry is if The Situation and Pauly D took their show to Disney World and tried to pick fights with Mickey Mouse as they tried to hit on Snow White.

As consumers of reality television, we have to be able to see the line where reality ends and fabricated production takes over. "Jersey Shore" seems to be the ultimate example of that, as to me the show is no different than a scripted comedy.

So enjoy the show, but please, be nice to my New Jersey. We already have to deal with Snooki on a regular basis, so we don't need the extra hassle.

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Chris Allen

Assistant Sports Editor

The American Dream

The last time I heard anyone use the term "The American Dream" in conversation, George W. Bush was still in office. This recession has really made a lot of us forget where we come from. In the America I remember from 2006, anybody could become anybody with the right attitude and plan because the America of 2006 had the same spirit and identity as the America of 1776. Freedom is a powerful tenet and it implies that even though we are all born the same and we all die the same, what we do in between is really up to us.

Great Grandpa Easley was alive at the turn of the century. He was just another American living in the heartland of Indiana. He suffered through the depression and raised a family that even sent one kid to Purdue. Great Grandpa didn't have much in terms of money or education, but he had a little plan and made reasonable life decisions. He would see to it that his family got educated and that the daughters were married to good husbands, the best way for females to gain financial stability at the time. Although he didn't get to the top of anything, most people would count his life as a success. I certainly will.

Grandpa Jack Easley was another American success. Growing up under Great Grandpa's roof, Jack didn't have much either, but he had a good head on his shoulders and strong work ethic. He graduated high school, a place his father never stepped foot, and became an electrical engineering student at Purdue.

Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

Grandpa Jack built tanks during the war, and then moved on to air conditioning and automotive electronics. Jack got married and raised a family and like his father, made sure education was top priority. All four of his kids became graduates of Purdue University, with two of them getting graduate degrees. Jack even started his own small business at one point, which he eventually sold. Jack wasn't anything special, just another kid who made decent decisions along the way. He was never rich by any account but he was able to push himself and his family into a place where there were opportunities for the future.

Mark Easley Sr. didn't grow up rich. Born in Indianapolis, he lived in a house with four young mouths to feed and clothe. Mark was most like Jack in his school work and endeavors. He, too, followed his father into engineering, but with a computer science major. For 20 years, Senior pioneered the personal computer industry in Silicon Valley, and was able to retire early. He didn't inherit anything, he didn't know anybody. He was reaping the fruits of his labor through the opportunities that were presented to him.

When I was born in February of 1990, my family had come a long way. It took three generations and over 100 years to get me, the fourth generation of Easley to have the unlimited opportunity that everyone seems to be looking for. And I wasn't even born into that. For years I worked on my schooling, getting straight A's year after year. While others got distracted, I always kept

education as my top priority. I had to take the SAT three times before I got the score I wanted. I took the SAT IIs and six different AP tests. I didn't have to do it, I could have always quit, but I had a plan for myself. I wanted to do something that no Easley has done before. I wanted to attend a premier university, and Notre Dame was among my choices. I'm not smarter than anyone else. I don't even work harder than anyone else. The reason why I am where I am is because I just don't quit on my plans. I don't quit on myself by making poor decisions.

The American Dream is not about rags to riches in a lifetime. It's about sustained progress over generations, where the next has more than the last, where the values of hard work and family and education are passed on. It's a long road and people all have their struggles, but by default, living in America is your best chance of making it in the long term. It's not about intelligence or money. It's about taking good risks for personal betterment and not endangering your success with bad life choices. Our country's middle class is filled with family histories similar to mine. If you want to have an American Dream, look to what others have done to achieve it and learn from their example. Knowledge, education, and determination really are the cornerstones of success.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength; but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

William Shakespeare
English dramatist & poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who don't know how to weep with their whole heart, don't know how to laugh either."

Golda Meir
Israeli politician

Note to self: Don't be like the rich man

Today marks the autumnal equinox, which for the northern hemisphere marks the official end of summer and the beginning of fall. Here, that inexplicably means a forecasted high of 90 very un-fall-like degrees. What's wonderful about living in South Bend is that (say what you will about our humid summers, the much-maligned "permacloud" of winter, the way spring seems to consist of about three days that sneak in between slushy brown snow and sweaty heat) we're really, really lucky to have four actual seasons here.

I can't imagine living in a seasonless climate, a place where you might fail to appreciate a warm sunny day because every day is already warm and sunny. Here we have to grab hold of the beautiful days and squeeze every last moment of clear-blue-75-degree-wonderfulness out of them. We have the opportunity to celebrate each new color that

Kate Barrett
Faithpoint

appears on the vast array of campus trees (check out the maple behind Lyons Hall on the grass near the volleyball court, a tree I have especially loved every fall for years). Unfortunately, whether it's the weather or other more or less significant aspects of our day-to-day life, we fail to notice or appreciate much of what's going on all around us. Remember the gospel story of the rich man who walked right by Lazarus every day, not even noticing his sores, his hunger, his need for human contact? Even the dogs noticed Lazarus more than that rich man did. Clothed in fine linen, he dined "sumptuously," probably on fare that would make a cardiologist cringe, and the fact that Lazarus lacked the ability to meet even the most minimal of needs completely escaped the rich man's attention. But that part was just a flashback – the bulk of the story, as Jesus tells it, takes place after both the rich man and Lazarus have died. The rich man, tormented in the fiery flames

which await those who thoughtlessly consume prodigious amounts of everything while surrounded by suffering and need, at last notices Lazarus. In a manner of speaking. When the man finally focuses on Lazarus, does he think "A brother!" or "A fellow human being!" or "A faithful follower of God's covenant!"? Not a chance. The rich man looks at Lazarus, who at long last rests in comfort, and thinks, "Errand boy!" "Send Lazarus to take care of a few things," the rich man asks Abraham in the story. "I'd really love a drink, and he needs to take a message to my brothers for me." Abraham replies, "Sorry, but clearly you haven't been paying attention." The rich man did not "see" in two ways: he failed to observe Lazarus' need even though he confronted it every day, and perhaps even worse, he failed to perceive Lazarus as a creature equal to himself in God's eyes, deserving of respect, not just directions. How often do we neglect to live

attentively? Do we miss a chance to be grateful for the gift of a perfectly beautiful day or the way a maple turns twenty shades of red in the fall? More importantly, do we ever overlook other people, or see them only through the lens of what they can do for us? In the weeks and months to come, we will come to appreciate more and more the warm and sunny days, the likes of which we won't see again until next April or May. Between now and then, as these changing days remind us to stay alert, we ought to strive to live more attentively, observant of the beauty, the uniqueness, and often the variety of needs present within each person we encounter. *This week's article is written by Kate Barrett, director of the Emmaus Program. She can be reached at Katharine.S.Barrett.28@nd.edu The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saturday challenge

