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## Researchers counter autism with technology

*Staff and students work with children, robots at Notre Dame Center for Families and Children*

By NICOLE TOCZAUER  
News Writer

She can cheer a touchdown, dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and play "Simon Says," but she doesn't have a heartbeat.

Meet one of the most recent additions to the Psychology Department's family, Kelly the robot.

With two robots named Brian and Kelly, professors are running an innovative study on autism therapy in the Notre Dame Center for Families and Children.

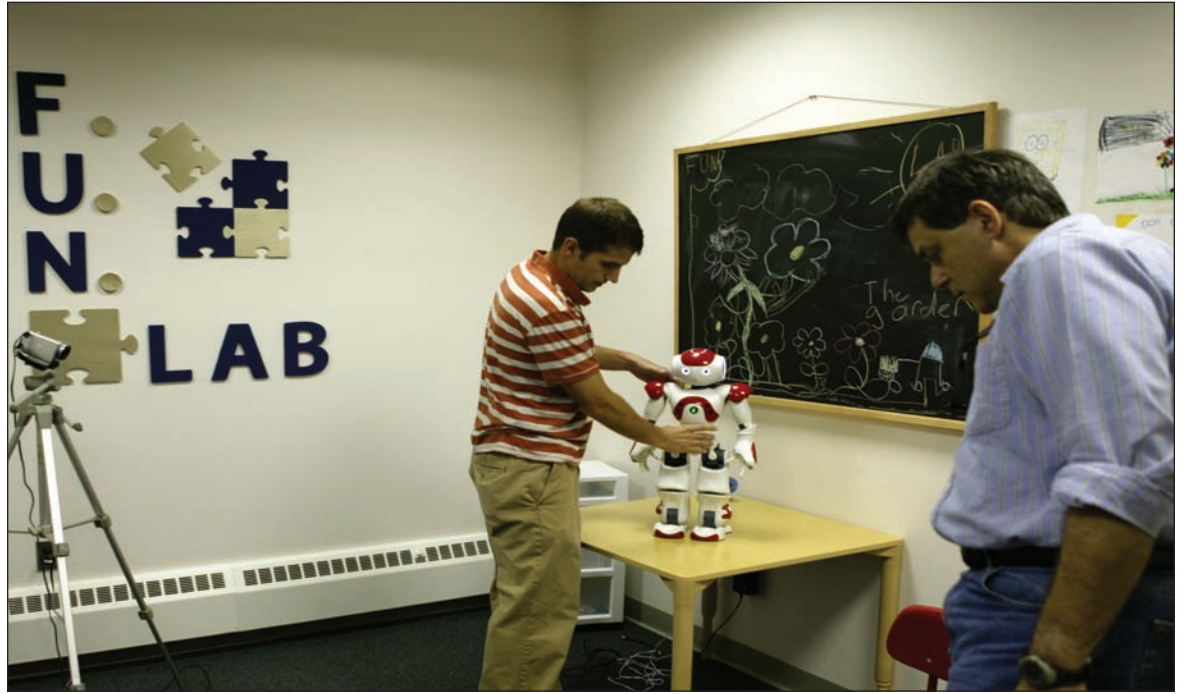
In what is affectionately known as the Robot Autism Project, professors Joshua Diehl, Charles Crowell and Michael Villano use these

interactive humanoid robots to improve therapy for children with autism. This is an extremely prevalent issue, Diehl said, approximating one person in every 100 people has autism.

"We know a little about what causes autism, and there's a lot of focus on understanding it," he said. "But there's little focus on how we can effectively help the children by improving the therapies out there."

This study is shifting that focus toward technology, Crowell said. He and Villano recognized their opportunity when they saw Aldebran Robotics demonstrating the Nao model robot at a confer-

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NICOLE TOCZAUER/The Observer

Professors Joshua Diehl and Michael Villano prepare Kelly the robot for a therapy session Thursday at the Notre Dame Center for Families and Children. The group works with autistic children.

## Foreign RAs visit for inspiration

By TESS CIVANTOS  
News Writer

When a Catholic university in Mexico decided to start a residential dorm program for its students five years ago — the first such program in a country where most students live at home during college — the university needed an established example of Catholic residential living to

learn from.

Enter Notre Dame, which partnered with the University of Monterrey to host three of its resident assistants (RAs) and an administrator from Wednesday to Sunday, giving them a chance to engage in dorm life and plan ways to bring the Notre Dame spirit back to Monterrey.

"The people here were very welcoming and amiable," said Hector Campbell, a junior at the

University of Monterrey. "We learned a lot of things to incorporate little by little. We hope to strengthen our relationship with the university so our residents are inspired by this."

As they learned about residential life at a Catholic university, the Monterrey visitors packed plenty of activities into their five-day visit, including meetings with Office of Residential Life and Housing, Student Affairs, Campus

Ministry and the rectors of the newest dorms, said Erika Garza, Student Life coordinator at the University of Monterrey.

Meals were also a chance for the group to learn about life at Notre Dame.

"We had activities all day and Notre Dame RAs have been with us for all our meals, so we can ask them about what they do,"

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## ND police apprehends burglars

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) apprehended two juveniles Thursday night after finding a stolen computer in their possession, said Dave Chapman, assistant director for NDSP.

After several thefts recently occurred in dorms, NDSP officers had been looking for the suspects.

"One of our officers saw two subjects who fit the description of the people we were looking for," Chapman said.

In checking the suspects' backpacks, officers found a stolen computer. The owner of the computer, who lives in Zahm Hall, was filing a report at the same time, Chapman said.

"Obviously, the theft just occurred right before we stopped them," he said. "It was a heck of a job by the officers."

Chapman said the two juveniles were not necessary involved in the other incidents and NDSP will continue investigations into previous thefts.

Chapman asked students to contact NDSP and report anything they witness that seems out of the ordinary.

"I encourage students to call us if they see any suspicious activity," he said.

## Morris Inn evacuated; buildings lose power



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

The Morris Inn was evacuated early Saturday morning after people smelled smoke. Read the full story on page 3.

## SMC dual degree program grows

By MEGAN LONEY  
News Writer

The enrollment in college engineering programs around the nation has reached its highest level in 30 years, according to the American Association of Engineering Education, and Saint Mary's College is no exception. The Engineering Dual Degree Program at Saint Mary's has grown since its establishment in 1977.

Four students completed the program within a period of 13 years between 1993 and 2006, but most recently, in the three-year period from 2007 to 2010, three students completed the program, Dr. Toni Barstis, Saint Mary's Chemistry professor and engineering program director, said.

Currently, there are six fifth-year students finishing the program at Notre Dame and 25 second

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**Q: What is your favorite pickup line?**

**Tom:** I lost my puppy. Can you help me find it in the motel across the street?

**Q: What is your plan for Fall Break?**

**Tom:** visiting the playground at home to meet new friends.

**Q: Who is your celebrity crush?**

**Tom:** Princess Leia circa New Hope because she’s got that spunk even when recording messages on R2-D2.

**Q: If you could be any Disney character, who would you be and why?**

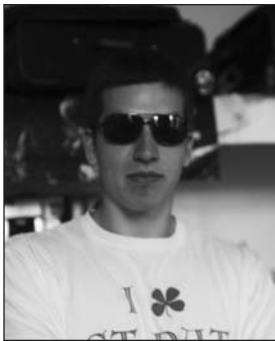
**Tom:** I am already the genie from Aladdin. I make people’s wishes come true.

**Q: Would you rather eat a plate of fried worms or drink a cup of toilet water?**

**Tom:** Fried worms in toilet water, on the rocks; shaken, not stirred, please.

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## Monday Meltdown



Tom McKee

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

The Fighting Irish wait in the tunnel Saturday for the Pittsburgh game, ready to lead Notre Dame to victory 23-17 against the Panthers. For more coverage, see the Irish Insider.

## OFFBEAT

**Wedding bells ring in a perfect 10 for couples**

LAS VEGAS — Churches, banquet halls and other wedding venues across the country were extra busy Sunday as couples seeking a perfect 10 rushed to tie the knot on a once-in-a-century milestone: Oct. 10, 2010.

In Las Vegas — long a destination for weddings — one marriage license bureau extended its Sunday hours from 6 p.m. to midnight to accommodate the rush. Hotels and churches in New Hampshire’s Seacoast area were booked long before Oct. 10.

Wedding-related businesses said the day was perhaps the most sought-after wedding date since July 7, 2007, when

the lucky 07-07-07 marked the calendar. Some 10-10-10 couples even chose to take their vows at 10 a.m.

Renee Fletcher, hostess at the Arch of Reno Wedding Chapel, said it was staging more than 40 weddings on Sunday.

Megan Powell, a 26-year-old who married a nightclub and restaurant operator, said her Las Vegas wedding was “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get married on 10/10/10.”

**Police charge man for stealing handcuffs**

LONGVIEW, Wash. — A 26-year-old Washington state man managed to escaped from a Department of Corrections car while handcuffed.

Police aren’t just looking for

him. They also want him to be charged with stealing the handcuffs.

The Daily News of Longview reports that Eric Mitchell Lair was arrested Oct. 1 on a felony warrant. He was handcuffed behind his back, but still was able to open the door of the car that was taking him to Cowlitz County jail and run off.

Officers from several agencies searched the area but couldn’t find him, and a judge issued a warrant Thursday for his arrest on suspicion of first-degree escape.

Police say the handcuffs are valued at \$29, and stealing them would constitute third-degree theft.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

Zahia Rahmani of the Institut national d’histoire de l’art will present “An Art Historian in France: Methods and Thoughts” in room 119 of O’Shaughnessy Hall from noon to 1:15 p.m. today. The Nanovic Institute’s Visiting Scholar Seminar welcomes the public to this free lecture.







James Packer, professor emeritus in the Department of Classics at Northwestern University, will present “Digitalizing Imperial Rome” at 4:30 p.m. today in room 104 at Bond Hall. This lecture investigating a computerized approach to the architectural history of the Roman Imperial Forum is free and open to the public.

Executive Education’s program for earning a Certificate in Executive Management begins enrollment today. This will take place in room 161 of Mendoza College of Business and pre-registration is required. Classes will meet 10 times in the fall and 10 times in the spring.

Dale Ahlquist, president of the American Chesterton Society, will present a lecture in honor of the anniversary of G.K. Chesterton’s visit to Notre Dame. This free lecture will take place today in room 140 of DeBartolo Hall and is open to the public.

International students are welcome to come discuss reasearch and study abroad opportunities for spring 2010 in the Montgomery Auditorium in La Fortune from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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

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# Outage hits Inn, South Dining Hall, West Quad

Observer Staff Report

Around 200 guests evacuated the Morris Inn and several campus buildings suffered a power outage early Saturday morning after a water build-up caused electrical problems.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the Morris Inn was evacuated around 4:45 a.m. Saturday.

"There was some flickering lights at the Morris Inn and there was some smoke, and they could smell something burning," he said.

Officials found that the smoke and the burning smell came from a motor on an air conditioning unit. The unit was turned off and guests were allowed to return to their rooms after five to 10 minutes, Brown

said.

The source of the problem was a water build-up in an electrical manhole located north of Keough Hall. In order to fix the problem, power was shut off in five campus buildings, he said.

The Morris Inn, South Dining Hall, Welsh Family Hall, Duncan Hall and Keough Hall were affected by the power outage.

Brown said the University used the campus public address system to alert people in the affected buildings that power would be turned off.

Power was turned off around 7 a.m. and was restored by 10 a.m. in the Morris Inn, South Dining Hall and Duncan Hall. It was restored in Keough and Welsh Family Halls by around 2 p.m.

*"There was some flickering lights at the Morris Inn and there was some smoke, and they could smell something burning."*

**Dennis Brown**  
University spokesman

# Dash raises funds for charity

By MIRANDA PERETTI  
News Writer

Even though the course looked decorated for Halloween, the participants in Psi Chi's "Monster Dash" 5K weren't ghouls and goblins, although some were dressed in costumes.

Psi Chi, Saint Mary's international psychology honor society, held the Halloween-themed race Sunday, complete with decorations along the course and optional costumes. The race included more than 250 participants running and walking Saint Mary's nature trails.

Psi Chi donated all proceeds to A Rosie Place, a center for medically fragile children.

"I participated because I really like to do races, especially for a good cause like A Rosie Place," said sophomore participant Whitney Thiel. "It's

a great chance to become involved in the community. Plus, I love running, and enjoyed sharing the experience with my friends."

Senior Lauren Easton, Psi Chi president, met with other officers at the beginning of the year to decide on service events for the club. Being a cross country runner for Saint Mary's, she suggested the idea of a 5K race. Another officer, Leanna Perez, recommended A Rosie Place as the fund raising organization.

A Rosie Place assists children who require feeding tubes, wheel chairs, walkers or even oxygen, Tieal Bishop, O'Hana Heritage Foundation's executive director, said. Children are invited to stay in the building, which is set up like a house and is hospital certified. O'Hana Heritage Foundation built this safe haven for children in 2008.

"Rosie Place is the first to serve this population of medically fragile children in the state of Indiana," Bishop said. the

Registration fees and donations from Monster Dash have the potential to benefit more than 2,000 children, Bishop said.

An exact dollar amount of the total donation to A Rosie Place has not been calculated because donations are still being received. Easton said she estimates a total of more than \$1,000 raised for the charity.

"I just wanted to extend a tremendous 'thank you' to everyone who helped out today — runners, walkers and also the volunteers. Everyone had a part in making this day a sensation," Easton said after the race. "We look forward to visiting A Rosie Place and presenting them with the final donation. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves out on the course."

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## National Coming Out Day

On the occasion of National Coming Out Day, **October 11, 2010**, we, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students, join Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.

We recommit ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian concerns. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core Council members.

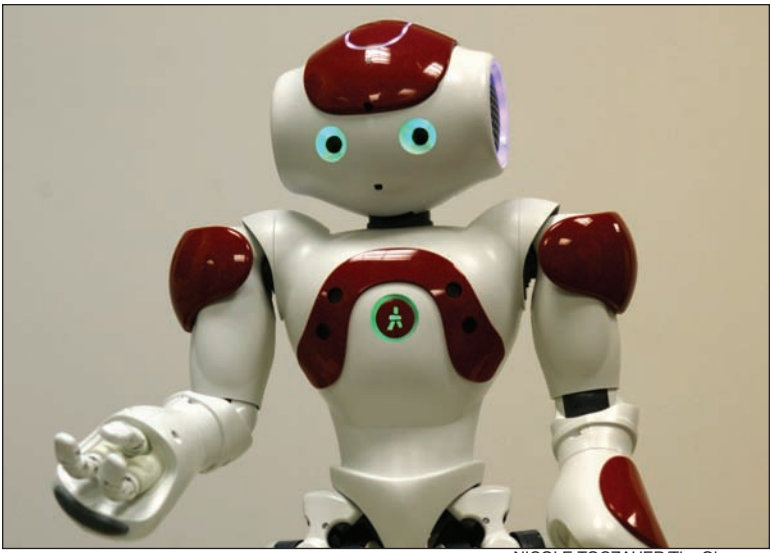
In the Spirit of Inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble their efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.



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**Kelly, one of two robots in the psychology department, dances Thursday in the Notre Dame Center for Families and Children.**

## Robots

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ence two years ago. After gathering the funds, they asked Diehl to join them, and the study began last fall.

"The suggestion was including robot technology in therapy and observing how it might open doors that might otherwise remain unopened to children with autism," Crowell said.

To do this, Diehl said, they set up a therapy session involving a therapist, a child with an Autism Spectral Disorder (ASD) and the robot. From a room protected by a one-way mirror, a puppeteer controls the behaviors of the robot.

"The initial idea was that the robot would be an interaction partner who the child could practice carrying on or initiating a conversation with," Diehl said. "But there are so many other roles that the robot can take. It can provide encouragement, or it can play different games and work on imitation skills."