This Saturday we will host a very impressive Stanford team, a team that mirrors the pugnacious toughness and determination of their head coach. We will win this game only if we return to our underdog, blue collar Fighting Irish roots and show the Cardinal that, what tho' the odds be great or small, our toughness and determination overwhelms theirs. We must be relentless. And when I say "we", I don't just mean the team — I mean ALL of us. I challenge the students: when Stanford has the ball on the north end of the field, don't allow them to get a play off. At all. Not even one. The noise must be deafening, not just on big downs — on every down. I challenge the alumni: stand and yell for your team. Do not shout "sit down" at anyone in front of you, and do not sit down if someone shouts it at you. This is a football game, not a piano recital. I challenge the players: take somebody's head off. Because I guarantee that your opponent will if you don't. This isn't a contact sport, this is a war. And when you get 'em down, step on their throats. No mercy. This Saturday, let's be the Fighting Irish again.

Mike Schafer
alumnus
Class of 1982
Sept. 21

Modification

I would like to modify my complaint published in The Observer of Sept. 22 ("Gingrich visit to ND.") As per correspondence and research with University administration, and the "Correction" published in today's South Bend Tribune, the facts appear somewhat different today, as follows:

1. No Notre Dame funds were used to bring Mr. and Mrs. Gingrich to town (i.e. travel expenses).
2. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Gingrich made political comments on campus — notwithstanding the unfortunate and misleading juxtaposition of the photo and headline in the South Bend Tribune. (Their presence as special guests and speakers on campus is another issue. Some might say that is symbolic in itself.)
3. The only expenditure of University funds was for the rental of Washington Hall and the cost of a small reception after the screening.
4. The University did not have anything to do with, or was even aware of, other activities that Mr. Gingrich scheduled while he was in town.
5. No University funds went to his travel or lodging, or meals.

I maintain that Mr. Gingrich is not an admirable guest to bring to our campus, as per the views published on his own website. But it appears that the Notre Dame policy was maintained, and that is good news. Sincerely,

Julia Douthwaite
faculty
Romance Languages and Literature
Sept. 22

Realignment and research

I agree with Andy's comments about why Notre Dame should remain an independent entity in football ("Conference realignment 101," Sept. 21). In fact, I am one of those who say an emphatic "No!" when asked if we should join the Big Ten conference. I will never want to see our storied football tradition and history be gradually whittled away by being part of a conference. But our agreements stop there when Andy somehow mashes together football with academic research and education. I fail to see any connection there. Firstly, this is not about Notre Dame associating itself with a group of schools. To remind Andy, we are already part of the Big East for some of our other sports and that association has never affected and should never affect the quality of education Notre Dame offers, or for that matter, the stance towards certain fields of research that are in conflict with our Catholic beliefs. This is not about our associations but about our football traditions and getting to keep and cherish them. Secondly, even if there was a connection, how does performing world-class research undermine the superior quality of undergraduate education that Notre Dame strives to offer? If that was the case, I am pretty sure every uni-

versity would abandon its research programs and graduate school. As someone who has been through both undergraduate and graduate school, I strongly believe that the classroom experiences are greatly enhanced when there are opportunities to apply them in research projects. There is no quicker and better way to higher learning than working to solve challenging problems that plague our community. Besides, the satisfaction of having contributed to solving such problems is unparalleled. So, having a focus towards doing world-class research is there to only complement and enrich the classroom experiences and feeling of community that Notre Dame offers; not to replace them. We should only be proud that we are making strides towards also being known for our research programs. Finally, who said we cannot be all three? A top undergraduate institution, a world-class research university and a national championship winning independent football program. Go Irish! **Dinesh Rajan**
graduate student
Fischer Graduate Residence
Sept. 21

Public service announcement

Attention: This is for the dogs that feel the need to shower in the bathrooms of all the male dorms across campus. I have a bone to pick with you. First of all, thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for showering. I mean it. Because I've seen some of y'all walking around campus and honestly, you had me kinda worried. "But Buchi, how can you tell that they are showering?" Great question! That brings me to my second point. I can tell because you guys leave your hair in the shower as if you were marking your territory! If at the end of your magnificent shower sesh, you look down and can't tell where your leg hair ends and the shower floor begins, then Houston, we have a problem. Same goes for the toilets! If after you "Release the Kraken!" you look at the toilet seat and its rockin' a new fur coat, then we have a problem! Look, I'm not mad at you because you're hairy.

Hugh Jackman's my fav. But please, please clean up after yourself. I'm tired of playing twister every time I try to take a shower. "Left foot, white tile! Hurry, before that hairball commanders it!" *5 seconds later* "Damn, Damn, DAMN! It sunk my battleship!" Different game but you get the idea. Clean it up, Notre Dame. Sheesh. Sincerely yours for the next 240 days, Buchi O. P.S. The phrase "Release the Kraken" used in reference to taking a No. 2 is trademarked for exclusive use by members of TriPod, Inc. only. I'm serious. Look it up. If you use it, we will find you. **Buchi Offodile**
senior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 21

Purchase with a PURPOSE

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

Merging fashion and social responsibility seems to be the latest marketing trend. TOMS shoes are one of the most successful examples of this business model: for each pair of shoes sold, another pair is given to a child in need of shoes. The company will give pair No. 1 million this month.

Student International Business Council (SIBC) hosted a screening Tuesday of a documentary featuring the shoe company.

Eunice Ikene, SIBC's director of global development, said the group's vision is "peace through commerce."

"As an organization we believe that peace and social responsibility can be achieved through commerce and the world of business," she said.

While TOMS has been wildly successful in implementing this sort of business model, there are many other companies out there to serve the fashionable humanitarian.

Bono, along with his wife Ali Hewson, founded clothing company EDUN in 2005. EDUN was created to encourage trade with the African continent and

entice the fashion industry to invest and do business with African nations. The clothing line features chic trendy items including bomber jackets, sundresses, lightweight scarves and much more with an emphasis on using sustainable cotton.

They created the Conservation Cotton Initiative in Uganda, which builds sustainable cotton farms in the area. EDUN also works very closely with the Bidii School in Kenya and created a line of t-shirts with artwork from the children in the school. The proceeds from the shirts go back to the school itself to provide for lunches, health care and further development.

Another Bono initiative, Product Red, launched its collaboration with Gap clothing stores in 2006. The foundation's mission is to promote the fight against AIDS/HIV as well as malaria and tuberculosis. In keeping with Bono's other humanitarian efforts, Product Red focuses on serving the African community.

The Gap collaboration makes the products extremely accessible and the shirts have a coolness that comes with simplicity. Fifty percent of the proceeds from every Gap Product Red shirt goes toward The Global Fund, and organization that finances programs helping women and children who are affect-

ed by AIDS.

Warby Parker is an eyeglasses company that follows the same model as TOMS; that is, for each pair of glasses purchased, the company will give a pair of glasses to someone in need. The need for eyeglasses in developing countries can often go unnoticed and this company aims to combat this by spreading awareness and matching each pair of glasses purchased with the donation of a pair of glasses. The company offers a wide variety of retro-chic frames and puts in the prescription lenses for only \$95.

They work in cooperation with restoringvision.org to identify where the need is greatest. Forty-three percent of the donated glasses go to Africa, 31 percent are donated to Latin America, and 21 percent go to South Asia.

Emma Watson, the resident style icon of the Harry Potter franchise, has taken her high fashion tastes and utilized it for collaboration with British company People Tree. The brand prides itself on its fair trade values and organic clothing. The principles of fair trade place an emphasis on making markets available for disadvantaged producers in developing countries and fostering an elevated level of transparency in clothing production.

Watson herself even paid a visit to the center in Bangladesh, called Swallows, where some of the clothing from her line, Love From Emma, is created. The collection showcases quintessentially British clothing like cable knit sweaters and sweater vests, as well as t-shirts with phrases like "Please don't

panic, I'm organic."

Socially conscious companies are not limited to the fashion industry. Makeup companies are also picking up on this trend and rethinking the way they create their products. Featured in Tuesday's Zoe Report, Nude Skincare is one brand that will have skin glowing both from their quality products as well as the glow received from making an ecologically sound purchase. The company does not test any of their products on animals, their packaging contained 40 percent recycled materials and all the printing is done with non-toxic ink.

The trend toward socially conscious clothing certainly inspires hope in the power of ethical business models. The popularity of TOMS and other brands should spark interest in creating businesses that aid the global community.

Ikene said making socially responsible consumer choices like buying TOMS is "killing two birds with one stone: you get to be comfortably fashionable while simultaneously contributing a small amount to help alleviate a global need." The draw to these products is not simply that they are fashionable; they have a purpose.

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D. Montayne is 'GOIN UP' @ Legends (Dylan Walters)

By CHRIS COLLUM
Scene Writer

D. Montayne is an up-and-coming underground rapper, who also goes by Dylan Walter on campus at Notre Dame. The sophomore's second mixtape, "Goin Up" dropped recently, showing improvement in leaps and bounds from his freshman release "Extracurricular Activity." He plays a show at Legends tonight.

In "Still True," the first single off of "Goin Up," he raps, "I know at times life is crazy, yo / But I ain't ever have an option to be lazy, though / Even if I'm never spun up on the radio / I'm still true / 'Cause I'm just doin' what I love to do."

He echoed these lyrics when he spoke with the Observer early this week.

"We're all stressed out, we all have a lot going on," he said, "but by doing this music thing I'm being true to myself because it's what I love to do, even if it doesn't amount to anything."

These sentiments ring true

throughout his mixtape and should strike home with many students. Walters' greatest strength is one that he shares in common with many underground or relatively undiscovered rappers or musicians in general. He has an earnestness in his lyrics and delivery style that makes his material not only accessible but relatable, especially to someone of his age group who is sharing a lot of similar experiences.

In terms of his songwriting, Walters says that he was somewhat disappointed with "Extracurricular Activity." Recorded entirely in his dorm room last winter, he says no one had heard any of his material prior to the release of that mixtape.

With "Goin Up," Walters said he put an emphasis on writing his lyrics down as opposed to freestyling.

"'Extracurricular Activity' tries to do too much, 'Goin Up' focuses on quality," he says.

This emphasis on quality also filters across to the production of "Goin Up," which is far more professional than that of "Extracurricular."

Kid Classic, who Walters says is another name in underground hip-hop in his hometown of Santa Fe, N.M., produced several of the tracks—including "Still True." That track and others call to mind the production styles of Kanye West on his early albums or on some of Jay-Z's early-2000s work.

"Goin Up" also features female vocals on several tracks by "Hayley J," a friend of his from New Mexico who had never been recording singing before, but whom Walters knew had a good voice. Her presence adds variety to those songs, especially "Justice," which would be a logical choice as a second single.

As far as long-term goals go for this mixtape, Walters said he simply wants to "get the name out there," and hopes that people will hear his work and be willing to collaborate with him. He said that to his knowledge, there is very little underground hip-hop scene at Notre Dame, but would like to change that.

"I'm doing this first because I love it, second because I want to be heard, and third because I'm kind of upset with what people are obsessed with musical-

ly," he says.

"Goin Up" should see Walters garner more exposure both at home, where he played his first show over the summer, and here, where he plays his first show tonight. While still a new artist, Walters shows a lot of promise, and with continued work and growth, the next time he talks to someone from The Observer, he shouldn't have to be introduced. Keep an eye on him, because he is most certainly "going up."

His mixtape is available for free and legal download approved by the artist on datpiff.com.

On campus

What: D. Montayne and Cookies and Cream
Where: Legends nightclub
When: Thursday, Sept. 23, 10 p.m.
How much: Free with ID
Learn more: legends.nd.edu

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Weekend Events Calendar

thursday



'Toy Story 3'
DeBartolo 101
10 p.m.
\$3 admission

Head over to DeBartolo for a little updated nostalgia in the summer hit "Toy Story 3."