When a child practices a behavior correctly, Kelly the robot will answer with positive feedback, often in the form of a dance or motion, Villano said. These include "Thriller" and raising the robot's arms in the air as a "touchdown." The robot can also be programmed to specifically reflect a child's interests and encourage him or her with related movements.

"Over the summer, one kid really liked swimming and the movie 'Shrek,'" Villano said. "So we'd have it do swimming motions for encouragement and it would talk about Shrek."

But this robot isn't your average toy-store robot, Crowell said. In just playing "Simon Says," the robot uses complex programs to detect movement, answer the child's requests and mimic actions.

"It's about two feet tall and is packed with a lot of technology. Just like a real human, it has senses," he said. "It has cameras that allow vision, voice synthesis mechanisms for speech, and other sensors like sonar, as well as a touch sensitive part of its head."

Since its beginning, the three professors agree the project has taken off rapidly.

"It's gone very quickly from a pipe dream to a full-blown

study," Diehl said.

Yet this study wouldn't have happened without large collaborative efforts from the three professors, a team of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students and the community, Villano said. Each of these components has put forth hard work that has moved the project forward at this lightning-quick pace.

"One of the most important things that we have is a group of students that are amazing that have given so much to the project," Diehl said. "They've made major intellectual contributions to the development and institution of the project."

Some of these students include Notre Dame graduate student Karen Tang, junior Margaret Millea, junior Kristen Uhland and Brynn Thomas, who is a senior at Saint Mary's. Thomas joined the study after taking a class based around autism.

"I have a sister with high-functioning autism, so when Professor Diehl came into the class to talk about his research study, I thought it was interesting," she said. "So I asked him how I could be a part of it and got involved in this."

Millea said she asked Diehl during office hours, and the project has been very rewarding.

"Autism in general is an interesting field. There's just so much we don't know," she said. "I like that Professor Diehl focuses on the strengths of the kids rather than their deficits."

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have actually done the majority of the robot's programming, Villano said. Other ways they work on the project include acting as the therapist or puppeteer in the sessions. Diehl said some of these students will work as interns on the project next summer.

"We have a road map. In late fall or early second semester this year, we're going to collect another set of pilot data," he said. "By next summer, we're going to go full-tilt-boogie and we have funding for a couple of students to work with us."

They are always looking for talented students interested in contributing to the ASD community from all areas of expertise, Diehl said. In the end, it's about what can be done for the children with autism.

"This is bringing technology to a problem that affects very real people," Villano said.

"The applied side of this is rewarding because we're impacting these families' lives."

Crowell agreed and added that the Center for Families and Children is a vital aspect of the community now.

"Dr. Diehl is probably too modest to point this out, but this center offers a variety of services to the community," he said. "So we are fortunate to have this center as part of the University, part of the Psychology Department and part of the community."

Even without being part of a center, anyone can make an effort to support people with autism. Villano, as an assistant Scout Master for a Boy Scout troop with two autistic members, has seen this outside of the study and said patience is key in developing communication.

"They sometimes will be aloof or shout at you, but patience goes a long way," he said. "The interaction may be unusual, but you can try to interact in ways that are meaningful to them."

This project has become a meaningful way to interact with the children, Crowell said. A child with autism is more drawn to the physical world because of a lack of social skills. The robot then acts as a bridge between this physical world and a more human world for the child.

"We have this device that has an object nature as well as a simulated human nature," he said. "Now there is a way to probe a child who would be attracted to this object and bring them to the human realm because it behaves like a human and can emulate human behaviors."

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## Guests

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said Armida Lopez, a junior at the University of Monterrey.

Before leaving campus Sunday, the visitors attended a Notre Dame football game — an experience they said they were anticipating all week, especially after feeling the energy on campus Friday and Saturday.

"We've seen very little kids and also very old people with that passion for Notre Dame," Garza said. "The love for Notre Dame has no age."

Although the visitors said they admired Notre Dame's residential life, differences between the two universities will make dorm life at Monterrey a distinct experience.

The University of Monterrey is only 41 years old, and its residential program is barely older than Notre Dame's Duncan Hall. Only 420 of the university's 12,000 students live on campus, compared to 80 percent of Notre Dame undergraduates. The university also only has two dormitories — one for men and one for women — connected by a garden, sharing one chapel and with no inter-dorm visitation.

"There are plenty of common areas on the rest of campus," Garza said.

While Notre Dame already has a long and rich dorm history, Lopez said, at the University of Monterrey, "we are still creating that history."

Lopez and the other visitors had plenty of ideas for creating their campus' own traditions — ideas gleaned from their observations of Notre Dame residential living and from advice given by Notre Dame's rectors and resident assistants.

"I learned that students form a sense of dorm identity through activities," Lopez said. "For RAs, there's a line between friendship

and authority."

Garza said she picked up some very concrete tips from her Notre Dame visit.

"Many of the campus activities work because they're free. The residents don't have to pay anything," she said. "Dorms should put most things to a vote so that residents feel involved in decisions."

One thing not be up for debate, however, is penalties for rule infractions, Garza said.

"There has to be a sense of importance to the sanctions," Garza said. "We want rules about alcohol [and other disciplinary issues] to be successful."

The Monterrey visitors said they also want to bring home another unique aspect of Notre Dame's campus culture: its spirituality.

"We don't have anything like the Grotto, but we'd like to incorporate more spirituality," Lopez said. "It's amazing that students here still go to Mass and pray at the Grotto without their parents telling them."

The Monterrey group said they enjoyed their visit so much that they are already planning ways to come back to campus. Garza said she wants to spend a month at Notre Dame during the summer working with the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and the students said they hope that the partnership between the two universities grows — including a possible trip by Notre Dame students to Monterrey.

The Monterrey visitors also visited Loyola University in Chicago after they left Notre Dame for a further example of residential life at a Catholic university. As they left campus Sunday, they left a message for the Notre Dame students and administrator: "Thank you, and Go Irish!"

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***Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
October 13, 2010 - 5:15 p.m.***





# Engineer

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through fourth-year students in the program. The number of first-year students who have shown an interest is about 17, Barstis said.

“We are increasing the number of female students in each graduating engineering class at Notre Dame by 10 percent,” Barstis said.

Barstis attributes part of the growth of the program to her collaborative efforts with Cathy Pieronek, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the Women’s Engineering Program in the College of Engineering, to promote the program, advise students and provide support through the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Other key factors were the support of the students for each other as well as the growing awareness of young women for the opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, otherwise known as STEM fields.

The Engineering Dual Degree Program is designed as a five-year joint program through Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame in which students earn a bachelor’s degree from Saint Mary’s in four years and finish their fifth year at Notre Dame with a second bachelor’s degree of science in engineering.

The majority of students enrolled in the program major in mathematics — computational or standard — or chemistry; however, one student majored in philoso-

phy, Barstis said.

Junior Taylor Chamberlain, a chemistry and chemical engineering major, said she was drawn to the program for the opportunity of a small college experience while offering the engineering major available at larger universities.

Chamberlain believes the growth in the program has to do with the changing attitudes of women towards engineering.

“I think you have to take into consideration that more women in general are realizing that, yes, engineering is something they can do and enrollment is up for engineering programs across the country,” Chamberlain said. “It’s just more noticeable with [Saint Mary’s] because we are a much smaller program. Where six to 10 more girls might go unnoticed in a larger school, four to five is a big deal for us.”

Not all students who initially show interest in the program complete it fully, but those statistics are not yet available, according to Barstis.

After being encouraged as second- and third-year students to explore the engineering field through classes, a few students who find they are not passionate about engineering decide to leave the program. A smaller number of students are unable to continue with the program due to insufficient grades.

“Due to the amount of work required to earn two degrees from two institutions, it is simply too much unless the student is 100

percent dedicated and committed to the program,” Barstis said.

The course load for the program is intense as the students are working for two bachelor degrees.

“I think probably the most challenging part of the program is the class schedule,” Chamberlain said. “In order to finish two technical science degrees in five years, we have to take a lot of classes very close together that might have usually been more spaced out.”

The Engineering Dual Degree program’s success may be another reason for the growing interest — 99 percent of the students who reach their fourth year in the program graduate continue the program to graduate from Notre Dame with a B.S. in Engineering. One hundred percent of students of the program have obtained a job within the first few months of graduation, Barstis said.

Mary Zahm, a 2010 Saint Mary’s graduate who is currently continuing her education at Notre Dame, is not surprised that the program is growing.

“It’s a gem of a program,” Zahm said. “It’s great that other girls are learning about it and seeing it as an opportunity for them to pursue their interest in engineering.”

Chamberlain agreed.

“It’s truly an amazing program and we’re all glad that it’s growing the way it is,” Chamberlain said.

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# Firecracker causes L.A. area explosion

Associated Press

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — A large firecracker caused a blast near a Los Angeles-area harbor that sent police scrambling to evacuate the neighborhood and order bomb squads into a hotel parking garage early Sunday, authorities said.

An M-80 explosive device went off at around the same time an SUV was vandalized in the area, said Los Angeles Police Deputy Chief Michael Downing. Investigators initially thought the vehicle was the source of the blast.

The bomb squad sent in robots, and officers throughout the area were placed on alert, but investigators now believe it likely was not a bomb that broke the window and created a small hole in the door of an SUV, Los

Angeles Police Lt. John Romero said.

A caller reported hearing a blast at 7:30 a.m. in a commercial area of San Pedro. A short time later a patrol officer with the Port Police discovered the damaged Lincoln Navigator in the underground garage of the Clarion Inn.

Investigators found debris away from the SUV that helped them determine the blast was a firecracker, police said.

“On closer inspection and using their training, bomb squad is confident the damage was caused by something other than a bomb. Based on what we know now, they’re scaling the operation way back,” Romero said.

Downing said investigators ruled out any connection to terrorism. No arrests were made.

# Death row inmate seeks DNA tests

Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Texas — An ex-convict sent to Texas’ death row for three murders and spared from execution earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court is set to take his case before the high court, which may decide whether his attorneys can test items for DNA he claims could prove his innocence.

Hank Skinner was convicted of pummeling his girlfriend with a pickaxe handle and stabbing her two sons on New Year’s Eve in 1993 in their Texas Panhandle home. DNA evidence at his trial showed blood on his clothing from that night was his and from at least two of the victims.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether prison inmates may use a federal civil rights law to get DNA testing that was not performed before their conviction. Prosecutors in Skinner’s case have refused to make some evidence available for DNA testing, including knives from the scene and a jacket next to one of the bodies.

The arguments come seven months after the Supreme Court spared Skinner just an hour before he was to go to the death chamber. Justices said then they wanted to postpone his execution until they decided whether to review his case.

“The relief Mr. Skinner seeks is simple and limited: the opportunity to obtain access to physical evidence for the purpose of conducting DNA testing,” Rob Owen, a University of Texas law professor and Skinner’s lead attorney, said in a brief to the high court.

Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer has refused to surrender the items and lower courts agreed with her, saying Texas law already gave Skinner “plenty of opportunity” to show additional testing could prove his innocence.

Skinner, a former convicted car thief and parole violator, was trying to “game the system,” Switzer said.

Prosecutors have said there’s no evidence to conclusively prove Skinner wasn’t the killer and that ample evidence exists to show he is guilty. They also contend new DNA testing “would not affirmatively prove anything.”

“They’re fixing to kill me for something I didn’t do,” Skinner, 48, said last December from a tiny visiting cage outside death row as his execution date neared.

To head off the scheduled March execution, his legal team renewed its appeals seeking release of evidence for new DNA testing.

Since the Supreme Court justices agreed to look at the case, the high court ruled in a DNA-related case from Alaska that convicts have no constitutional right to test genetic evidence to try to show their innocence. The court said it would not second-guess states or force them routinely to look again at criminal convictions.

Attorneys for Switzer, citing that case, argued in court briefs that Skinner’s lawyers hoped to get federal district courts involved in “second-guessing the decisions of state courts” under state DNA statutes. They also noted his trial lawyer chose not to test items Skinner now wants

access to, and that using the civil rights law was an improper attempt to circumvent other appeals already refused.

Switzer has the backing of attorneys general from nearly two dozen states, who filed a brief on her behalf.

“He seeks a judge-crafted remedy that he hopes will be more favorable to him,” the attorneys general’s brief said.


Similarly, the National District Attorneys Association urged the justices to reject Skinner’s argument, saying a ruling favorable to him would undermine state law, expand federal jurisdiction over state matters and delay resolution of capital cases.

At his trial in 1995, Skinner’s jury heard evidence he was in the house where his girlfriend, Twila Jean Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin “Scooter” Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20, were killed. Besides the blood on his clothing, Skinner’s bloody hand prints were found in the house.

Skinner doesn’t deny being in the home at the time of the slayings, but insisted he couldn’t have killed them because he was passed out from a mix of vodka and codeine.

Skinner explained that Caler, who had several stab wounds, likely bled on him while trying to rouse Skinner from his drunken stupor. And he said he was lying on a couch just a few feet from where Twila Busby was bludgeoned, likely accounting for her blood.

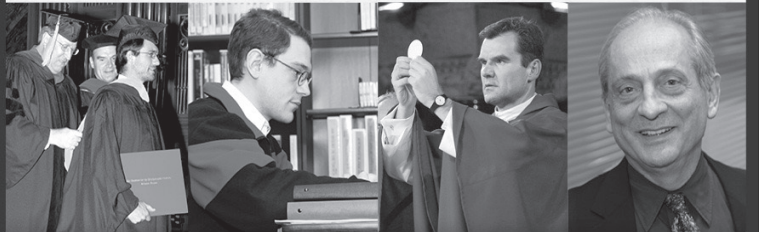
Police were summoned when Caler staggered to the front porch of a neighbor’s home. Officers followed a 3½-block-long blood trail to the trailer of a woman Skinner knew. He was found there hiding in a closet.



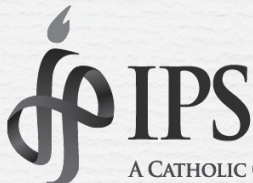
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HUNGARY

Factory apologizes for caustic spill

Associated Press

KOLONTAR — The owners of the metals plant whose reservoir burst, flooding several towns in western Hungary with caustic red sludge, expressed their condolences Sunday to the families of the seven people killed, as well as to those injured — and said they were sorry for not having done so sooner.

MAL Rt., which owns the alumina plant in Ajka, also said it was willing to pay compensation “in proportion to its responsibility” for the damage caused by the deluge.

But the trouble may not be over.

With the northwest corner of the storage pool still showing a hole 50 meters (yards) wide where the mix of mud and water broke through last week, officials said the collapse of at least one of the breached walls was inevitable. That, they said, would probably unleash a new deluge of toxic matter that could ooze a half-mile (1 kilometer) to the north, wreaking further havoc.

That would flood parts of the town nearest the plant - one of those already hit by the industrial waste Oct. 4 - but stop short of the next town to the north.

Environmental State Secretary Zoltan Illes said that recently discovered cracks on the northern wall of the reser-

voir at the alumina plant have temporarily stopped widening because of favorable weather conditions but will continue to expand, especially at night.

Disaster agency spokesman Tibor Dobson said engineers didn’t detect any new cracks overnight Saturday, and the older cracks were being repaired, but it was too soon to consider lowering the state of alert.

Protective walls were being built around the reservoir’s damaged area to hold back further spills. And a 2,000-foot- (620-meter-) long dam that will be between 4 and 5 meters (yards) high was under construction to save the areas of the town of Kolontar not directly hit by last week’s toxic flood.

“I would describe the situation as hopeful, but nothing has really changed,” Dobson told The Associated Press. “The wall to protect Kolontar is planned to be finished by tonight, but it will likely be several days before residents may be able to move back.”

Nearly all of Kolontar’s 800 residents were evacuated Saturday, when Prime Minister Viktor Orban said the north wall of the massive storage pool - which is 24.7 acres (10 hectares) in size - was “very likely” to collapse because cracks that had appeared at several points.

The roughly 6,000 residents of neighboring Devecser, just

north of Kolontar, were told by police Saturday to pack a single bag and get ready to leave at a moment’s notice.

“This hasn’t changed,” Dobson said. “We are still on guard in case of any more spills.”

Illes said that, since it would be impossible to transfer the 2.5 million cubic meters (568 million gallons) of red sludge still in the damaged reservoir anywhere else, he had set a 2-month deadline for closing up the huge opening.

“The hole is 50 meters (yards) wide and 23 meters high,” Illes said. “The job, including pouring enough concrete to raise three 10-story buildings, will have to be done from the air. This is unprecedented.”

Red sludge is a byproduct of the refining of bauxite into alumina, the basic material for manufacturing aluminum. Treated sludge is often stored in ponds where the water eventually evaporates, leaving behind a largely safe red clay. Industry experts say the sludge in Hungary appears to have been treated insufficiently, if at all, meaning it remained highly caustic.

Illes, commenting to reporters during a tour of the affected villages and the damaged reservoir, confirmed that the red sludge stored in Hungarian reservoirs had not been treated to reduce its alkalinity.

CHILE

Miners prepare for journey back to surface

Associated Press

SAN JOSE MINE — A smooth-walled path to daylight awaited 33 trapped miners Sunday as they entered the tense final hours of a two-month odyssey christened in the terror of collapsing rock deep under a Chilean mountain.

With the eyes of the world on Chile’s no-expense-spared effort to ensure all the men emerge unharmed, the miners’ physical and mental health was being fastidiously monitored. Precautions were taken against all manner of complications - aspirin to prevent blood clots, a special drink to settle the stomach, video monitors to watch for panic attacks.

And officials said the men were so giddy with confidence they were squabbling on Saturday, the day drills broke through to them, over who would get to be the last to take a twisting, 20-minute ride the half-mile up to a rock-strewn desert moonscape and into the embrace of those they love.

A tentative but secret list was drafted of which miners should come out first when the extraction begins, probably on Wednesday. But Health Minister Jaime Manalich said the otherwise cooperative miners were so sure of the exit plan that they were arguing about

sequence.

“They were fighting with us yesterday because everyone wanted to be at the end of the line, not the beginning,” he told reporters.

Manalich told The Associated Press that a few had volunteered in conversations among themselves to go up first. But none had volunteered publicly, he said.

“I think they’re more excited than scared or nervous,” Brandon Fisher, president of Center Rock Inc., the Pennsylvania company that made the hammer-style drill heads that created the opening for the rescue, told AP. “That first guy up might be a little nervous, though.”

The final order will probably be determined by two paramedics, one from the Navy and one from the Codelco state mining company, who will be lowered into the mine to prepare the men for their journey in a rescue capsule built by Chilean naval engineers.

Over the past week, all the miners underwent tests to assess their health. Manalich said officials were concerned about acute hypertension in some of the miners as well as the opposite - sudden drops in blood pressure - in others because of the speed of the ascent to the surface.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Gleek convert

I'm not going to lie. I was reluctant to jump on the Glee bandwagon when the show's popularity skyrocketed last fall. I had seen the pilot months before the fall premier, and while I was amused by the show's basically ridiculous premise, I really wasn't sure how I felt about network TV's first foray into the cultish, campy world of show choir.

**Kristen Durbin**

*News  
Production  
Editor*

My three years as a singer-dancer in Wheeling High School's New Dawns show choir immersed me into a strange, hairspray-soaked realm of vocally trained teenagers that seems entirely foreign to outsiders, so I hoped that Glee would accurately convey all of the quirky intricacies of show choir to the masses even though I knew I was probably setting myself up for disappointment.

I continued to resist the temptation to indulge my curiosity for the first few months of the year, but once my fellow former show choir members began to rave about the show, I finally allowed myself to watch a few isolated episodes with my friends last Thanksgiving. At this point, teen pregnancy, conniving wives and wannabe divas had penetrated the show's plot, so needless to say, I was confused. Who was Quinn Fabray's baby daddy? Why was Terri Schuester lying to her attractive, talented husband (and here I admit to my crush on Will Schuester and his perfectly coiffed hair)? My curiosity grew and grew with each scene in spite of the show's inaccuracies in portraying the cult of show choir.

My perfectionism interfered with these juicy burning questions and raised several points of contention: great show choirs have at least fifty singer-dancers! They can't learn that many songs in a week! They need a professionally trained choreographer! It's called show choir, not glee club! Songs don't have to revolve around soloists! There's no way almost every song can parallel Rachel Berry's life so closely! Real show choir competitions have more than three competitors!

Ultimately, these nitpicky qualms proved ineffectual against the magnetic grip of Glee, its overproduced renditions of popular tunes and the juicy drama surrounding its characters. I was compelled to watch the entire first season over the course of two lazy summer weeks. The show (and Sue Sylvester's scathing jabs at Mr. Schue's shiny locks) even caught my 18-year-old, athletically inclined brother's attention. At this point, I knew Glee was a unique morsel of pop culture that was worth keeping up with.

Even though I still consciously note the show's flaws and grossly exaggerated depiction of high school and life in general (read: John Stamos as a dentist? Yeah, right.), I'm proud to be a Gleek. I thoroughly enjoyed being blasted back to my third-grade past during the Britney Spears-themed episode, and I bond with my floormates about the latest gossip surrounding Rachel, Finn, Quinn and the rest of the Glee gang.

As a converted skeptic, I sincerely hope that the remaining haters watch at least one episode of Glee before completely ruling out the most entertaining show on T.V. You may just find you have a new guilty pleasure to look forward to on Tuesday nights.

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## The saints among us

In my first three columns, I spent time calling out people — freshmen — to not plague our campus with irregular behavior, dining hall goers to get their act together and the football team to live up to their pledge of always giving 100 percent. I intend to do the same here but in a different light, one not intended to make you laugh but one intended to make you think.

**Kevin Kimberly**

*Bursting the  
Bubble*

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you have heard about the canonization of André Bessette this upcoming Sunday, Oct. 17. Now, before you write this off as another article or proclamation of the Congregation of Holy Cross' first saint, bear with me. Let's make the issue a more relevant one, whether you believe as a Catholic or Jew, Muslim or Protestant, or have no belief at all.

To quickly recap, society saw Blessed Brother André as essentially useless. He was born with poor health, which followed him throughout his life. He lost both of his parents by the age of 12 and became an orphan. He had little to no education, dropping out of school around sixth grade barely being able to write his name. And his biggest official job in life was that of a porter, which is basically a doorman.

Sound like the typical description for a saint? Probably not the best one. But what he did was more important than any description of who he was, and what he did was serve with every ounce of dedication and love he had within him. His job was to direct people arriving at the door, but what he made of that job became much greater than anything else.

Take a moment, stop, and look around. Chances are you are reading this in the dining hall, LaFortune or some public place. See any familiar faces? Probably so. How many of these people would you consider saintlike? Probably not many. But have you ever stopped to think about their service? Sure, what they are doing is, in fact, part of their job, but the commitment they have is outstanding at times. It is sometimes just the smile and question of how you are doing on a bad day; other times it is the immense help they provide when trying to solve another problem.

Many times, though, these amazing things people do for us go unnoticed.

So I am taking this opportunity to 'call out' those people who, in my four years here at Notre Dame, have struck me as everyday saints. Whether I came into contact with them once, many times or still do, I have always witnessed these people serving and doing their job with the ultimate dedication.

Nancy Walsh, student government office secretary: Nancy could brighten up someone's worst day and is hands down one of the friendliest persons I have ever met. She is always willing to help with whatever is needed, is always up for a talk, and truly enjoys her work.

Cassandra and Linda, North Dining Hall: These two ladies make those scrumptious pizzas you enjoy at North Dining Hall, and besides making the perfect pizza, they are two of the nicest ladies on this campus. I have always been struck by their great personalities and appreciate their kindness.

Rhonda Singleton, administrative assistant for the psychology department: I have come to know Ms. Rhonda over the years and never once has she not completely helped me out with any academic issues for psychology classes, credits or research. She is a great person and I am lucky the department for my major includes her.

Nancy McAdams, associate director of the Education, Schooling and Society Minor: Though I have never met her, Ms. Nancy has helped me every semester without question in getting my credits scheduled. Through several e-mails trying to sift through the academic guidelines, she has always made sure everything worked out for me.

Dayne Crist: I may not know Dayne Crist personally, but I think his character speaks for itself. As the Notre Dame quarterback, I imagine he has enough on his plate; add in classes and life, and he is probably on overload. Yet he still finds it in him to donate time, money, and hair to charities like St. Baldrick's and the Riley Hospital for Children (Dance Marathon).

South Dining Hall swipers and door monitors: Some of my favorite people on campus fall under this category, and that is because their sincerity is amazing. Every smile and wish for a great day are said with the most meaning, and I have

been touched by their never-ending service.

Student workers at Waddick's: I have always noticed that the student workers at Waddick's are some of the best and most personable on campus. Besides putting up with the interesting things any food service job brings with a smile, they do an excellent job running one of the most popular eateries on campus.

Harv Humphrey, coordinator of lectors at the Basilica: Since I started lectoring in the Basilica my sophomore year, I have not met a more organized man on campus. Everything he does is to a tee, and it is impressive. To say Harv is dedicated is an understatement.

Pam, Reckers: I have come to know Ms. Pam through the many late night trips I have made to Reckers, and besides making the best tasting snacks for studying, she is great to talk to and very funny. These study breaks have been some of my favorites over the years.

Professors, friends, rectors: There are several people that fall under these categories that I should mention but do not have the space to. These people are certainly ones we come into contact with everyday. For me, you know who you are, and I appreciate everything, small or big, that you have done for me.

Brother André's example really brings home the point that it does not matter in what capacity one serves in or what job they may hold (professional or personal), the opportunity to impact someone's life is always available. Maybe the Church is not declaring these people (and many others I have not mentioned) for sainthood, but in some way, each person listed above has made my day or touched me in some way. You, too, could be a saint in someone's life or for someone's day. Never underestimate the power of your actions. Who would have ever thought a doorman would be the next declared saint? I am not sure even Brother André thought so.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"But in the end one needs more courage to live than to kill himself."*

**Albert Camus  
French philosopher**

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live. It is asking others to live as one wishes to live."*

**Oscar Wilde  
Irish novelist**



# There but for the grace of God go I

As Notre Dame's and Saint Mary's gay and lesbian alumni gathered in South Bend earlier this month to honor friends and champions like Sr. Mary Louise Gude, an instrument of hope, and Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach, a hero's hero, I could not help but be struck by the vast divide between the "haves" and the "have nots" in the LGBT community. Those gathered seemed one-and-all to be strong, well-adjusted, loving and well-loved. Yet each and every one of us was only able to stand there because, in a very real sense, we overcame the obstacles that were placed against us. Somehow, by the grace of God, many of us did this alone.

Now we seem to hear every few days of a teenage life ended by despair over real or perceived sexual orientation. (And to those who think this is just a "gay problem," please note I said "real or perceived.") I think you can understand what I mean by a divide.

Maybe Domer's and SMCer's are made of much sterner stuff than the average teenager — but I really doubt it. The land mines in the way of each and every queer

youth, even today, would make a grown man blanch. Consider that 90 percent will experience harassment from peers and "friends." One third of all successful suicide attempts are made by LGBT youth and half of all transgender persons will attempt suicide at least once.

The Center for American Progress reports that as many as 40 percent of the 1.6 million homeless kids on the streets this very night were kicked from their homes after their families learned their sexual orientation. The mean age of these children at the time of their rejection is fourteen, 58 percent will be sexually assaulted, and they will attempt suicide, on average, more than eight times.

That we permit all of this, and indeed that many of us barely notice, is intolerable and a sin against the spirit of God.

So when we gather to remind Notre Dame that, yes, we are still here and we have heroes too, this is inevitably part of the context that we gather in. As Fehrenbach implied in his acceptance speech, it is not for ourselves that we fight but for those who cannot fight for themselves.

At the end of the day, GALA-ND/SMC doesn't really need Notre Dame to recognize us (which it hasn't) and we don't really need University President Fr. John

Jenkins to meet with us (which he hasn't). But our struggling brothers and sisters, those who are following after us — those who, but for the grace of God we would still be — they still need it very much.

They need a University which is brave enough to say, "We don't need to reserve the option to discriminate against you on no other basis than your sexual orientation. If this opens us up to some sort of legal problems, we do not care. We love you more than this."

They need a University which is brave enough to say, "It doesn't matter if our donors or our trustees walk away because we choose to accept you. If we lose money and power and prestige because of you, we do not care. We love you more than this."

But most of all, they need a University which has the compassion to say, "It does not matter if the leaders of the Church fly at us in anger, or if the public rejects us because we choose to embrace you. If even one of our students is hurt because of our inaction, it is one too many. We love you more than this."

So for their sake we remind Notre Dame of what is supposed to be — what it has been before in other situations — and of the profound, radical and unpopular depth

of genuine love.

Until that day comes — and it will come — only the students, the faculty and the staff of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have the power to do what the administration will not. Don't be fooled by the glossy veneer: Even in a place as shiny as Notre Dame there are people who suffer in silence. And beyond these walls you are also the instrument of God in the larger world, where naked hatred may still be found in broad daylight. In this culture, it takes less than you think to destroy someone. In all times and places challenge intolerance, encourage dialogue, and be open about yourself. Above all else serve love.

You may end up saving a life.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# 'Coming Out Day'

Dear Notre Dame community,

In honor of "National Coming Out Day," we, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students, invite you to stop by our tables today in LaFortune Student Center and North and South Dining halls. In observance of this day we offer you the opportunity to meet some of our Core Council members and allies, sign our Ally Pledge banner and pick up an Ally pin.

To all members of the Notre Dame family, we thank you for your continued support of our outreach through educational, social and spiritual programs, and for all of your efforts in helping to create a safe and welcoming place for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, especially in light of the recent tragedy affecting the Rutgers community.

Sincerely,

Sr. Sue Dunn  
Rachel Washington  
Karl Abad  
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Brandon Buchanan  
Fr. Joseph Carey  
Maureen Lafferty, Ed.D.  
Adrian Lopez Medina  
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Core Council  
Oct. 7

# Time to remember

As I began to read the first three lines of Mark Easley's "Vote the Bums Out" (Oct. 7) I was wondering why he was writing the article just before the November 2010 elections. I thought it was a good idea, but the arguments were a bit outdated. Weren't these arguments more applicable to the midterm elections of 2006? Didn't we already vote the bums out in 2006 and 2008 with the a new Democratic majority and president? As I continued to read, I realized Mr. Easley was talking about voting the Democrats out. That's when I started to disagree with Mr. Easley. His framework is fine, but the content appears a little bit off. So, I'll try to fix it a bit.

Remember, remember, the fourth of November. Remember how the Republicans in Washington ignored you time and time again. Remember, from 1994 to 2006, they utterly destroyed an American economy that seemed to have no parallel. Today, that same economy is projected to be topped by a strong Chinese economy. Remember how they deregulated and provided tax cuts to companies that would ultimately both cause an economic collapse on Wall Street and send our jobs overseas. Remember how they twisted the 9/11 attacks to forward their goal of an interventionist international policy that would ultimately bring us into an unrelated war in Iraq that cost the country billions of dollars and further our deficits. Remember, that same Republican government that brought about a bill that encouraged people to buy homes that they could not afford, which ultimately brought about a series of foreclosures which is still plaguing real estate markets in Nevada and Florida. Most importantly, remember the 43rd president of the United States, Mr. George W. Bush (who I hate to say is a fellow alumnus of mine), who brings a new meaning to the word incompetency.