Buzz, Woody and the whole toybox return for the third installment in the "Toy Story" saga, the one that started it all for the Disney and Pixar partnership. This time, Andy is going off to college, and his toys are going off to "retirement."

They soon find out that their new home is a day care center, and their new owners are violently playful toddlers.

friday



Illusionist Mike Super
Washington Hall main stage
9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m.
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

A veritable superstar on the campus entertainment circuit, Mark Super has been wowing college students with his "mental" tricks for years. Expect to see someone levitate, snow to fall from his hands and many other audience-interactive illusions.

In 1997, Super (yes, that is his real name) won "Phenomenon," an NBC television competition that was like "American Idol" for magicians. The different tricks were judged by none other than Criss Angel.

saturday



Niles Haunted House Scream Park
Niles, Mich.
8 to 11 p.m.
\$3 to \$10 for various attractions

Start the Halloween season off right with the Niles Haunted House Scream Park in Niles, Mich. The park features five different haunted attractions: a brand new Haunted House, Zach's Zombie Motel, pirate ships at the Legend of Pirates Cove, a mile-long Haunted Hayride and a haunted maze at the Field of Screams.

The Niles Haunted House Scream Park runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout all of October.

sunday




'A Town Called Panic'
Browning Cinema at DPAC
3 p.m.
\$3 for student, \$6 for everyone else

Imagine "Toy Story" on acid and set on a farm.

For your requisite bit of surreal French-language cinema, check out based on a cult stop-motion animation television series, stop into DPAC. The 75-minute film follows the disjointed adventures of a bunch of farm-themed toys.

"A Town Called Panic" is earning raves from critics like Roger Ebert, who said, "It has an innocent hallucinatory charm."



Gabriel Iglesias

FLOFFY

**and
funny
at the
Morris**

By **MAC HENDRICKSON**
Scene Writer

Grab your Hawaiian shirt and clear your schedule. Gabriel Iglesias, also known as, "Big Fluffy," brings his hit comedy tour "The Fluffy Shop Tour" to South Bend Thursday at the Morris Performing Arts Center.

Gabriel Iglesias' dynamite act is characterized by eccentric sound effects, spot-on impersonations and lively storytelling. Iglesias' material is clean and tasteful and his lovable personality has won the hearts of audiences across America.

Nicknamed "The Big Fluffy" by his mother, Iglesias got his start on the Galavision TV show "Que Locos!"

Since then, Iglesias has stuck mostly to stand-up, which has earned him fame and respect in the comedic community. A frequent Comedy Central performer, Iglesias has also been featured on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "Good Morning America."

Iglesias was also in the final eight contestants on NBC's last comic standing in 2006. His comedic bits range from stories about being pulled over after a box of Krispy Kreme donuts distracted him to showing off his "drive-through" voice he uses to mess with fast food attendants.

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Around the Bend

What: Gabriel Iglesias: The Fluffy Shop Tour
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Thursday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m. (seating starts at 7:30 p.m.)
How much: \$34
Learn more: morriscenter.org

NFL

Patriots' Faulk out for year after knee surgery

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots all-purpose running back Kevin Faulk has done nearly everything except grab headlines.

He finally made one this week and it brought him to tears: Torn Knee Ligament, Out For The Season.

Faulk, one of the team's most valuable players, said Wednesday he would have surgery in about a month. He left unanswered the question of whether he would play again after being hurt on Sunday.

"I got the question asked of me by my son when I got home on Monday. 'Is that it for me?' " the 12-year veteran said with a laugh. "I said, 'son ... I'm going to do my best to rehab and see what happens from there.' "

The 34-year-old Faulk was placed on injured reserve. He is the only Patriots player who was with the team when Bill Belichick became coach in 2000, ushering in an era in which injury information is guarded very closely. But Faulk was very forthcoming when he told reporters swarming at his locker that he had a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Then he lingered to discuss his feelings.

"I'm not sad anymore," he said. "I think when it first happened ... I was sad, cried a whole lot. But, hey, it's life. You've got to deal with it. You get knocked off the road sometimes. It's how you get back on

and who you are as a person" that matters.

Faulk hurt his right knee less than two minutes into the fourth quarter of the 28-14 loss to the Jets when he ran wide to the left and was brought down near the New York sideline when cornerback Drew Coleman hit him on the knee. He lay flat on his stomach then slid his upper body up with both knees still on the ground as Patriots medical personnel rushed across the field.

He knew right away it was a bad injury.

"I think the frustration during the course of walking from their sideline to our sideline kind of showed a little bit," said Faulk, who threw his mouthpiece as he headed to his bench.

The Patriots, who traded Laurence Maroney to the Denver Broncos last week, are left with a depleted running back group of Fred Taylor, Sammy Morris, BenJarvus Green-Ellis and newcomer Danny Woodhead to face the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

Taylor has gotten most of the carries, Morris seems best suited to Faulk's third-down role and Woodhead has been with the team less than a week after being cut by the Jets. He has Maroney's old locker and number 39 and drew a large crowd of reporters Wednesday.

"I was in New York for a couple of years and there's also media there," Woodhead said. "It's not something that I'm too worried about."

Faulk, Morris said, "is a differ-

ent kind of back than all of us. I think he's, obviously, the more shifty. He's a great screen runner."

He's also an outstanding blocker who excels at picking up the blitz. He's a resourceful receiver with a nose for the first-down marker and the most productive kickoff returner in club history. He's unselfish and widely respected by his teammates and coaches.

His statistics — 44 starts in 154 regular-season games, no 100-yard rushing games, a career single-game high of only two touchdowns — don't draw much attention. And he's only 5 feet 8.

So what?

"It doesn't matter what anybody else says," Faulk said. "My coaching staff, players that I've played with, they know what type of football player I am. They know what type of person I am and how hard I'm going to go out there and play for you."

Tom Brady knew he could depend on Faulk to protect him and catch key passes.

"Very few guys over the years have played as well and consistently at such a high level as Kevin," Brady said. "There's nobody like him. He's such a unique person, a unique talent, a unique spirit about him. (Kevin) always provides great leadership, so it's a big loss for us."

Brady tore knee ligaments in the 2008 opener and returned in 2009 to have an outstanding



Patriots running back Kevin Faulk tells reporters that he will miss the rest of the 2010 season. He was injured Sunday against the Jets.

season. Wide receiver Wes Welker made a speedy recovery after tearing a knee ligament in the regular-season finale on Jan. 3 and scored two touchdowns in this year's opener.