Now, think about what the Democrats came into. President Obama inherited an economy that was in shambles due to the previous Republican administration. The Dow Jones was at an

all-time low, foreclosures were being made all around the country, unemployment was rising, and the economy was contracting.

Now, think about what they did. They brought a halt to rising unemployment, stopped further contraction of the economy, brought about a bailout plan that allowed the Dow Jones to rise once again, and have stopped the further growth of foreclosures. Although their gains haven't been as quick as we might like, economists around the globe will tell you that it takes time to recover from a recession that was so severe that it could have turned into a depression. But, the key point here is that the economy is improving and gains will continue to be realized in the future.

Now, for you history and political science buffs out there, think about who brought us out of the Great Depression. While I'll concede that World War II was a significant contributor to our recovery, that recovery owes much of its success to Democratic President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. Combined, the First and Second New Deals had a significant impact on the Gross National Product before the war. From 1933 (when Roosevelt entered office) to 1940 (we entered WWII on Dec. 8, 1941), the Gross National Product grew from 68.3 billion dollars to 113 billion dollars (in 1929 dollars) and unemployment dropped from 25.2 percent to 13.9 percent.

So, before you listen to Mr. Easley, think about recent and related history. Think about why America voted the Democrats in in 2006. Think about the Wall Street Collapse, the Recession, the Iraq War, George W. Bush and the general incompetency of the Republican party. Is voting the Bums in really the best decision?

Ryan Sullivan  
sophomore  
off campus  
Oct. 8

# Pep band pride

Dear Members of the Notre Dame Marching Band,

It was not a typical pep rally Saturday on Oct. 3. Some of our fans had walkers and wheelchairs and needed assistance to get to their seats, but believe me when I say that there are no bigger Irish fans than the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Mary's Convent! We have been so fortunate for the past five years to have Marching Band members come to the convent. Not only do you perform like you are at the stadium, but you interact with the sisters and that's what makes the yearly event so anticipated by all. It's not only the "Notre Dame Victory March" being played, but it's your passion for life that you bring when you visit the Sisters in the Lillie O'Grady Center. That passion for life comes through sharing stories about your hometowns, classes and facts about being a member of the marching band — and, of course, your thoughts on whether Notre Dame is going to win the game.

This year was by far the best, due to service commissioner Caitlin O'Neill's leadership. She arranged for 84 of

you (a third of the band) to play for the Sisters, a decorating and clean-up committee, and speakers to motivate the senior crowd. There was assistance from the junior leprechaun, the cheerleaders and the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Circle K Service Group.

As we (assistant band director Emmett O'Leary, who started this event, and our non-student volunteers) looked around the room, saw the Sisters' smiles, watched them clap along to the music and learn how to form the "K," our hearts swelled with pride to see how you give of yourselves. We thank and respect each of you — along with band director Dr. Kenneth Dye, Emmett O'Leary, Caitlin and everyone involved — for your selfless service that brings such joy to the Sisters.

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Margie Lavonis  
Sisters of the Holy Cross  
St. Mary's  
Oct. 8

Oh, so close.

And yet, there's still  
gray space...



By CARRIE POWELL  
Scene Writer

Marching bands. Pop punk. Laser guitars. Rube Goldberg machines. Rescue dogs. Net neutrality. Dance funk. Try to limit the creativity of OK Go or slow them down, and, well, you'll probably fail.

In a jam-packed weekend, OK Go brought its off-the-wall knack for art and music-making back to Notre Dame. The band recently kicked off its fall/winter tour to continue backing their recent album, "Of the Blue Colour of the Sky." Feeling as ambitious as ever, OK Go added a few appearances at Notre Dame for good measure.

Driving from a gig in Minnesota, OK Go arrived on campus Saturday afternoon in time to join the Band of the Fighting Irish at Concert on the Steps, where they held their first live, public performance of the marching band version of "This Too Shall Pass." The performance (without any prior practice together) was met with cheers from Irish and Panther fans alike.

The Band of the Fighting Irish rehearsed its halftime performance for two weeks, but there were no practices with OK Go. Halftime seemed more like a spontaneous happening than a regimented performance. But when the time came, the sound system worked, the ghillie suits were adequately quirky and the cards were readable. Careful planning and practice on the part of OK Go, its crew, the directors, staff and members of the Band of the Fighting Irish helped everything come together. After halftime, high fives were slapped, pictures were taken and profuse shouts of "Thanks!" and "You were great!" were exchanged. OK Go stayed on the sideline with the band to cheer on the Irish, and bassist Tim Nordwind even went up for student pushups. But the night's show at Legends was calling, and OK Go was off for another performance.

OK Go's show at Legends lived up to the fast-pace and fun of Saturday. Students packed Legends for a 19-song set that lasted over an hour and a half. Drawing mostly from its second studio release, the power pop driven "Oh No" and the funkier "Of the Blue Colour of the Sky," OK Go gave a show that was unabashedly fun and showed its penchant to let their creativity take them to wherever it demands.

The fun started immediately as the members of OK Go took the stage in colored suits — replicating the visual aesthetic from their videos for "This Too Shall Pass (Rube Goldberg Machine)" and "End Love." Legends soon took part in the fun as the band sprayed the club with colored confetti and opened the show with the pounding, geek rock party tune "Do What You Want." Other high-energy selections included "Get Over It" and the infamous "Here It Goes Again." Lead singer Damian Kulash seemed to be radiating excitement as he smiled through every song, precariously floated above the stage as he balanced on a monitor and showed his range of vocals all the way up to Prince-inspired screaming. Even when performing the light-hearted "What to Do" on hand bells (complete with white gloves) the band managed to be entertaining. Especially when the complicated choreography of an eight-hand bell part gave way to Nordwind wielding a lone, large, bass bell with a playful "I didn't do it" look. The band capped the song with a cheeky, angelic group bow, of course.

The foursome also let their geek show as they brought out a series of techie toys. For their encore the group showed off LED-infused jackets and spelled out "OK Go" on their backs before continuing with the music. When the band did continue, it did so with customized Gibson guitars that lit up and shot laser beams out of the headstocks.

OK Go also included plenty of audience participation. After performing its cuttingly bluesy "A Million Ways," Kulash noticed two students performing the video's choreography in the crowd and invited them onstage to perform the dance as the band did a second take on the tune. Later in the show the band even pulled a student onstage to play guitar on "Here It Goes Again."

While OK Go created many high points in its performance and showed a great range of styles, the overall concert experience was not entirely cohesive. The high points of the show came thanks to the geek rock songs of "OK Go," the band's first album, and "Oh No." Drummer Dan Konopka was at his best on these songs with his dry and crisp style. Songs from "The Blue Colour" are more musically complex, varied, introspective and difficult to replicate live. OK Go has come a long way since "Oh No" (the band toured for three years before recording "Of the Blue Colour"), and its total discography does not mesh well. It was painful to move between the acoustic crooning of a broken heart on "Last Leaf" and the manic energy of the one-night stand in "Here It Goes Again" — before starting "Last Leaf," Kulash had to half-jokingly direct the crowd, "Shut up, this is a sad song." The "do-it-yourself," punk, geek rock guitar of their earlier work just did not gel with the inflections of funk, blues and synthpop of the new album.

Whether the range of OK Go's performance left concertgoers a little confused or thoroughly impressed, the band certainly lived up to the hype of its entertainment, even without the aid of videos. In fact, the variety of OK Go's repertoire points to their dedication to a variety of endeavors, whether they are musical, visual or political.

Many people know OK Go as the "guys from the treadmill video," but they are much more than simply entertaining videos. In fact, OK Go takes creating art pretty seriously. Their videos take anywhere from a few days to six months to plan and film, and there are some high art concepts behind their music and visuals. Some of this may come from Kulash's background as an Art-Semiotics student at Brown University (yeah, think about those found objects when you watch the Rube Goldberg video). Earlier this year OK Go parted ways with EMI/Capitol and formed independent Paracadute Records. In a recent interview with PBS NewsHour, Kulash commented that the business model of the music industry did not aid their creative projects any longer. In pursuit to freely creating and sharing their work, OK Go promotes net neutrality. As a part of this, Kulash has contributed to the New York Times and Washington Post and has testified with guitarist Andy Ross on Capitol Hill. See? Much more than treadmills.

With OK Go it is hard to predict what you are going to get. Serious, creative, geeky, smart, artistic; maybe all of the above. Certainly, you will get a group that follows their creative senses whole-heartedly and takes art seriously, usually in an inventively fun way.

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# ‘HERE IT GOES AGAIN’ OK GO RETURNS TO NOTRE DAME

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By COURTNEY COX  
Scene Writer

Name: Bob Besio

Spotted: in Alumni Hall

Bob is sporting a striped button-down with dark wash denim jeans. It is the perfect combination of class and coolness for school or going out.

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Playlist of the Week- Latin Flavor



by Maria Fernandez

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| 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Prrrum"- Cosculluela   |
| 3  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "No me digas que no"- Enrique Iglesias ft. Wisin & Yandel         |
| 4  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "He querido quererte"- Franco el Gorilla<br>ft. Tico el Imigrante |
| 5  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Inalcanzable (Remix)"- RBD ft. Jowell y Randy                    |
| 6  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Tu Boca"- Chayanne   |
| 7  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Colgando en tus manos"- Carlos Baute y<br>Marta Sanchez          |
| 8  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Echale pique"- Daddy Yankee ft. Yomo                             |
| 9  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Sin mirar atras"- David Bisbal                                   |
| 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "La Guagua"- Juan Luis Guerra                                     |
| 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Irresistible"- Wisin & Yandel                                    |
| 12 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Por una mujer"- Luis Fonsi                                       |

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles finish tied for second

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

In an impressive performance, the Belles finished tied for second in a field of 17 teams this weekend at the Benedictine University Eagle Invitational.

Saint Mary's finished with a final score of 58 to tie Elmhurst College, while St. Francis took first place with 41 points.

Junior Joanne Almond and sophomore Julia Kenney were the top two finishers for the Belles, placing second and third overall, respectively, in the 6K event. Almond finished with a time of 23:41 with Kenney right behind at 23:49.

Belles coach Jackie Bauters said Almond and Kenney have asserted themselves as the unquestioned leaders on the Saint Mary's squad, as they

have finished one-two for the Belles in each of their six races this year. She was once again impressed with the performances of her top two runners.

"Joanne [Almond] and Julia [Kenney] tag-teamed with the front three St. Francis girls the whole race," she said. "It was great to see them stick it through and beat two of them."

Bauters saw the race as an important opportunity for Almond and Kenney to grow as competitors and develop new strategies.

"I think they were able to learn some about their own racing strategy having to lead a pack rather than being in the thick of the pack," Bauters said.

Although Almond and Kenney have been far out in front of the pack, Bauters said the rest of her team has the ability to close the gap on the talented duo.

"Right now there is a gap between them and our next runners," she said. "Going forward I don't expect it to be as great as it was this week. The next pack [of runners] just needs to have a little smarter start and really work on their last 1,000 meters."

As the team begins preparing for the MIAA championships in two weeks, Bauters main focus is to keep the team fit, both physically and mentally.

"I'm hoping to keep them healthy," she said. "Right before finals is also a tough time of year for us, so I hope they are able to stay well so that they can compete to their potential."

The Belles next event will be the Manchester Invitational, which will be held next Saturday in Manchester, Ind.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Frilling, Mathews pair up in Cali

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

Juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews enjoyed some success over the weekend, reaching the quarterfinals in doubles at the Riviera/ITA All American Championships.

Frilling made it to the quarterfinal round in singles as well, where she fell to the nations' top-ranked player, University of California junior Jana Juricova.

The duo began doubles action by beating junior Vicky Brook and senior Lindsay Clark of Yale, 8-3.

"Our doubles match went really well," Frilling said. "We were up and had a lot of chances, and I think Shannon and I will only get better the more we practice and get used to playing with each other."

That win matched them with senior Mari Anderson and Juricova of California, the top overall seed in the week's bracket and the top team in the nation, who defeated the Irish tandem 8-6.

"I was really happy with how we played, despite not playing with each other that much previously," Frilling said. "We also had a lot of chances to win the match against Cal, and I think by the



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Junior Kristy Frilling blasts a serve at the Eck Tennis Classic on Oct. 3 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

time season rolls around we will be able to pull out those matches.

In singles play, Mathews fell 6-0, 6-2 in the first round against Florida junior Joanna Mather. She was set to play a consolation game against USC sophomore Valeria Pulido on Wednesday, but the match conflicted with the doubles match with Frilling. Frilling beat Stanford sophomore Mallory Burdette 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, before falling to Juricova in the quarterfinals.

"[Irish coach Jay Louderback] and I talked about how if I am going to

win these tournaments instead of making quarters, etc., that I need to work on taking advantage of my opportunities, not playing scared and playing smart and consistent," Frilling said. "Sometimes I go into lapses of games where I just give away points, and if I want to be top I have to eliminate those errors."

The Irish will resume action Oct. 21, when they will travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., for regional qualifying.

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NFL

Hart, Colts overcome Cassel's Chiefs in Indy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning didn't have a touchdown pass or throw for 300 yards, so along comes backup running back Mike Hart to rescue the Indianapolis Colts and hand the Kansas City Chiefs their first loss of the season.

With Manning missing receivers all day, Hart found an inside crease in the Chiefs defense, crashed through three players for 11 yards and the game's only touchdown with 4:02 left to give the Colts a 19-9 victory Sunday.

The result leaves the NFL without an undefeated team just five weeks into the season.

"It's moments like this that you don't get all the time and when they pop, you try to take advantage of it," Hart said. "It's fun."

The 5-foot-9 Hart got his chance when Joseph Addai went down midway through the third quarter with what appeared to be a right shoulder injury.

Hart carried 11 times for 50 yards, both career-highs.

"Mike did a great job," Manning said after going 26-of-44 for 244 yards and one interception. "He had an interesting week practice wise. He got injured during the week and didn't know quite what was going to happen. Next thing you know, he comes out and does a heck of a job for us. That's why you've got to have depth. Everybody's got to be ready at any time."

Indy (3-2) needed a victory to get back into a first-place tie in the AFC South and was facing the hottest team in football.

Kansas City (3-1), with four straight wins dating to last season, was the NFL's last unbeaten team and brought a defense that hadn't allowed more than 14 points in a game all season — until Hart's run.

With Manning having a rare off day, the Colts featured a more balanced attack. The problem was Indy had deactivated backup running back Donald Brown, and when Addai was hurt, the Colts had to turn to Hart.

The Chiefs thought they had done enough defensively to thwart Manning & Co. with an assortment of nickel and dime

packages that had the quarterback out of sync and flustered.

On a normal day, that might have been good enough to beat the Colts.

But Kansas City didn't get into the end zone, and for the first time since 1970, the NFL has no 4-0 teams. Denver, Detroit and the Los Angeles Rams all went 3-0 in '70 before losing.

"We're a team trying to transition into becoming a good team. We're not there," coach Todd Haley said. "If we had won this game, I'd be saying the same thing. Good is much bigger than four games. Good is measured a little differently, but we are transitioning and we are making progress."

Jamaal Charles carried 16 times for 87 yards. Matt Cassel was 16-of-29 for 156 yards, and the Chiefs had to settle for three field goals, losing their chance at a miracle comeback when Ryan Succop missed a 51-yard attempt with 1:17 to go.

The difference: Kansas City's failed gambles and Hart.

Haley opened the game with an onside kick that didn't go the necessary 10 yards. Nine plays later, Adam Vinatieri hit a 20-yard field goal.

On the next series, Cassel threw for a first down on fourth-and-2 from the Indy 8. When the ball was incomplete, Manning marched the Colts into position for a 24-yard field goal that made it 6-0.

"Going back to 2000, teams that have opened with an onside kick have had a plus-60 percent win percentage whether they got it or not and we knew that we would have to steal a possession in this game a couple of different ways," Haley explained. "When they work, you're good, when they don't, you're not good."

Then it was essentially a stalemate.

Succop hit a 45-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in the first half to make it 6-3. Vinatieri opened the second half with a 47-yarder and Succop countered with field goals of 35 and 43 yards to tie the score at 9.

Vinatieri finally broke the tie with a 42-yarder with 14:40 left to give Indy a 12-9 lead, and then the Colts put the ball in Hart's hands — who sealed it with his big run.

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Tobias- I can't wait to taste those meaty leading man parts in my mouth.

Tobias- Oh come on don't leave your uncle T bag hanging.

George Michael- Please don't call yourself that.

Lucille- Oh Michael honey I want to cry so bad, but I don't think I can spare the moisture.

Michael- That's it I can't take one more lie from this family.

Tobias- There's the woman I'm sexually attracted to!

Michael- Okay but that's the last one.

Seinfeld:  
Kramer- You're wasting your life.  
George- I am not. What you call wasting I call living.

Kramer- Okay tell me, do you have a job?  
George- No.  
Kramer- Do you have a woman?  
George- No.  
Kramer- Do you have any prospects?  
George- No.  
Kramer- Anything on the horizon?  
George- Uh...no.  
Kramer- Do you have any conceivable reason for even getting up in the morning?  
George- I like to get the Daily News.



## MLB

# Phillies sweep Reds, advance to NLCS again

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cole Hamels pumped his fist when it was over, and the Philadelphia Phillies celebrated with a few chest bumps and a handshake line before returning to the clubhouse for more champagne.

Ho-hum. Another ace, another dominating performance — and one more trip to the NL championship series.

Hamels struck out nine in a five-hitter, Chase Utley homered and the Phillies beat the Reds 2-0 on Sunday night to finish off the franchise's first playoff sweep.

"This moment here is just another stepping stone to trying to win another World Series," Hamels said.

Philadelphia, attempting to become the first NL team in 66 years to win three straight pennants, will host San Francisco or Atlanta in the NLCS opener on Saturday. The Giants beat the Braves 3-2 Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five division series.

Roy Halladay got the Phillies off to a scintillating start with the second no-hitter in postseason history and Hamels finished off the Reds with a masterful performance of his own. With Roy Oswalt also rested and ready to go for the next round, look out.

"For everybody here the ultimate goal is to get to the World Series," Halladay said. "This is the first step. We're all looking to get to the end."

The Reds, making their first postseason appearance in 15 years, committed six errors in the last two games of the series after finishing second in the NL with a club-record .988 fielding percentage during the regular season.

The NL's top offense managed only 11 hits in three games — the fewest for a team in a postseason series, according to STATS LLC. The previous low was 13 by Texas against the New York Yankees in 1998.

"I mean, they really pitched," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "They're a very good team. We kept 'em in the ballpark, so to speak, kept the runs down. We just didn't push across enough runs."

Hamels got Joey Votto to ground into a double play after Brandon Phillips' leadoff single in the ninth, then struck out Scott Rolen to end the game. The lanky left-hander threw 119 pitches in his first postseason complete game, 82 for strikes.

After Rolen struck out for the eighth time in the series, the celebration was on. Well, sort of.

It all looked very routine — Charlie Manuel's team has practiced this a lot over the past cou-

ple of years, including a victory over Tampa Bay in the 2008 World Series.

"We don't want to get too carried away," Hamels said. "We're just going to move on and play the best baseball we can."

Utley, greeted with loud boos and chants of "Cheater! Cheater!" before each at-bat, connected against Johnny Cueto in the fifth, giving the Phillies a 2-0 lead. It was his 10th career postseason homer, moving him past teammate Jayson Werth and into first place on the club's career list.

Utley started Philadelphia's winning rally in Game 2 when he was hit by a pitch from hard-throwing reliever Aroldis Chapman in the seventh inning. The All-Star second baseman acknowledged after the game he wasn't sure if the ball hit him, and a record crowd of 44,599 at Great American Ball Park made it clear what it thought of the play.

Umpires reviewed Utley's drive to right-center to see if a fan interfered with the ball, but the replays were conclusive and the call was quickly upheld.

No cheating here. Just another timely drive for the NL East champs.

"I knew I hit it OK," Utley said. "I hit a ball in the first inning I thought I hit better than that one, but lucky for us, the weath-



The Phillies celebrate with champagne showers after their 2-0 victory over the Reds in the NLDS to advance to the NLCS.

er is still warm and it's a good hitters' ballpark."

The Reds never regained their footing after Halladay shut them down in the series opener. The surprise NL Central winners led 4-0 in Game 2 but quickly fell apart, committing four errors in a gut-wrenching 7-4 loss that put them on the brink of elimination.

Hamels took it from there.

The 2008 World Series MVP, quite the luxury to have as a No. 3 starter in the postseason, increased his perfect mark against Cincinnati to 7-0 in eight

career starts. He also improved to 6-3 in 11 postseason outings.

"I have that sort of positive energy every time I come here," said Hamels, who tossed five shutout innings in his major league debut in Cincinnati in 2006.

Hamels allowed only two runners to reach second and none of the Reds got to third. He also got some help from his defense in the first when center fielder Shane Victorino sprinted into the gap in left-center to grab Phillips' liner with speedy Drew Stubbs on first.

## NFL

# Raiders break 13-game losing streak to Chargers in Oakland

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — After 13 straight losses to San Diego, it took just about everything bouncing the Oakland Raiders' way to end the skid.

Michael Bush ran 3 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:39 remaining and Tyvon Branch returned a fumble 64 yards for a score as the Raiders ended the drought with a 35-27 victory over the

Chargers on Sunday.

The Raiders (2-3) used two blocked punts, two long touchdown drives in the second half led by backup quarterback Jason Campbell and the big play at the end by Branch and Michael Huff for their first win over San Diego (2-3) since September 2003. That was the second longest active streak to Buffalo's 14-game losing streak to New England.

With the Chargers driving for the potential go-ahead score, a blitzing Huff hit Rivers just before his arm went forward, knocking the ball loose. Branch picked up the ball and raced 64 yards for the score to make it 35-27 with 58 seconds left.

When referee Clete Blakeman upheld the call on replay, years of frustration were let out by the small, but enthusiastic, crowd of Raiders

fans.

Rivers threw for 431 yards and two touchdowns and Malcolm Floyd had a career-high 213 yards receiving but the Chargers have only themselves to blame for their third straight road loss of the season, losing three fumbles deep in Raiders territory.

The Chargers have allowed four special teams touchdowns in those three losses, including a touchdown and a safety fol-

lowing the two blocked punts after their first two drives of the game.

Campbell, who was benched halfway through the second game of the season, replaced an injured Bruce Gradkowski late in the first quarter. Gradkowski injured his shoulder after being hit by Shaun Phillips and was in for only three plays the rest of the way.

Campbell completed 13 of 18 passes for 159 yards and a 1-yard touchdown to Zach Miller, leading drives of 93 and 73 yards in the second half to give the Raiders the lead. The biggest play on the winning drive came when Campbell found Brandon Myers for a 12-yard gain on fourth-and-1 from the San Diego 24. Bush, who ran for 104 yards in place of the injured Darren McFadden, finished it from there.

Rivers' 41-yard touchdown pass to Floyd midway through the third quarter gave the Chargers a 24-15 lead. With Vincent Jackson sitting out in a season-long contract dispute, Floyd delivered the big play at receiver that have been lack for San Diego this year. He also caught passes of 34, 36 and 55 yards.

The Raiders responded with the 97-yard drive. Campbell converted a third-and-1 sneak to get the drive going and then connected on a 58-yard pass to Louis Murphy to move the Raiders deep into Chargers territory.

Campbell did a good job extending a play on third-and-goal from the 1, finding Miller in the back of the end zone for the score that was upheld after a San Diego challenge.

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# Brown

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Friday's match at Cardinal Arena gave some of the Irish a sense of déjà vu as the two teams last meeting was in the final round of the Big East championships, where the 3-1 loss against Louisville (25-21, 23-25, 25-19, 25-17) knocked the Irish out of the title for the fourth straight year, and the 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-19) loss at Cincinnati makes the Bearcats the solo undefeated team in the conference.

Although the Irish (11-7, 4-2) managed to push the match into a fourth set and posted impressive numbers, they were not able to pull one over on the Cardinals, who out-hit them .291 to .173. It was the first

time the Irish were out-hit in a league match in 21 consecutive games, dating back to the 2008 season. Louisville also out-blocked Notre Dame, 12-5, and made a fewer number of errors in each set.

The Irish defense was not where it has been in recent matches, a flaw that Brown felt strongly affected each of the matches.

"We felt like we know our blocking and defense could be a lot better," Brown said. "That area was not as strong as it has been in the past."

Notre Dame's outside hitters continued to be dominant on the floor, but faced tough competition on the other side of the net in both matches.

"I think we stuttered a little bit [on offense]," Brown said. "I think there are some things that we did very well but I

think overall, the team hitting percentage that we'd like to have and that we know we need to have to be successful, we struggled a little bit with."

Freshman Andrea McHugh lead the team with 15 kills and seven digs and junior Kristen Dealy made 13 kills accompanied by four digs. Senior middle blocker Kellie Sciacca joined in the Irish offensive with 14 kills of her own while freshman Sammie Brown had 32 assists.

Junior libero Frenchy Silva had 18 digs in the match, but she was not able to compete with five Louisville players making double-digit efforts, even after the Cardinals lost starting libero Lindsey Mango to an injury in the first set.

The Irish had an experience similar to Saturday's on Sunday at Cincinnati, but they were

unable to hold much sway over each set in the match and did not post the strong statistics they have been up to this point in the season. They did manage to improve their hitting from Saturday's low percentage to a .204, with a set-high .375 in the second set.

McHugh led Notre Dame once again in kills with 12, followed close behind by Sciacca with 11. Sciacca is now only three away from hitting the 1,000 career kills mark. Sammie Brown led the defense with nine digs while Silva scooped up seven. Brown also had 30 assists in the match.

The Bearcats have now won 35 consecutive home games, a record that was consistent with the control they showed over their home court. On more than one occasion Cincinnati posted multiple unanswered

kills and a number of players made more than one ace in the match. The Irish were able to close in on the Bearcats lead in each set, but were not able to overcome Cincinnati's consistent hitting, including a .387 clip in the final set.

"These were the two toughest teams in the conference for us to play against, and I think there were some bright spots but I certainly think that we had some weaknesses that were exposed, and that we can learn a lot from it," Brown said.

The Irish have a few days to recover and get back on track before facing another conference opponent on Oct. 15, when Notre Dame hosts DePaul.

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## MLB

# Yankees looking at ALCS

Associated Press

NEW YORK — They had stumbled into October, playing the last two months of the season as if they were just another team, failing at the plate and on the mound uncharacteristically often.

For only the third time in their proud history, and the first since 1944, they failed to hold on after leading on Labor Day.

But now, as the weather turns crisp, the New York Yankees have regained their sharpness of the first four months, once again looking like the World Series champions of old in their first-round sweep of the Minnesota Twins.

"In here, we were never worried about that stuff," Nick Swisher said Saturday night after the Yankees advanced to an AL championship series matchup against Texas or Tampa Bay. "I think in the postseason, experience plays a huge factor, and we have a lot of it in this clubhouse."

New York was 66-37 through July before going 29-30 the rest of the way as numerous players wound up in the trainer's room and some on the disabled list.

Andy Pettitte was sidelined from July 18 to Sept. 19 because of a strained left groin, and Alex Rodriguez was out from Aug. 20 to Sept. 5 with a strained left calf. Not long after he was acquired from Houston at the July 31 trade deadline, Lance Berkman spent two weeks on the disabled list with a sprained right ankle.

Mark Teixeira has played with a broken pinky toe on his right foot since being hit by a pitch from Oakland's Vin Mazzaro on Aug. 31. A few days earlier, Teixeira injured his right thumb on a fielding play, an injury that eventually required a shot of painkiller.

Brett Gardner had a sore right wrist that needed a cortisone shot in mid-September, around the same time Swisher received a cortisone shot in his sore left knee.

# Clark

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well," Clark said. "During the last four or five games, he has put tremendous effort

in."

From this game, Clark wanted to take away the lesson that they need to start becoming dangerous during all portions of the game to ensure more wins in the future.

"We've got to start the game well, play the middle of the game well, and finish the game well. That's the challenge, to play the complete 90 minutes together," Clark said.

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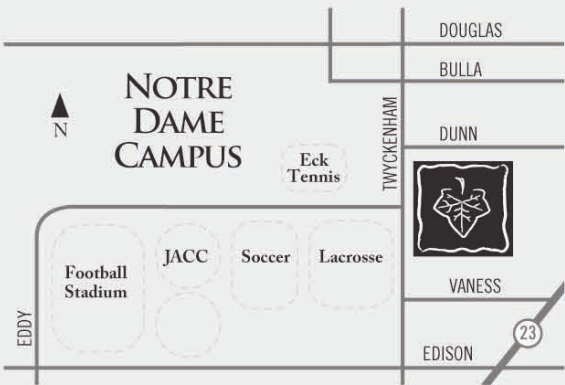
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's wins one, loses one in triangular

By KATHERINE MACK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's got its first win in three weeks against MIAA foe Albion on Saturday in their first match of the triangular before dropping their second match against Beloit.

The Belles (4-14, 2-7 MIAA) came out strong against the host Britons, winning in a five-set battle (19-25, 29-26, 25-21, 15-25, 15-9).

Saint Mary's match against Albion was not reminiscent of the last time these two teams faced off a month ago, when the Belles crushed the Britons (4-18, 0-9 MIAA) three games to none.

The Belles did not start the match the way they wanted, as their first set attack percentage was -.091 compared to the Britons' meager, but still better, .069. They hung tough however, and brought their attack percentage to a posi-

tive number for the rest of the match. Attack percentage proved to be key in getting this important win for Saint Mary's, since they were victorious in each set in which they outplayed the Britons in that category.

Contributors included sophomore Allison Zandarsk, who recorded a match- and season-high 16 kills and junior Lindsey Stuss with 12 kills and a career-best 20 digs. Freshman Hailee Leitz raked in 45 assists and senior Meghann Rose

added 28 digs.

The Belles second opponent on Saturday, however, proved to be too much as they fell to Beloit (12-9) by a score of 3-1 (15-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-15).

The Belles brought their positive momentum with them, winning the first set in decisive fashion, 15-25 against the Buccaneers. Saint Mary's just could continue their dominating play for long as they lost the next three sets, and consequently the match. Overall, the

Belles were outdone in almost every positive statistical category by the Buccaneers.

Contributors for the Belles included Rose, leading the defense again with 22 digs and Stuss leading Saint Mary's offense with nine kills.

Saint Mary's will play again this Tuesday at 7 p.m. when the Belles host MIAA opponent Olivet.

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Team gives up hat trick to Cook



Sophomore Maddie Meckes breaks away from defenders in Saint Mary's Sept. 8 match against Illinois Wesleyan. Meckes scored in the Belles' loss to Marian Sunday.

By JOE WIRTH  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell victim to a tremendous individual effort Sunday, as Marian freshman Samantha Cook netted a hat trick to hand the Belles their fourth straight

loss, 6-2.

Sophomore Maddie Meckes and junior Taylor Patton each scored for the Belles.

"We started off very poorly, which I'm very disappointed about. Usually we start off very well," Joyce said.

Belles coach Michael Joyce credited their slow start to the four goals they gave up in the opening twenty minutes of the match.

"After a couple of very early goals we were deflated and our poor play continued on through most of the first half," Joyce said. "It was tough to break that until halftime when we could step back and regroup."