"They all reached out to me," Faulk said.

When he arrived as a second-round draft pick out of Louisiana State, the Patriots were three years removed from a Super Bowl loss. They were 8-8 in his rookie year and 5-11 in 2000,

Belichick's first year. But they won the championship the next season.

"I think I'm pretty lucky that he was here when I got here," Belichick said. "He's smart. He's tough. He's got good skills, good running skills, good catching skills. He's a good decision maker. Most of all, I think he's very coachable and really cares about the game, his teammates and his team. What's there not to like about Kevin Faulk?"

MLB

Rodriguez charged with contempt after texting girlfriend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez was charged Wednesday with seven counts of criminal contempt for sending his girlfriend dozens of text messages begging for forgiveness, violating a restraining order issued after he was accused of attacking her father at Citi Field.

Rodriguez, who wore a studded T-shirt and a gold chain, did not enter a plea at his arraignment. He posted the \$7,500 bail almost immediately and left Queens court without speaking. A new protection order was issued barring him from contacting Daian Pena and her family.

The 28-year-old reliever was accused of grabbing Pena's father, 53-year-old Carlos Pena, hauling him into a tunnel near the family lounge beneath the team's new ballpark and hitting him in the face after a game Aug. 11.

Rodriguez was told to keep away from Carlos Pena and his daughter. But a week after he appeared in court, he sent her two text messages and kept going, sending 56 in all.

Assistant District Attorney Scott Kessler said Rodriguez understood he wasn't supposed to contact her, but did it anyway simply because he felt like it. Kessler also said that the pitcher has a history of abuse, mentioning a previous case where he was accused of assaulting Pena in

Venezuela.

"He's not naive or loving. He's manipulative and controlling," Kessler said.

Pena never responded to the messages, which included 17 sent in one day alone, Kessler said.

The messages started out contrite, but got progressively angrier. "Thank you for sinking your back, take good care of my children ... and now I see that that your were with me because of the money ..." he wrote in the final message on Aug. 23, according to

Kessler.

Rodriguez could be jailed if he has any further communication with Pena. The restraining order is in place until at least February.

Defense attorney Christopher Booth said in court that the case wasn't about Daian Pena, and ordering Rodriguez to keep away from her and their twins confused the situation. He said his client wasn't clear he wasn't supposed to try to resolve the issue.

"He's not naive or loving. He's manipulative and controlling."

Scott Kessler
Assistant District Attorney

"There are no threats, no menacing comments. There are more text messages of the defendant professing his love," he said.

The accusations are costing Rodriguez about \$3.1 million so far. He was restricted for two days without pay after his initial arrest and was booted when he returned to the mound. He apologized to fans, but tore a ligament in his thumb of his pitching hand during the fight, and had to have season-ending surgery.

The Mets said they wouldn't pay him while on the disqualified list. They also exercised a contractual right to convert the rest of his \$37 million, three-year deal to nonguaranteed, meaning they could try to avoid paying most of what's left on it.

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NBA

D'Antoni confident in retooled Knicks roster

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — LeBron James never came. Carmelo Anthony might be interested in coming.

The New York Knicks aren't interested in discussing either.

After two years of working solely on ways to rebuild the team through free agency, even at the cost of winning games, team officials believe it's time to put the focus back on the court.

The roster is almost entirely changed, and they believe it could be a winning one.

"As a coaching staff, I know we're really excited about who we have and not even thinking about looking down the hallway, see what else is going on," coach Mike D'Antoni said Wednesday. "We're very content at the people we can put on the floor this year."

The Knicks will open training camp Friday at their practice facility with 10 newcomers, as they were one of the league's busiest teams over the summer after a 29-53 season.

They hoped to land James and one other superstar, but he decided on Miami instead. Still, they picked up perennial All-Star forward Amare Stoudemire, whom team president Donnie Walsh called "as good a player as we've had here in a long time."

The Knicks also believe for-

mer Charlotte Bobcats point guard Raymond Felton is the floor leader they need; are high on Anthony Randolph, the centerpiece of a trade with Golden State, and are intrigued by center Timofey Mozgov of Russia.

New York also expects the continued improvement of forward Danilo Gallinari, so Walsh said some players in this group will be around when the Knicks finally start winning again after a franchise-worst nine consecutive losing seasons.

"I do think that with the group of players we have here right now, you're going to go forward with a lot of these guys," Walsh said. "And it's not going to be anybody I can tell you right now, but there are guys here that are going to be guys that you're going say, 'Yeah, we want to keep this guy for a long time.'"

Or perhaps some will be offered in hopes of landing Anthony.

The All-Star still hasn't signed a contract extension with Denver and can become a free agent next summer.

The New York native reportedly has the Knicks atop his wish list, though the Nuggets could opt to trade him before next summer to avoid losing him for nothing.

Walsh refused to say if he had or would contact the Nuggets, though the New York Times reported Monday that a Knicks

official said New York was told during preliminary conversations that it didn't have the assets Denver was seeking if it did decide to trade its star.

The Knicks can't offer a first-round pick until at least 2014, since they sent their 2012 choice to Houston last season and NBA rules prevent teams from trading first-round picks in consecutive years. So Walsh can only offer what he has on his roster now if he's looking to deal.

"I don't really want to get into trades, talking about trades, because it's fruitless," he said. "There are trades you'd make and there are trades you wouldn't make, and that's about as good as I can do."

If some of the key signees meet expectations, the Knicks could be good enough to reach the postseason even without a move. Stoudemire flourished in D'Antoni's system in Phoenix, and Felton appears to be an upgrade at point guard, a necessity if the offense will ever look like it did with the Suns.

"I think any team, you can go wherever you go, the point guard's critical. Doesn't matter my system, your system, his system, doesn't matter," D'Antoni said. "You've got a really good point guard, you're going to be pretty good and the coach is going to look pretty good. If you don't, then you're going to struggle some nights



Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni recently expressed excitement over his squad's upcoming season at a recent press conference.

and I think Raymond has an ability to win basketball games and that's what he's here for."