The Belles outscored the Knights 2-1 in the after halftime, and Joyce said he does see some positives that can be taken out the Belles' play in the second half.

"There is some consolation in a

good second half," Joyce said. "We are a young team so you have to take advantage of game opportunities to build chemistry and improve as a team. We're also a team that never stops working, which I'm very proud of."

Joyce said he saw some glimpses that his team is turning the corner, but they just cannot seem to put a full game together.

"We struggle with putting a solid 90 minutes together — we usually have a good half or maybe a solid 65 minutes, but we fall off at some point," Joyce said. "We struggle with maintaining focus and intensity."

The Belles' next game is Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Hope College.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles take third place at first meet of the year

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's opened up their 2010-11 season at the University of Notre Dame's Dennis Stark Relays on Friday night. New head coach Mark Benishek's first taste of collegiate swimming came against one of the most competitive fields his team will face all season.

Competing against D-1 opponents Notre Dame, Illinois State and Valparaiso, the Belles finished in third place with 112 team points. The Irish took first with a score of 220, followed by Indiana State and Valparaiso with 196 points and 118 points, respectively.

As a team, Saint Mary's scored third-place points in the 400-yard

medley relay, due to a Notre Dame disqualification, as well as the 400 backstroke relay and the 400 free relay.

Individually, junior diver Tina Koswenda impressed, finishing third in the women's combo diving event with a score of 418.65. Given the multiple NCAA divisions separating Saint Mary's and the rest of the field on Friday, the Belles can move on to MIAA competition with a certain degree of confidence. Saint Mary's looks forward more than a week to practice before their next competition, the MIAA relays, a non-scored meet hosted by Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

# Irish finish fifth of 14 in Knoxville

By MEGAN FINNERAN  
Sports Writer

This weekend may not have brought a first-place finish for the Irish, but it certainly brought success nonetheless. The team traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. for the Mercedes-Benz Championship at the Holston Hills Country Club, where they finished fifth of 14 teams.

Freshman Nicole Zhang came out tied for ninth, while junior So-Hyun Park ended tied for 13th.

The team totaled 876 strokes on the 54 holes, behind Tennessee’s first place 849. The Irish improved with each day, lowering their scores from 295 the first day to 293 the second and concluding with a 288.

“Our team strikes to always be the best, no matter the strength of the field, so we were pretty disappointed,” freshman Kristina Nhim said. “There are a lot more opportunities coming up though, so we have a lot more chances to keep improving and finishing on top.”

Notre Dame’s first-round performance was led by Zhang, Park and senior Katie Conway, who all finished the first day at 73 strokes, 1-over par and tied for 12th place. Junior Becca Huffer followed at 4-over par with 76 strokes and tied for 42nd, closely trailed by Nhim at 6-over with 78 strokes and tied for 56th place. The Irish ended the day in sixth place overall.

“I wasn’t happy with any of my performances because

there’s always something that I could have done better,” Nhim said. “It’s frustrating, and I really want to improve on managing my mistakes and not letting bad shots distract me.”

The team was able to improve to a fifth-place tie with Kent State to conclude the second day of play. Park and Zhang remained steadily together, ending the day tied for ninth at 71 strokes for the 18 holes. Conway fell to 56th after shooting an 81, while Huffer and Nhim remained at their original rank with 76 and 75 strokes respectively.

The final day of play turned competitive as Zhang picked up her performance, firing an even-par 72 to bring herself up to ninth place with a total of 216, closely behind Mississippi’s first place golfer, Natalie Gleadall, at 207. Park fell one place, ending in 13th and 217 strokes, only one behind her teammate. Huffer narrowed the gap, climbing to 30th place with 70 strokes for the day and 222 total, as did Nhim who moved up to 42nd place with her 72 for the final round of play. Conway fell to 65th place as she used 78 strokes for the day.

“All of us have different aspects of the game to improve on because we all have different strengths and weaknesses,” Nhim said.

The Irish now have a week-long break before the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, North Carolina at the Country Club of Landfall which starts Oct. 22.

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MEN’S TENNIS

# Watt qualifies for All-Americas

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

In a difficult week for the Irish, junior Casey Watt was the lone qualifier to the main draw of the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

Senior Dan Stahl and sophomore Blas Moros both participated in the qualifying draw that began last Monday and neither were able to advance into the main draw of the event.

No. 69 Stahl fell to Florida’s sophomore, Nassim Silam 6-0,

6-0 in an early match and No. 112 Moros fell to Virginia’s Julien Urigen in a three-set match. Moros won the first set 6-3, then dropped each of the next two by the same score.

“Each had a very tough first round match, as Blas played a returning starter from Virginia, probably the country’s best team this year, and Dan played one of Florida’s better players,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “The idea in sending them to the qualifying rounds was to expose them to high national level competition and give them

the opportunity to see where they are.”

No. 39 Watt was unable to continue in the main draw of the same event after falling Thursday to No. 14 Marcel Thiemann 6-3, 6-1, pushing Watt to the consolation round.

Watt fell to Ashley Watling of Tulsa, ending his tournament.

The Irish will next play host to the Midwest Regional Championships that begin Oct. 21.

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NFL

# 49ers fall to Eagles, go to 0-5

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Backup quarterback David Carr took a few steps onto the field, helmet on, ready to take over for the beleaguered Alex Smith.

Then Carr was off and Smith returned. That confusing scene followed a heated exchange between Smith and 49ers coach Mike Singletary, who lit into his quarterback after an awful sequence late in San Francisco’s 27-24 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night that sent the winless 49ers to 0-5.

Smith fumbled the first play of the fourth quarter that led to Quintin Mikell’s 52-yard return for a score. When the Niners got the ball

back, Smith threw three straight incompletions.

Singletary was ready to make the switch to Carr when Smith spoke up for himself — after a little pep talk from tight end Vernon Davis encouraging him to do so.

“I really wanted to see what his response would be in a situation like that,” Singletary said. “A quarterback who has anything in him is going to have something to say about that.”

Singletary and Smith met long after the game ended, though the coach said he was considering a quarterback change before next Sunday’s home game against the Oakland Raiders.

“I’m going to keep on going

out there until they tell me I’m not,” Smith said. “We’re 0-5 and what we’re doing is not working. We’ve obviously got to get some things corrected. ... Some things kind of went on on the sideline. Coach Singletary and I talked and I went back in. It’s a discussion that was between us.”

Both Davis and running back Frank Gore are pulling for Smith to keep his job. Smith responded by leading two late touchdown drives, hitting Davis on a 7-yard score and Gore on a 1-yarder.

“I wanted Alex to stay in the game because I believe in Alex,” Davis said. “I think he responded well. He’s very courageous.”

ND WOMEN’S ROWING

# Season opens at Head of the Rock Regatta

By CORY BERNARD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened the 2010-11 season yesterday in Rockford, Ill., with the Head of the Rock Regatta. Featuring six sets of pair-boats, two varsity four-boats, two novice eight-boats and four varsity eight-boats, the Irish finished in third place in the team standings, just behind Big 10 competitors Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Irish coach Martin Stone said that the usual hiccupps of a season opener prevented to Irish from finishing higher. However the disappointment of finishing third was tempered by the effort given by the entire squad.

“It was a good job overall, we would just have liked to go faster in a couple events,” Stone said. “Everybody competed well, quite a few people rode 2. We just need to develop more aggressiveness.”

Stone said the Badgers and Golden Gophers both possess fine squads, and it was their execution which was the difference in the meet.

“Wisconsin and Minnesota beat us,” Stone said. “We just

need to do a couple things better.”

Even so, Stone also said his squad expects to compete for first place, regardless of the competition.

“We came to win, that’s what we do at Notre Dame,” Stone said.

A promising early-season sign for the defending Big East champions was the performance of the gold and blue novice-8 boats, anchored by freshmen coxswains Christina Dines and Leah Corachea, respectively.

“We won the novice 8, so our first years did well,” Stone said.

Integral to the success of the younger rowers is the presence of more experienced girls on Notre Dame’s roster.

“It’s a good mix,” Stone said, referring to the mix of freshmen and upperclassmen. “Obviously we expect the learning curve for the freshmen to be steeper than the older girls.”

Next up for the Irish is their home meet against Tulsa on Oct. 29. Events will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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HOCKEY

No. 17 Irish split two games

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Irish split a pair of games in the season-opening Warrior College Hockey Ice Breaker Tournament in St. Louis this weekend. Notre Dame beat Holy Cross, 6-3, Friday before losing a heartbreaker to No. 14 Boston University in the tournament's championship game on Sunday.

Terrier defenseman Sean Escobedo scored with 1:07 left on the clock to win the game for Boston University. Sophomore left wing Nick Larson led the way with two goals for the Irish (1-1-0) in a game in which neither team held more than a one-goal lead.

The Terriers held a 2-1 lead after the first period, but Larson scored both goals in the second stanza and, with another goal from freshman defenseman Shayne Taker, the teams entered the final period tied 4-4. Even though the teams combined for five goals in the second period, the final 20 minutes were a defensive struggle, with neither team lighting the lamp until Escobedo's game-winner.

Freshman goalie Steven Summerhays made his Notre Dame debut against the Terriers, stopping 19 of 24 Boston University shots.

In the opener against Holy Cross, freshman left wing Anders Lee scored a hat trick in his first regular season Division I action. Lee got the Irish off to a hot start, netting his first goal just 1:58 into the game. After Shayne Stockton tied it up for the Crusaders, Lee responded less than five minutes later with his second of the game



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Sophomore left wing Nick Larson passes the puck in Notre Dame's exhibition victory over Guelph Oct. 3 in the Joyce Center.

on a one-timer set up by linemate Ryan Guentzel, who notched three assists in the game.

After that, it was smooth sailing for the Irish. Senior defenseman Joe Lavin lit the lamp to give Notre Dame a 3-1 lead heading into the first intermission, and Larson, Lee and freshman center T.J. Tynan added goals in the second to put the game out of reach.

Sophomore Mike Johnson had

32 saves on 35 Crusader shots to pick up the win in net for Notre Dame.

The Irish return to action next weekend when they host Lake Superior State at the Joyce Center in both teams' CCHA openers. Games are set for Thursday and Friday night at 7:35 p.m.

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been able to spend very much time at all working with her teammates.

"As much as I enjoyed the summer and as much as I loved playing for Team Canada, you miss out on things and I'm just trying to get with them as much as I can," she said. "[The coaches] kept me out of the gym for Monday, but not after that."

Fortunately, Achonwa's arrival coincided well with Notre Dame's practice schedule. The team held its first official practice Thursday.

"It went pretty well, actually," Achonwa said. "Our offense we run is based on contact, and we run the same with the Canadian team. So offensively, it's not that different."

Achonwa had to leave practice early to take an exam, and has four more scheduled for this week. Missing so much class was actually a great introduction to Notre Dame, she said.

"The people at Notre Dame are indescribable," she said. "Academic advisors, tutors, coaches. There's an unlimited amount of people who are willing to help you."

In fact, Achonwa, a native of Guelph, Ontario, missed just one event that can't be made up — last weekend's pre-season hockey game between

Notre Dame and Guelph.

"I thought they were coming this weekend," she said. "I probably know some of the players."

But the tournament itself allowed Achonwa to prepare for the collegiate season in many ways, including watching — and playing against — team USA, the eventual champions. The team is coached by Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma and is comprised of star WNBA players and one collegiate star, Connecticut senior Maya Moore.

"I learned a lot from playing with, playing against and just watching the game and observing," Achonwa said. "We played against and with the best players in the world. You can't put a value on just watching Diana Taurasi and Tina Charles. You just pick up little details."

Notre Dame will face Auriemma's Huskies twice during the regular season and could see them again in the Big East or NCAA Tournament.

"I didn't get to talk to him, but he seems like a very intense coach. He likes to win. He holds a good team together," Achonwa said. "It made me excited to get a preview of playing him and Maya Moore and UConn this season."

"As much as I love team Canada, I can't wait for our season to begin. I'm very competitive."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Notre Dame defeats three teams in relays

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got off to an encouraging start to its season, defeating three visiting teams at the Dennis Stark Relays Friday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The event honored former men's and women's head coach Dennis Stark, who was in attendance for the resounding Irish victory, as Notre Dame won 11 of the 12 events, with the one blemish coming on a disqualification.

Notre Dame finished the relays with 200 points. Illinois State (196), Valparaiso (118) and Saint Mary's (112) all finished behind the Irish.

Irish coach Brian Barnes said he saw many positive signs during his team's performance on Friday.

"I'm liking the direction and the attitude this team is displaying right now," he said to [und.com](http://und.com). "It was good to watch the team compete in a tired state and still be tough."

Barnes said he was specifically pleased with the way his 200 meter medley team competed. Sophomores Kim Holden and Lauren Scott

and seniors Amywren Miller and Samantha Maxwell combined for a time of 1:46.14, good enough for first place.

"[Holden, Scott, Miller and Maxwell] swam very tough together," he said.

The 200 free relay team also performed well, earning a meet record with its time of 1:35.19. The race was anchored by Miller, who capped off the race with a split time of 22.99.

Although the Irish performed strongly, Barnes stressed that the team still needs to improve.

"We're going to try to be much better in the next meet than we were tonight," Barnes said.

The Irish will get their chance in a battle against two top-20 Southeastern Conference opponents, when they travel south for a three team contest with Auburn and LSU.

"It's two weeks away, and we're going to continue to work hard," Barnes said. "We're going to show up down there better suited to compete than we were today. We're just a bit rusty."

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# Boyce

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players in the country. She shot a 77 on Friday and 72 on Saturday to take the medal.

"I've watched [Boyce] develop the last couple of years," Hamilton said. "I think this is going to get her over the hump to shooting that low on a regular basis. We're going to see a lot more of that this spring."

Freshman Doyle O'Brien also had two sub-80 rounds as she turned in rounds of 79 and a career-best 77 on Friday and Saturday, respectively. Senior Rosie O'Connor fired a 79, and freshmen Marin Beagley and Paige Pollack turned scores of 83 and 85, respectively, on Saturday. All five Saint Mary's golfers shaved strokes off their Friday scores on Saturday.

"It was a great weekend," Hamilton said. "We showed the country what we can do on a good day."

Saint Mary's has dominated the MIAA over the last six years, taking home titles each year. Compared to teams in the past, Hamilton said this team is right up there with the best of them.

"It's a continuation of the tra-

dition we've created," Hamilton said. "We've got some new carriers of the torch to carry it on."

Boyce, O'Brien and O'Connor were named to the All-Tournament team, and those three plus Beagley were all named first-team All-MIAA selections. For the first time in Saint Mary's history, four players were named to the first team.

Boyce was named the season medalist as the best player in the conference for the fall, and she completed her awards podium sweep as she received the MIAA Sportsmanship award as voted on by the coaches.

The Belles will start the spring season in March. They are looking to take their conference success into the national competitions and compete for an NCAA title. With the MIAA title under their belt, they have earned the privilege to host two of three rounds in the NCAA Qualifying rounds.

"We've got the NCAA Championships coming up in the spring," Hamilton said. "And we want to win the whole thing."

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# Augustin

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proved to be the lone goal of the first half.

The Irish opened up a 2-0 lead in the second half after Henderson's team-high 11th goal of the season hit the back of the net in the 58th minute. She also registered a career-high 11 shots.

Seton Hall answered back just over two minutes later with a goal from sophomore forward Stephanie Soma that pulled the Pirates within a score, but they could not get the equalizer that would have earned them a point.

On Sunday, the Irish hosted the Scarlet Knights on senior day and celebrated one of the most successful classes in program history, which has compiled a 79-11-3 record and made three trips to the College Cup semifinals. The seniors left Alumni Stadium victorious once again as they combined for two goals and two assists in the nationally televised 3-2 win.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was proud of his seniors and said they have made a lasting impact on the program.