Walsh said the Knicks will start training camp without guard Kelenna Azubuike, who came with Randolph and Ronny Turiaf in the trade that sent All-Star David Lee to Golden State. Azubuike is still recovering from a torn patellar tendon in his left knee, which Walsh

called one of the worst injuries a basketball player can face.

Eddy Curry also is expected to be on the court after sitting out most of the last two seasons because of injuries and other personal issues.

He still hasn't arrived in New York and Walsh said he hasn't spoken with the center, keeping a vow not to bother Curry and trust he was working out.

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MLB

Lopez hits three home runs in Mariners win

Scherzer leads Tigers past the Royals with help from Cabrera; Ugla homers as Marlins beat Mets in Miami

Associated Press

TORONTO — Jose Lopez hit three home runs, Michael Saunders added a two-run drive and the Seattle Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 on Wednesday night.

Lopez hit a solo shot off starter Kyle Drabek in the second inning, led off the sixth with a blast off reliever Brian Tallet, and connected again off reliever Shawn Camp in the eighth. It was his first multi-homer game of the season and fourth of his career.

Lopez, who has 10 home runs, hit all three homers to left field.

It was the 11th three-homer performance in Mariners history. Mike Cameron had Seattle's only four-homer game, doing it May 2, 2002, against the Chicago White Sox.

Saunders added a two-run shot in the second as the Mariners won for the third time in five games after a seven-game losing streak.

Vernon Wells had a solo shot, Toronto's major league-best 233rd. The Blue Jays hit a club-record 244 homers in 2000.

Seattle's starting lineup had combined for only 38 home runs, fewer than the major league-high 49 of Toronto's Jose Bautista, but it was the Mariners who came out on top in this one.

Seattle, whose offense has scored a major league-low 481 runs, improved to 37-19 when scoring four runs or more.

Mariners right-hander David Pauley (3-8) came in winless in five starts but earned his first victory since Aug. 18 by allowing two runs and six hits in six innings. He walked two and matched a season-high with five strikeouts.

Jamey Wright pitched two innings and former Blue Jays reliever Brandon League worked the ninth, surrendering an RBI groundout to John Buck.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 1 for 5, leaving him two hits from becoming the first player to record 10 consecutive 200-hit seasons. Suzuki leads the majors with 198 hits.

Bautista went 1 for 4 with a double.

Fans cheered when Bautista hammered a 2-1 pitch down the left field line in the fifth, but the ball hooked foul. Bautista got a loud ovation as he returned to home plate to pick up his bat.

Making his second career start and his home debut, Drabek (0-2) allowed three runs and four hits, including two homers, in five innings. The key player acquired by Toronto in last December's trade with Philadelphia for Roy Halladay, Drabek walked one and struck out three.

The Mariners opened the scoring in the second when Ryan Langerhans hit a two-out single and Saunders followed with a homer to center, his ninth.

Lopez made it 3-0 with a two-out shot to left in the third before Toronto closed the gap with a two-run fourth. Wells led off with his 29th homer, and second in as many days, and Edwin Encarnacion had an RBI-groundout.

Lopez homered again on

Tallet's first pitch of the sixth, then greeted Camp with a two-run blast in the eighth.

Tigers 4, Royals 2

Miguel Cabrera's leadoff single started a three-run fifth inning and the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday night.

Max Scherzer (12-10) gave up two hits and struck out eight over 7 2-3 innings. Ryan Perry got the final out of the eighth and Phil Coke pitched a shaky ninth.

Billy Butler hit a two-run, two-out homer in the ninth to pull the Royals within two.

Kyle Davies (8-11) was perfect through four innings before giving up three runs on four hits in the fifth.

Rookie Brennan Boesch hit a two-run double in the pivotal inning, matching his total of RBIs from the previous 16 games this month.

Johnny Damon gave Detroit a four-run lead in the eighth, sending a liner to the fence after left fielder Gregor Blanco misjudged it. Rookie Austin Jackson scored on the play.

Cabrera, an MVP candidate, was walked intentionally in the eighth and ended the night with a .326 batting average. He leads the majors with 120 RBIs and is among the leaders with 45 doubles and 35 homers.

Davies was dominating Detroit's hitters until Cabrera led off the fifth with the single. Ryan Raburn followed with a one-hit single and Boesch, who was a hot-hitting phenom before the All-Star break, hit a two-run double to the gap in right-center. Brandon Inge's single drove in the third and final run of inning.

Davies ended up giving up four runs, seven hits and one walk over eight innings.

Scherzer was sharp as he has often been the past three months, winning for the 10th time in 14 decisions.

Detroit helped him out with some slick plays defensively. Second baseman Will Rhymes

made a sliding stop on a shot up the middle, flipped the ball out of his glove to shortstop Jhonny Peralta for a third-inning ending double play.

Marlins 7, Mets 5

MIAMI — Wes Helms had two of his three RBIs in a five-run first inning, Dan Ugla drove in a pair of runs and the Florida

Marlins held on for a victory over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

Alex Sanabia (5-3) allowed three runs in five innings for the Marlins, who have won three straight.

Leo Nunez got the Marlins out of a jam in the eighth and Clay Hensley pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

With the Marlins leading 6-3 in the eighth, the Mets loaded the bases with one out while facing Jose Veras, who then issued a walk to Josh Thole, forcing in a run. Veras was replaced by Leo Nunez and Chris Carter drove in a run with a groundout to pull the Mets to 6-5. Nick Evans struck out to end the inning.

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against Providence. Iarocci said she hopes that the prospect of playing at Alumni Stadium will draw more supporters to the tournament.

"We're bringing it full circle by including the soccer programs," Iarocci said. "We are utilizing all our resources, hoping to get more undergraduates involved in the tournament to sustain it over the years. We're reaching out to the whole community, making

sure that students are aware of this."

Iarocci said she hopes the tournament will inspire people to donate even if they are not playing, and even expand the Lose Your Shoes concept to other universities.

"We'd love to get outside donations," Iarocci said. "Ultimately, this is about people playing soccer but remembering what they are playing for and why they are playing."

The deadline to apply to enter the tournament is Oct. 30 at 5 p.m.

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NFL

Cribbs developing as wide receiver

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Already one of the NFL's elite return specialists, Joshua Cribbs is developing into a bona fide wide receiver for the Browns.

He's got the size, the strength, the speed.

All he's lacking is the selfishness.

Struggling through two games, Cleveland's offense could use a spark, and the multitalented Cribbs, a former quarterback at Kent State, seems to be the logical choice to provide one. Trouble is, he needs the ball in his hands to make things happen, and for whatever reason, the Browns hardly gave it to him Sunday in a 16-14 loss to Kansas City.

Cribbs refuses to beg Cleveland's coaches for the ball.

"I can only bribe the quarterbacks," he joked.

However, the Browns' offensive ineptitude is no laughing matter.

With backup quarterback Seneca Wallace pressed into starting because of Jake Delhomme's ankle injury, Cleveland gained just 55 yards in the second half against the Chiefs, whose defense finished 30th overall in the league last season. The Browns managed a mere three first downs after halftime, and one of those came courtesy of a penalty.

On Monday, coach Eric Mangini lamented not using the wildcat formation with Cribbs at QB and Wallace split wide. The Browns ran it just once, with Cribbs picking up a yard on a run late in the second quarter.

Cribbs was pleased to hear Mangini's admission.

"I agree and whenever they call my number, I'll be ready," Cribbs said. "At the same time, if we win that game, nobody is talking about Josh is not getting the football enough."

Cribbs had three catches for 74 yards, 65 coming on a TD pass from Wallace, who may have to start again in Baltimore on Sunday for Delhomme. The Chiefs also neutralized Cribbs on returns by kicking the ball high and short to Cleveland's up backs. The strategy resulted in Cribbs getting one kickoff return for 19 yards and one punt return for 5.

There wasn't much Cribbs could do. He certainly wasn't

going to compound things by complaining.

"As a leader, I'm not the guy who begs for the football," he said. "I will let them coach. I'm sure they realize, 'Hey, we got to get him the ball more.' It will happen. There are certain situations in the game where it's not the right time for my number to be called and that's just the way it is."

Cleveland may need to get creative against the Ravens' fearsome defense, the only unit not to give up a touchdown this season. Complicating matters for the Browns is that running back Jerome Harrison missed practice with a thigh injury, and wide receiver Brian Robiskie injured his hamstring during practice Wednesday.

Cribbs can't do it all, except that he may have to.

He does give the Browns multiple options. They can put him at wide receiver, quarterback, running back, in the slot or on the edge. The wildcat can be effective, but Wallace cautioned that it may not work against a defense as aggressive as Baltimore's.

"You have to pick and choose when you want to use it and utilize it," he said. "Cribbs is a great athlete, so he's going to make it happen whatever defense we're against."

Baltimore, though, is a different beast.

The Ravens have forced their opponents to settle for field goals on all six trips inside the red zone. For Cleveland, which has yet to score in the second half this season, to score a touchdown, it may have to come on a big, long play.

Cribbs believes the Browns have enough quality playmakers, and that the Browns only need to avoid the costly penalties and turnovers that sabotaged scoring drives last week — and in the opener at Tampa Bay.

"I think we're OK," Cribbs said. "If we just limit our mistakes and make just one or two mistakes in each game, we'd be 2-0. We turned the ball over. We gave them 10 points on offense. For two weeks in a row, we've given their team 10 points. If we don't do that, we're 2-0 and no one is saying Cribbs needs the ball. We need to sharpen it up on offense and do our jobs."

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work on different things and not have to worry about playing a dual match," Louderback said.

Juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews will travel to Pacific Palisades, Calif. to participate in the All American.

Later, the Irish will participate in the Midwest Regional Oct. 22-26 hosted by the University of Michigan. Winners and at-large bids will advance to the National Indoor Individual Championships at the U.S. Open Tennis Center Nov. 4-7.

Concurrently, Notre Dame will play at the Illinois Blast in Champaign, Ill., Nov. 5-7.

The fall season ends at the Sarasota Clay Courts Nov. 12-14.

Essentially, the fall is preparation for a potentially grueling spring schedule. Although the veterans need this time to prepare as well, it is a crucial adaptation period for the freshmen.

"We have a number of freshmen on this year's team," Louderback said. "This fall is very important for development and them getting used to college tennis. Right now the freshmen are getting used to how we practice and the intensity every day."

When spring rolls around, the Irish will have some serious competition awaiting them. Eighteen of the 19 opponents Notre Dame faces are in the top 75 of the ITA rankings. They play five teams that finished in the top 10 last year, including No. 3 North Carolina and No. 4 Baylor.



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Junior Shannon Mathews plays in a match last year against Marquette. She was 17-11 in singles last season.

Depending on how the season pans out for the Irish, their toughest stretch could make or break their season.

"If we make the team indoor we could play six of the top 20 teams in two weeks," Louderback said.

Notre Dame will host the Big East Championships for the second consecutive year Apr. 28-May 1.

"We are shooting for the Big East title and a shot at the NCAA Championships," Louderback said.

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Smith

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good, so I should be able to play.”
McCarthy also missed the Michigan State game with a

hamstring injury, forcing senior Harrison Smith and sophomore Zeke Motta to play the entire game. Junior cornerback Robert Blanton also had to play safety in some packages.
“The thing with McCarthy last week is we couldn’t

practice him until Thursday,” Kelly said. “And he’s really been working at Harrison’s position more, so it’s been hard for us to cross-train him and get him at both of those positions because he’s been out so much. ... That’s kind of how we got into a bind with all those guys having to play so much and not getting into a good rotation.”
The added depth at the safety position will give the defense more options, Kelly said. Smith said it could also help all four players to focus.
“Getting that depth back is something that’s really helpful throughout the course of the game,” Smith said. “You get a little ding here or there and you can’t come off the field. So that’s something where if you have some depth back there you can rotate guys and you can be playing guys with fresh legs the whole game. It really helps to stay locked in.”
Slaughter, who was never removed from the top of the depth-chart, went in for a series against Michigan State when Motta’s helmet was broken, but he otherwise did not see action in the loss.
“It’s rough watching a loss like that and not being able to contribute,” he said. “Just thinking of plays you



SARAH O’CONNER/The Observer

Dan McCarthy, playing in the spring game on April 24, will return to action after missing time with an injury over the past two games.



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Junior safety Harrison Smith tackles a running back in the Sept. 18 contest against Michigan State.