"They're one of the winningest senior classes ever, which says a lot about their careers here," Waldrum said. "It seems like every year we lose a great group of seniors, and the six girls we have [here] have played very well in their time here."

The Irish got on the board first in the 13th minute when freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker led Augustin with a beautiful pass into the box that she put in the back of the net for her eighth goal of the year.

Rutgers, however, responded less than two minutes later



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**Junior Melissa Henderson battles for a header with a Rutgers defender in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory Sunday in Alumni Stadium.**

when a cross hit off senior defender Julie Scheidler's leg for an own goal that tied the score at one. Neither team seemed to find an offensive rhythm after the Irish miscue, and the game remained tied at the half, but it gave Rutgers new life in a critical conference matchup.

"In hindsight, they scored that goal so quick that I think that got them even more motivated in the first half," Waldrum said.

Notre Dame, however, looked like a different team in the second half, registering three shots in the first nine minutes. The Irish broke through in the 65th minute when Augustin hit a streaking Henderson, who drew Rutgers goalkeeper Emmy Simpkins out of the goal before punching in the go-ahead tally, her 12th on the year. Just two minutes later, Augustin found fellow senior Erica Iantorno in the box, who fired home her third goal of the season to give the Irish a 3-1 lead.

The Scarlet Knights didn't give up after falling behind by two scores, as junior forward

Karla Schacher scored in the box in the 77th minute to pull Rutgers within one. The Scarlet Knights had a chance to tie in the final minute of action, but senior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss covered up a weakly hit shot to seal the Irish win.

Waldrum was pleased with his team's effort in the second half.

"I think more than anything we really talked about getting more competitive at halftime," Waldrum said. "The whole first half we were playing against a team that was really desperate, and hosting the Big East tournament this year, they were desperate for a win today. They came out really competitive and we came out lethargic and flat, so at halftime we stressed coming out and matching that intensity."

With the two wins this weekend, Notre Dame extended its Big East unbeaten streak to 73 games, registering a 70-0-3 record in those contests.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Irish start season with win in Stark Relays

By MAIJA GUSTIN  
Sports Writer

The Irish earned gold in all but three races on their way to their first victory of the 2010 season over Oakland and Valparaiso.

The Irish hosted the 46th annual Dennis Stark Relays, where they earned 256 points to top the Grizzlies (190) and the Crusaders (120).

After suffering a loss in this same meet against Michigan in 2009, the Irish were thrilled to start the season with a win.

"We definitely had a better performance this year, and that's something we're happy about and excited to build on," senior captain Mike Sullivan said.

The Irish earned gold in all but three races, including wins in the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400 backstroke relay, the 400 breaststroke relay and the 400 free relay, which Sullivan called some of the team's best performances.

Junior Marshall Sherman earned an early lead for the Irish in the 200 free relay and freshman Frank Dyer, junior Kevin Rahill and senior Thomas Van Volkenburg maintained the lead on the way to gold.

Sullivan himself propelled the Irish to a win in the 400 backstroke relay. Freshman Bertie Nel, Sherman and senior Joshua Nosal finished off the victory with a time of 3:04.98.

Sophomore Christopher Johnson, senior Joseph Raycroft, freshman Joshua Choi and freshman Colin Babcock out-swam the competition for another gold in the 400 breaststroke relay.

"We are deep in the back and breast events, so we expected to do well there," Sullivan said. "But I thought our sprinters did

a good job of stepping up and swimming fast in the 200 free relay, and the 400 free as well."

The Irish also defeated the competition in the 400 medley relay, the 400 individual medley relay, the 400 butterfly relay, the diving relay and combo diving.

"The competition overall swam well in some of the longer events, like the 800 free relay and the 2 by 500 free relay," Sullivan said. "There was some stiff competition in the middle and longer distance freestyle events, so that's something we will remember when we have a dual meet against Oakland in a few weeks."

The Grizzlies defeated the Irish in the 800 free relay, the 1,000 free relay and the 200 medley relay. Notre Dame earned silver in all three of those races.

"Oakland especially had standout freestylers, as well as some sprinters in the other strokes," Sullivan said. "They always have some fast guys up top that we have to deal with in our dual meet, so we will have to swim well in order to beat them in two weeks."

Overall, Sullivan said he was pleased with the result.

"Starting off this year with a win at the relays is definitely a good feeling, but at this point we like to look more at the actual team's performance rather than the scoreboard. With the meet being so early in the season, it's a good opportunity to see what sort of progress the guys are making and also what sorts of events they might be more comfortable in," he said.

The Irish next face Big East rival Pittsburgh at the Rolf's Aquatic Center on Oct. 22.

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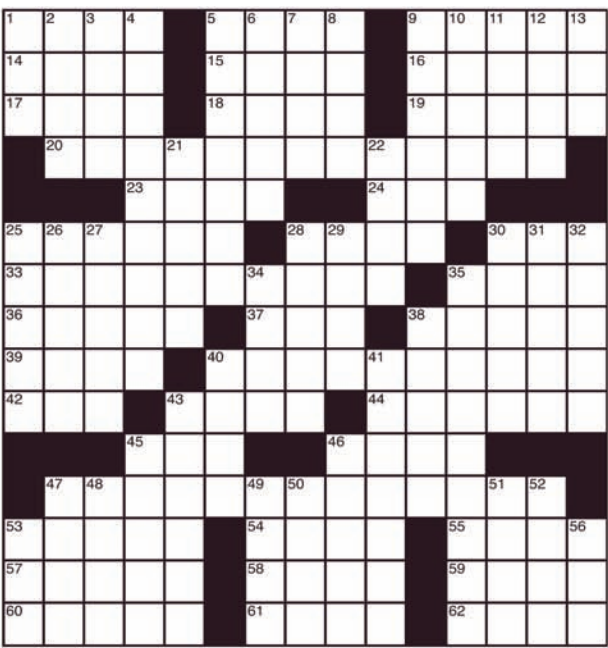
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**Happy Birthday:** Emotional deception will be the enemy this year. Consider all the angle before you make a decision that may lead you in the wrong direction. Focus on work, mon and getting ahead professionally. You can make changes this year that set the stage for yea come. Don't sell yourself short. Your numbers are 8, 17, 23, 25, 31, 42, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Embrace change and show satisfaction with what you have can accomplish. Allow a little leeway for those unable to adjust as quickly as you. Don't let burden become too big an issue or you will have trouble controlling it. ★★★

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It's recognizing what you have and what you can do with it tl will make the difference in the way you view your future. Love is in the stars, so get togetl with someone you can share your emotions. Use past experience to help you now. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You are being too restrictive and overbearing regarding your relationships and your responsibilities. Think outside the box and you will find a way for greater possibilities to unfold. Don't let depression get in your way. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Pick the activity or the group with which you want to intere. Don't leave any outcome up to someone else. There are changes to be made that will bring greater options and allow you to take something you've been working on to new heights. ★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Acceptance is the key to getting ahead. Concentrate r on what you can do, not what you cannot. Hard work and research will pay off. Contact pe you have worked with in the past and see what possibilities exist. ★★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Gauge what you offer by what you feel is necessary. Pu more time into your personal life if it will help ease your mind regarding long-term issues. Greater opportunities will help you put the past behind you. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Emotional deception is the enemy. Make sure you underst what the consequences are before you offer to do or say something you might regret. Not everyone will be on your side or be sincere. Negotiate your position without emotion. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You can find out important information. Talk about your feelings and share your intentions and plans for the future. Once you know where you stan will be easier to adjust your plans to suit everyone's needs or to move on alone. ★★★★★

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Big East battle

*No. 5 Irish dominate  
Scarlet Knights*

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame made sure its senior class would wrap up its regular season home careers with a Garden State sweep this weekend over Seton Hall and Rutgers.

The Irish kicked off the weekend on Friday with a 2-1 win over Seton Hall. Senior midfielder Rose Augustin and junior forward Melissa Henderson led the Irish as each player registered a goal and an assist.

The Irish attacked early and often in the match, firing off 32 shots compared to the Pirates' four with a 15-2 edge in shots on goal.

Notre Dame's aggressive attack led to an early 1-0 lead when Augustin scored just 1:21 into the game, which

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Irish senior midfielder Rose Augustin prepares to send in a cross in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Rutgers Sunday in Alumni Stadium. Augustin and junior forward Melissa Henderson scored.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

## SMC GOLF

# Belles grab six straight MIAA titles

By MATTHEW ROBISON  
Sports Writer

Coming into the fall season, No. 7 Saint Mary's had two goals: win the MIAA title and make a run at the national championship. After Saturday's landslide victory in the conference championship at Bedford Valley Country Club, the Belles are halfway there.

Firing a 312 for the day and 635 overall, Saint Mary's captured its sixth consecutive title.

"That was a great performance," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "Saturday was probably our best round of the year."

Senior Mary Kate Boyce was the medalist for the tournament and showed once again that she is one of the premier

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# West Virginia overcomes Notre Dame in Morgantown

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

Despite a momentum burst in the second half, the No. 22 Irish lost their first Big East match of the season 2-1 Saturday against West Virginia in Morgantown.

"Of all of the teams in the Big East, they take the most out of us. It's one of the hardest places we've visited out of the

Big East," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "They're a good team, opened the game very well, and didn't let us settle, but I was very pleased with how we responded."

West Virginia took an early lead in the game with their only two goals of the night up on the board in the first 21 minutes. The final result ended Notre Dame's four-game win streak.

"I was obviously disappointed with the result, but I was very

pleased with how the team fought back after being two goals down," Clark said. "A lot of teams would surrender at that point, but I thought we really responded well. I felt sorry for the team, I thought they deserved more."

The Mountaineers were the more dominant team in the first half of the game, putting up three shots on goal, and leading in saves.

"They're athletic, and they're

a good team," Clark said. "It was a combination of maybe the goalkeeping on their part and some bad luck on our part. They were economic with their scoring."

Though they were outplayed in the first half of the game, the team started to pull together in the second half.

"I think we just set up the pressure. We knew we had to get back in the game," Clark said. "We pressed very hard,

which was successful to some extent, but we weren't able to finish."

With only eight minutes left in the game, the Irish offense was able to connect to break away from a potential shutout. Senior forward Steven Perry made a shot off an assist from sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers in 82nd minute.

"Perry has been playing very

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Big East winning streak ends

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame saw its 19-match Big East regular season win streak snapped by Louisville Saturday before dropping its second straight to No. 21 Cincinnati on Sunday.

"I think that we had some bright spots and I think that at times we struggled against both of these teams," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "I feel like some of the things in the past, in particular our serving, which has been very good for us, was not as good as we would have liked it to be, I mean that's a big key for our success. We played against some teams that were physically higher above the net."

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Freshman Sammie Brown, left, and senior Kellie Sciacca go up for a block against Delaware Sept. 17 at Purcell Pavilion.

JAMES DOAN/The Observer

## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Achowa returns from FIBA championships

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Natalie Achonwa is done missing things at Notre Dame.

The freshman forward had a good reason to be away from campus: she spent most of September playing for Team Canada in the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Women in the Czech Republic.

Achonwa, 17, was the youngest player on her team and one of only three NCAA players at the tournament. She played in all eight of Canada's games and was fourth on her team with an average of 4.6 points per game and third with 3.9 assists per game.

Achonwa returned to Notre Dame Monday night, and got back to work quickly. In fact, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said, the coaches couldn't keep her away.

"She got back Monday night late, came to the 7 a.m. workout Tuesday morning, came back in the afternoon for a post workout, came in Wednesday to shoot," McGraw said. "I mean, we're excited that she's got that interest, but she really needs to rest."

Achonwa did not work out with the Irish over the summer because she was playing with Team Canada, so she has not been able to spend very much

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Notre Dame 23, Pittsburgh 17

## Two straight

*Another fast start and late drama result in Notre Dame's second straight win*

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Writer

Once again a quick start and ugly finish resulted in a Notre Dame victory. After taking a 17-3 lead into halftime, the Irish held on for a 23-17 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday. "We got off to a pretty good start offensively, but as we've shown, we are really good at stubbing our toe," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "That's us, so you're going to have to get used to it, because I'm trying to get used to it."

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist had one of his best performances of the year, on his 21st birthday, racking up 242 passing yards on 24 completions, including a first-quarter touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Michael Floyd. Crist added a 10-yard scramble for a score midway through the second quarter and did not turn the ball over all day.

"He saw some things today that he feels better about," Kelly said. "He's making progress."

The Panthers opened the scoring halfway through the first quarter with a 26-yard field goal, but the Irish responded with a methodical, fast-paced drive that culminated in the Floyd-Crist connection for the Notre Dame lead. Pittsburgh would miss a field goal before allowing a 15-play, 80-yard drive capped by the Crist run that gave the Irish a 14-3 lead.

"They had us off-balance defensively with the no-huddle offense at a faster tempo than we could have ever practiced," Pittsburgh coach Dave Wannstedt said. "They did a good job. They were very efficient early."

The Irish had not shown this tempo in earlier games, but Crist said that it had always been part of the team's offensive scheme.

"We've really been doing it since the summer, and you can just see the way that we operate it, it can be very effective," he said. "It's nice being able to switch the tempo at any point in the

*"We need to win games, and it's not a beauty contest yet for us ... We'll micromanage this and talk about what we could have done and should have done on Monday."*

**Brian Kelly**  
Irish coach



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

**Junior receiver Michael Floyd stretches after a pass from junior quarterback Dayne Crist during the second quarter of Notre Dame's 23-17 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday. Floyd did not stay in bounds on the play, but did catch a touchdown in the first quarter.**

game."

Senior kicker David Ruffer added the first of his three field goals in the second quarter to give the Irish a 17-3 lead heading into the locker room, and opened the scoring in the second half with a 50-yard field goal that impressed his coach.

"Nobody would have thought 50 yards was like automatic," Kelly said. "He kicked that thing into the net — I had to look twice that it was 50 yards. He's just been outstanding."

The Irish offense, however, began to sputter just as the Panthers found their rhythm. Pittsburgh found the end zone on a rush from sophomore quarterback Tino Sunseri late in the third quarter and had

most of the momentum heading into the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame looked poised to regain control, driving from its own 16-yard line to the Panther 15, but the offense failed to punch the ball into the end zone, leading to Ruffer's third and final field goal that gave the Irish a 23-10 lead with under ten minutes remaining.

On the ensuing drive, facing third-and-two near midfield, Sunseri rolled to his right and found junior wide receiver Jon Baldwin all alone for a 56-yard score that stunned the home fans and brought Pittsburgh within one score. Though the Irish had contained Baldwin, the Panthers' most explosive threat, for most of the game, it seemed that he had slipped free at the worst possible time.

"You can't leave Baldwin by himself all the time," Kelly said.

When the Irish ran seven plays on the next drive and failed to score even a field goal, sophomore punter Ben

Turk was able to pin the Panthers on their own 10-yard line, setting up a three-and-out with just over three minutes remaining.

Notre Dame got the ball back in a position to run out the clock, but failed to convert more than one first down, giving the ball back to Pittsburgh on its own 7-yard line thanks to another punt from Turk.

"We flipped the field position today," Kelly said. "Ben Turk was outstanding punting the football."

The Panthers looked to advance down the field and set up a possible game-winning score, but strong defensive line pressure and solid tackling from the secondary set up a fourth-and-four at the Pittsburgh 13. Sunseri looked for his favorite target, Baldwin, but senior cornerback Gary Gray was all over the play and batted the pass down, allowing the Irish to escape with a tight victory.

"We were in good coverage," Kelly said. "Gary did the right thing, reacted to the

football, and came up with a big play."

When Crist took the final knee to run out the clock, the players celebrated the tight win with special gusto, realizing the significance of the much-needed win. Though the second half was filled with Notre Dame struggles, Kelly wanted his players to enjoy the victory — until Monday.

"We need to win games, and it's not a beauty contest yet for us," he said. "I just told them, 'Enjoy the win.' We'll micromanage this and talk about what we could have done and should have done on Monday. Enjoy the victory. It's a good win."

Senior quarterback Darrin Walls, a Pittsburgh native, agreed with his coach.

"It was a great win. It's always good to beat your hometown team," he said. "We practiced hard all week and definitely came out with a winning mentality today."

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### player of the game

**David Ruffer**  
Irish kicker

*Ruffer accounted for 11 of Notre Dame's points, including three field goals that were never in doubt.*

### stat of the game

**28:38**

*Notre Dame held onto the ball for 28:38 Saturday, the most time it has done so all season. Yet the Irish rank 118th in the country in the statistic.*

### play of the game

**Crist's 10-yard touchdown run to give the Irish a 14-3 lead in the first quarter**

*Crist's run up the sideline from 10 yards out gave Notre Dame control of the game.*

### quote of the game

*"As we've shown, we are really good at stubbing our toe ... But that's us. So you're going to have to get used to it."*

**Brian Kelly**  
Irish coach



# report card

- B

quarterbacks: Dayne Crist completed 12 consecutive passes in one stretch, only to follow that with six consecutive incompletions. He did not throw any incompletions though.
- B

running backs: Aramando Allen and Cierre Wood both averaged at least four yards per carry, but they only ran the ball 20 times. The latter fact is not their fault, but it did limit their impact.
- B+

receivers: No Irish receiver made any breathtaking ball, but they caught the ball consistently, and eliminated nearly all mistakes. Theo Riddick continued his rise, and Michael Floyd made a nice TD grab.
- B-

offensive line: The Irish line let Pittsburgh defensive linemen spent quite a bit of time in the Irish backfield, sacking Crist three times and hurrying him more often than that.
- B

defensive line: Pittsburgh was able to gain yards consistently throughout the game, but timely tackles for loss halted its serious attacks, and strong pressure in the fourth ended the game.
- B+

linebackers: The Irish linebackers helped contain the Pittsburgh rushing attack from any big plays, but Pittsburgh still averaged 3.5 yards per carry, including 5.5 from starter Ray Graham.
- C+

defensive backs: Pittsburgh managed 272 yards through the air, including 56 on a fourth quarter touchdown pass that brought the Panthers back into the ball game.
- A

special teams: David Ruffer converted all three of his field goal attempts, including a 50-yarder that even Irish coach Brian Kelly admitted surprised him. Punter Ben Turk averaged 46.6 yards per punt.
- B

coaching: The Irish came out ready to play Saturday, and the defense looked good from the outset. But as the game progressed, Notre Dame regressed, and that traces back to Kelly.
- 3.08

overall: Notre Dame won, and that is what matters, but the inability to put Pittsburgh away when the Irish had the chance was unnerving, as usual.

# adding up the numbers

- The Notre Dame defense recorded six tackles for losses of 18 yards in the Pittsburgh backfield, including two sacks.

18
- 6:23 Notre Dame's second touchdown drive lasted 6:23, the longest scoring drive of the season, as it covered 80 yards in 15 plays.

12
- Crist completed 12 consecutive passes Saturday, the third-longest streak in school history.

12
- 19 Michael Floyd's first quarter touchdown reception was his 19th in his career. That moves him into a tie for fifth place in school history.

9
- David Ruffer has connected on a field goal in each of the nine games he has started at kicker.

9
- 11 Harrison Smith led the Irish defense with 11 tackles, one interception and two pass breakups.

4.3
- Armando Allen carried the ball 13 times for 56 yards, averaging 4.3 yards per carry, and Cierre Wood added 28 yards on seven carries.

4.3
- 83 Freshman Bennett Jackson returned four kick-offs for 83 yards, bringing his two-game total to 194 yards on returns.

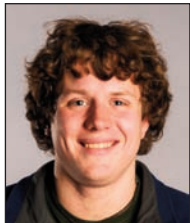
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Junior quarterback Dayne Crist scrambles for a few yards during Notre Dame's 23-17 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday. Crist and the Irish earned their second consecutive win, holding off a late charge from the Panthers.

# Ugly win is still a positive step

Can we really be happy at all with Notre Dame's win over Pittsburgh? Wasn't this just another example of letting a team off the hook that the Irish were much better than? Isn't it pretty clear that Dayne Crist doesn't have what it takes to be a successful quarterback in this offense? Isn't this team just like last year's?



Eric Prister  
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The nature of Notre Dame football fans lends itself to extreme highs and extreme lows. A bad loss means that the Irish have no chance of beating any other teams for the rest of the season, so we'll just have to wait for next year — and fire our head coach. A good loss shows that Notre Dame can play with anyone, and that the team is just on the brink of being the best Irish team anyone's ever seen — just wait until next year. A good win (like the one against Purdue) shows just how talented the Irish roster is, and how amazing a coach we've hired and that we should be 8-3 going into USC — Utah should be a breeze. A bad win (like the win over Pittsburgh, for many) is basically a loss, because can we really expect this team to beat any talented teams, especially if they show no pride in the school and tradition which they repre-

sent? Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh. Sure the victory was sloppy. Yes, the Irish let the Panthers back into the game and showed very little killer instinct by not scoring a touchdown in the second half. But they did beat Pittsburgh, a team that they should have beaten. And winning those games, those you should win, is a sign of a team that's on the rise. Brian Kelly summed up it nicely in his post-game press conference. "This is not a transition year," he said. "This is a winning year. We don't allow [the Irish players] to grow. But they're growing. And that's really what we're going through, some growing pains as we move forward. But I'm a big believer that you can have those and still win football games." This is an Irish squad with an offense still trying to find its identity. They have a quarterback who has now made six career starts, an offensive line with only two players who had ever started a game at the collegiate level before this season, and a receiver playing the position for the first time in his life. This is a transition year, whether Kelly wants to admit it or not. The difference is that it's a team transitioning while still beating the teams that it should. Does anyone remember 2007, the last Irish team to play an entire season with a new quarterback? Even last year's team (a veteran one, for all intents and purposes), if the offense had played as poorly as the offense did Saturday, would not have beaten Pittsburgh.

Dayne Crist is not an elite college quarterback. He is a very talented player who isn't fully comfortable running a college offense or making all the reads and throws that he needs to make over the course of a game. But when asked if Crist's zero-interception performance against Pitt was a step in the right direction, Kelly beamed. He had a look on his face that said, "Just wait. This kid's going to be something special, and you're just seeing the beginning." Crist is not an elite college quarterback, but he's going to be. It may not bring many changes on the field yet, but the attitude around the Notre Dame football program is changing. Kelly said so himself. "There's something they're starting to develop a little bit and that is they believe they're going to win," he said. "We're not there yet, but we're taking the right steps towards where we want to go as a football team." This team is not ready to be a national powerhouse. They aren't ready to play in a BCS bowl, and they probably aren't even ready to beat USC. But this is the beginning of something special. They are starting to make strides in the right direction, and beating Pittsburgh, a team that the Irish should have beaten, is just one of those strides.

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# Irish join others by playing in pink



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The Irish sideline signals in plays to the Notre Dame offense. In honor of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Irish incorporated pink into their attire for Saturday's 23-17 victory over Pittsburgh.

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
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Saturday was a win for both of Irish coach Brian Kelly's families as the Irish won on the field while supporting breast cancer research and awareness, a cause close to his heart. From the pink armbands and towels to Paqui Kelly's pink Notre Dame jersey and the hug she gave her husband at the end, Saturday's "Pink" Game was a special one.

"Anytime you get a chance to see your family [it's special], you know, because [the coaches and team] spend about 80 hours a week," Kelly said. "We've got two families: football family and our own family. So when you get a chance to share it with your family, that's a great day. Again, doing it at Notre Dame, it doesn't get any better than that."

Kelly was able to bring both his families together at the end of the game when he stood behind his players as they held on to one another and sang the Alma Mater while he could hold close his wife and son.

Saturday's game was a win for Kelly's football family, but also for his own family who has had to face the challenges of breast cancer twice before. Paqui, a two-time survivor of the disease, now champions raising awareness and early detection of the disease, as well as for raising funds to support its research. Saturday she was showing her support for the Irish and breast cancer in head-to-toe pink, including the aforementioned pink jersey and the

new adidas Breast Cancer Collection's pink, navy and white Notre Dame visor.

The team and coaches also sported the new adidas pink-accented line, wearing white polos with pink and navy accents for the program's first "Pink" game and to commemorate October as National Breast Cancer Awareness month, a month Kelly was proud his team could support.

"Well I think college football and the NFL have embraced breast cancer and heightened its awareness nationally," he said. "When you can do it on the college level, you know for obviously the publicity we get on TV and in the NFL, I think it's such a great cause and it's awesome that we're able to do that."

Kelly and his wife have also supported breast cancer research through their Kelly Cares Foundation. The foundation focuses on supporting various organizations and causes that share similar values as the Kelly's in three central areas: education, community and health with a focus on women's health and breast cancer.

Kelly Cares has already worked to turn its support for breast cancer awareness and research into action in the Notre Dame community by donating to the Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute in Harper Hall. The donation brings scientists from Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend together in cancer research to help prevent, diagnose and treat the disease.

Kelly was not the only one who was happy to support the cause on Saturday. His players proudly sported pink wrist or arm-

bands on the field and used pink Gatorade towels instead of white ones on the sidelines. They, too, were happy to help promote breast cancer awareness for their own families, their coach and for each other, Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist said.

Crist said that supporting the cause added an extra element to the game.

"Just being able to represent such a great cause, you know, that kind of adds to the whole aura of the game and the pageantry of the game," Crist said. "Obviously, with how Coach Kelly was affected with breast cancer, that's our leader and that's who were supportive of. And there's tons of guys in the locker room who, unfortunately, were affected by that in one way or another."

Senior cornerback Darrin Walls, wearing a pink, navy, and gold Irish football shirt after the game, felt that having a "Pink" game brought the team and coaches closer together, and that the game held a lot of significance for his team, as well as for Notre Dame.

"It's big," he said. "My grandma had breast cancer and she overcame that. I think it's big to show the support we have as a team, just the concern we have, and I think that builds trust in coaches and things like that, so it's a good deal. A lot of us have known someone who's been dealing with breast cancer, so it means a lot and our support shows that Notre Dame cares a lot about things other than football."

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ND	7	10	3	3	23
PITT	3	0	7	7	17

### First quarter

Notre Dame 0, Pittsburgh 3  
Dan Hutchins 26-yard field goal with 7:26 remaining.  
Drive: 12 plays, 68 yards, 6:22 elapsed.

Notre Dame 7, Pittsburgh 3  
Michael Floyd 1-yard pass from Dayne Crist (David Ruffer kick) with 2:36 remaining.  
Drive: 13 plays, 77 yards, 4:50 elapsed.

### Second quarter

Notre Dame 14, Pittsburgh 3  
Crist 10-yard run (Ruffer kick) with 8:25 remaining.  
Drive: 15 plays, 80 yards, 6:23 elapsed.

Notre Dame 17, Pittsburgh 3  
Ruffer 32-yard field goal with 3:22 remaining.  
Drive: 5 plays, 30 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

### Third quarter

Notre Dame 20, Pittsburgh 3  
Ruffer 50-yard field goal with 12:11 remaining.  
Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard, 0:50 elapsed.

Notre Dame 20, Pittsburgh 10  
Tino Sunseri 4-yard run (Hutchins kick) with 9:06 remaining.  
Drive: 10 plays, 77 yards, 4:50 elapsed.

### Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 23, Pittsburgh 10  
Ruffer 31-yard field goal with 9:06 remaining.  
Drive: 11 plays, 69 yards, 3:21 elapsed.

Notre Dame 23, Pittsburgh 17  
Jon Baldwin 56-yard pass from Sunseri (Hutchins kick) with 7:23 remaining.  
Drive: 3 plays, 64 yards, 1:43 elapsed.

## statistics

### Rushing Yards

ND	87
PITT	110

### Passing Yards

ND	242
PITT	272

### Penalty Yards

ND	60
PITT	23

### Time of Possession

ND	28:38
PITT	31:22



### passing

Crist	24-39-242	Sunseri	27-39-272
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### rushing

Allen	13-56	Lewis	13-63
Wood	7-28	Graham	8-44
Crist	7-5	Sunseri	7-14
Hughes	1-3		

### receiving

Riddick	7-75	Baldwin	9-111
Floyd	7-59	Shanahan	5-49
Rudolph	5-38	Street	3-42
Jones	1-37	Hynoski	5-30
Goodman	2-15	Lewis	3-21
Ragone	1-11	Graham	2-19

# Crist marks 21st birthday with victory

By DOUGLAS FARMER  
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Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist celebrated his 21st birthday in style Saturday, with 242 passing yards and two total touchdowns.

"No better present than getting a win on your birthday," Crist said. "The guys wished me a happy birthday. We were really celebrating the win, and there's not a better feeling."

### Time of possession

The Irish had the ball for more time than they did in any other game this season — 28:38. Nonetheless, Notre Dame's average time of possession remains among the lowest in the country, at 26:07. Only

two of the 120 teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision hold onto the ball for less time: Houston at 24:03 and Middle Tennessee State at 23:57.

"At the end of the day I'm not a big time of possession guy," Kelly said. "I'd rather have more points on the board than time of possession and sitting here going we won time of possession but we lost."

Notre Dame ranks 82nd in the country in points per game at 24.33.

### Touchdown marches

Notre Dame had its longest touchdown drive of the season last week against Boston College, lasting 4:44, until the Irish scored their first touchdown Saturday, covering 77 yards in 13 plays and 4:50.

Their next touchdown drive lasted 6:23, as Notre Dame used 15 plays to cover 80 yards. The Irish had mounted only one touchdown drive longer than 6:23 in the last two seasons — a drive that lasted 6:40 against Pittsburgh in 2009.

### Kicking, kicking, kicking

Senior kicker David Ruffer continued his streak of perfection, as he sent three kicks through the field goal uprights Saturday. Those three field goals brought his season total to 16, on 16 attempts. The streak of 16 consecutive successful field goals is the longest in Notre Dame history, yet alone the longest to open a career. The previous record was held by sophomore Nick Tausch, set last year at 14 field goals.

Ruffer's field goals were 32-, 50- and 31-yards. The 50-yarder is the sixth-longest field goal in history, and the first of more than 50 yards since 2003.

"Ruffer is obviously doing things that obviously not many people, including myself, thought he could do," Kelly said. "He's just been outstanding. The kicking game and the kickers, in particular, were very strong."

Sophomore punter Ben Turk also performed above expectations Saturday. Turk entered the game with a net punting average of 36.52, but two 51-yard punts helped his average on the afternoon reach 47 yards.

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# Irish reach .500 with victory

Two weeks removed from a three-game losing streak, Notre Dame created another streak Saturday — a two-game winning streak — by defeating Pittsburgh 23-17.

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist led Irish by recording two touchdowns in the first half, one a one-yard pass to junior receiver Michael Floyd and the other a 10-yard run down the sideline. Senior kicker David Ruffer converted all three of his field goal attempts, including a 50-yarder in the second quarter and a 31-yarder in the fourth quarter that gave the Irish a 13-point lead.

Senior safety Harrison Smith led the Irish defense with 11 tackles and an interception. Sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese added nine tackles.



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Clockwise from top: Theo Riddick holds onto a pass from Dayne Crist as a Panthers defender tackles him; Harrison Smith returns an interception 15 yards; Brian Smith (58) and Ethan Johnson (90) try to block a Pittsburgh field goal attempt; Kyle Rudolph reaches for a Crist pass; Crist runs with the football after faking a handoff to Armando Allen.