Laddish

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has played in all eight games this season. Tucker, a midfielder from Jacksonville, Fla., was named Big East Rookie of the Week for the week after scoring three of Notre Dame’s four goals in their road wins over DePaul and Northwestern. Currently tied for the team lead with four goals, both Tucker and Waldrum said preseason workouts helped all of the Irish freshmen’s rapid assimilation to the college game.
“Before the season started, we had about three weeks of preseason where we were practicing twice a day, so we really got a chance to see the veteran players, see their speed and how good they are, and if you can play against them, you can play against anyone in the country,” Tucker said.
Laddish, a midfielder from Lee’s Summit, Mo., has started all eight games for the Irish this season and ranks second on the team with 715 minutes played, just one behind junior forward Melissa Henderson. Laddish said the veterans and coaches have helped the freshmen make their quick adjustment to college soccer.
“They welcome you like it’s a

family here,” Laddish said. “Some teams you go in, and they’ll be intimidating and mean to you because they don’t want you to take their spot, but here they encourage you and want you to play with them and learn their game. On the field, age doesn’t matter. It’s who competes the most.”
Morway, a defender from Lake Villa, Ill., has recently cracked the lineup and has started five games on the year as Hall tries to recover from injury. She registered 90 minutes in Notre Dame’s 2-1 overtime loss to No. 11 UCLA and credits much of her fellow classmates’ success to the competitive atmosphere of the team.
“They want you to get better by making them better, so it’s a really competitive atmosphere, which helps,” Morway said.
While the season is young, the three rookies hope to leave a lasting contribution on a memorable season.
“I think as freshmen it would be cool if the three of us could contribute to winning a national championship for the first time in a few years, so that’d be a really cool thing to do in your first year at college,” Morway said.

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“On the field, age doesn’t matter. It’s who competes the most”

Mandy Laddish
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Freshman Adriana Leon makes a pass against Texas Tech September 5th. Leon has registered two shots on goal this season.

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Safety first

Return of Slaughter, McCarthy will benefit injury-depleted Notre Dame secondary

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Members of the Irish secondary will get a much-needed reprieve this week as junior safeties Jamoris Slaughter and Dan McCarthy are expected to play Saturday against Stanford, Irish coach Brian Kelly confirmed after practice Wednesday.

Slaughter, who sprained his ankle in the Sept. 4 win over Purdue, missed all of Notre Dame's game against Michigan and played in just one series Saturday against Michigan State. He is expected to start Saturday.

"The last couple weeks it's just been a spot in my ankle that was just a lingering injury that just wouldn't heal up as fast as I thought it would," Slaughter said. "But it's been doing pretty

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Junior safety Jamoris Slaughter tackles a Michigan State running back in a game last season. Slaughter will return to action this weekend after spraining his ankle against Purdue.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Schedule released for new season

By MATT ROBISON
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Notre Dame released its 2010-11 schedule Tuesday and revealed what could be a difficult season for the Irish.

"This year's schedule should be very challenging not only in terms of top teams but the number of ranked teams will test us every match," Irish coach Jay Louderback. "It is very similar to our past schedules."

Play opens with the Eck Classic Oct. 1-3 at the Eck Tennis Center. Ohio State, Kansas, Miami (Ohio), Dayton and Akron will challenge the hosting Irish.

"We play all individual tournaments in the fall and it gives our team a chance to

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MEN'S SOCCER

Charity event to raise funds through sport

Irish 'Lose the Shoes' for AIDS awareness

By CHRIS ALLEN
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For Irish coach Bobby Clark, teaching the game of soccer is a family affair. This is most evident through his son Tommy, a former soccer player at Dartmouth who founded Grassroot Soccer, an organization that looks to fight AIDS through the game of soccer.

The cause will be celebrated on Oct. 2 as Grassroot Soccer will stage its second annual Lose The Shoes ND tournament in the hopes of raising money for AIDS awareness. Although there have been nearly 100 Lose The Shoes tournaments held around the world, having a tournament at Notre Dame holds special meaning for Clark.

"I've been very close to the cause for a long time," Clark said. "It all goes back to when Tommy was around 13 or 14 and I took the family to Zimbabwe. He played with a number of African teammates, and when he went back years later many of his teammates had died from AIDS."

"It was when he was in medical school that he came up with the idea for Grassroot Soccer, and now it's pretty much his life."

The tournament, which

will be held on South Quad from 1 to 4:30 p.m., features an elimination-style tournament of 3-on-3 soccer with a \$10 per person entry donation. Students will play barefoot, bringing the game back to its African roots and reminding the participants of the greater cause for which they are playing.

Tournament director and Mendoza MBA candidate Molly Iarocci said she believes the popularity of soccer at Notre Dame translates well to her project's potential.

"The Lose Your Shoes tournament has been the best way for Grassroot to unite the younger generation around this cause," Iarocci, who played women's soccer at Notre Dame from 2004-07, said. "Coach Clark sees the love of the game around campus, with the Rakes of Mallow at men's and women's soccer games. That's what will propel this tournament to the next level."

The tournament is supported further by the men's and women's soccer programs, who are allowing the semifinals to be played at halftime of the women's home match against St. John's and the finals at halftime of the men's match

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshmen rise to challenge



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Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker competes in a game against Santa Clara Sept. 3. Tucker was named Big East Rookie of The Week after netting three goals on the recent Irish road trip.

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While a few key injured players work their way back to full strength, No. 5 Notre Dame has benefited from a youth infusion that has helped them to another blistering start.

During Notre Dame's first eight games, freshmen Elizabeth Tucker, Mandy Laddish and Kecia Morway, have stepped up to fill the voids left by injuries to the likes of junior midfielder Courtney Barg and sophomore defender

Jazmin Hall. Without their efforts, Irish coach Randy Waldrum said his team may not have gotten off to its strong start.

"All three of those kids, the good thing about them is that they all come from good club systems and youth systems, which really prepared them well for the college game," Waldrum said. "The difference is that those three freshmen came in physically ready to play right from the beginning, almost from Day 1. All three of them have been key to where we are right now. I don't know

that we'd be 7-1 without those three."

The rookies know that one reason they've been thrown into fire so quickly is because of injuries, but they have not let the pressure of filling in for star teammates faze them.

"I think we were asked to step up and take their roles since they're gone, but we're also playing naturally and putting our skill on the field," Laddish said.

Each of the three freshmen

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