Sexual education examined on campus

Gender Relations Center's mission to teach sexual education from a Catholic perspective

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university has often helped define the administration's policies, and sexual education is no exception. "Every office in the division of Student Affairs is charged with teaching our students about the integration of social, intellectual and spiritual selves," head of the Gender Relations Center Heather Rakocy Russell said. "Our charge has to be consistent with Church teaching."

Although sexual education is available to students from several sources on campus, the Gender Relations Center (GRC) is responsible for the only mandatory sessions students must attend — two classes in the contemporary topics section of physical education. In addition, the GRC will sometimes offer a forum on sex education, as they did yesterday in the first of their eight-part FIRE (Finding Identity Relationships and Equality) series.

"I think it's more than just important to have an understanding of our bodies. What we're Notre Dame and people don't have water.''

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Tonight’s pep rally to admit only students

Players Sergio Brown, Brian Smith and Michael Floyd to speak along with Coach Charlie Weis

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

When planning tonight's pep rally, student body president Grant Schmidt said student government's mantra was "back to the basics."

About 2,500 people will be packed into Stepan Center for only 30 minutes of cheering on the band and the football team.

And the catch?

Breaking the usual pep rally tradition, only students will be admitted.

"It will literally just be students," Schmidt said. "This is one of the things people have been constantly asking me about."

Students will have to show a Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross ID to enter Stepan Center.

Kevin Doyle, student government's representative to the Athletic Department, said they have eliminated all filler material that usually takes up time in pep rallies.

"There will be no sitting around, waiting and watching videos," he said. "There won't be any commercialization, no videos," he said.

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Reporter lectures on Iraq conflict

By LAUREN JACOBI
News Writer

The war in Iraq confuses most of the American public, a former military correspondent said in a lecture Wednesday. Thomas E. Ricks, former correspondent for the Washington Post and current Contributing Editor for Foreign Policy Magazine, shared his knowledge and views on the war in Iraq during a lecture entitled "Three Things Americans Don't Understand About the War in Iraq Right Now" Wednesday.

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Worldwide water initiative discussed

By SARAH MERVOY
News Writer

Global Water Initiative hopes to partner with Water Project, a non-profit that will donate 100 percent of the money students raise to build wells in Africa, social concerns chair Rachel Roseberry said.

Global Water Initiative will be a year-long, campus-wide fundraiser to raise money for the nearly one billion people in the world who are without safe drinking water, Roseberry said.

One well costs around $5,000 to build. Global
**Inside Column**

What a picture says

You may have noticed a new feature of our inside columns this year — that is, if you’re an upperclassman and still read The Observer. Not that there’s anything wrong with that.

The new feature I’m referring to is the lovely picture now situated on the right side of this column, letting you know exactly what your columnist looks like.

As you can imagine, I fought adamantly against this change. Oh, self-deprecating humor. Seriously though, I did not want this to happen. The reason I love journalism is its anonymity. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Laura Myers
Assistant Sports Editor

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email observer.questions@gmail.com

**Question of the Day:** IF YOU COULD BREAK ANY WORLD RECORD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Angela Salvo
Laura Myers
David Riehm
James Simonsen
Josh Diaz
Hannah Greggs
Senior Pangborn
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Sophomore O’Neill
Senior Stegfeld
Freshman Ryan

Laura Myers

"Richest woman on the planet."

"Richest man in the universe."

"jg: So Fast!"

"Loudest decibel ever sung"

"Oreo stacking!"

**In Brief**

A students-only football pep rally will be held today in the Stepan Center. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students are invited to attend. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and Coach Wells and a group of players will be present and arriving with the band at 8:30 p.m.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services will be hosting a welcome back picnic today at 4:00 p.m. on North Quad. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided in addition to prizes and performances by The First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir and The Irish Dance Team.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show “Chimes at Midnight,” one of the few films over which Orson Welles wielded complete creative control, at 7:00 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema.

“King Lear” will be performed by The Actors From the London Stage (AFLTS) at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. today and Friday. Tickets are $25 regular price, $18 for faculty, staff and seniors and $12 for students.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show “Pray the Devil Back to Hell,” a film about a group of women who demanded peace for civil war-torn Liberia, on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance.

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

**OffBeat**

Police: Ohio robbery suspect asked victim for date

COLUMBUS — Ohio police said a suspect in a robbery was arrested when he returned to the home about two hours later to ask the victim out on a date. Police say 20-year-old Stephan Bennett of Columbus was among three men who robbed a couple late Sunday.

Columbus police Sgt. Sean Laird said the woman recognized Bennett as one of the robbers when he returned to ask her out. She had a relative call 911.

Police said Bennett was arrested in front of the house. He was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery and was being held in the Franklin County Jail on $100,000 bail.

A public defender had not yet been assigned to Bennett’s case.

Yellow Labrador mix survives being shot 4 times

KANSAS CITY — A two-year-old yellow Labrador mix was recovering at a Kansas City shelter after being shot four times. And workers at Wayside Waifs have dubbed him Bullet.

Walls spokesman Ashlee Parker said Bullet was found several weeks ago in Caldwell County, shot once in the head, once in each front shoulder and once in the neck.

The Kansas City Star reported that the Cameron-based rescue group Safe Haven took in the dog, paid for his treatment and nursed him mostly back to health. Parker said Bullet still has some pain in one of his shoulders and one leg.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**Students from Welsh Family set up an inflatable obstacle course for their annual block party Wednesday on South Quad.**

**In the News**

**Correction**

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The Real Life Project, a program designed to help Saint Mary's students discern vocations, sponsored its first faculty-student dinner Wednesday in a series that will give students the opportunity to discuss spirituality and career paths with their professors.

Though this is only the program's second year, Dr. Kathleen Delphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and professor at the College, said The Real Life Project is starting to realize its potential as a resource for students.

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and the football players, he said.
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**Melting ice alters species’ habitat**

**Climate Change causes walruses to congregate on Alaska’s northwest coast**

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Thousands of walruses are congregating on Alaska’s northwest coast, a sign that their Arctic sea ice environment has been affected by climate change.

Chad Taylor, a U.S. Geological Survey wildlife researcher, said Wednesday that about 3,500 walruses were near icy Cape on the Chukchi Sea, which is about 150 miles southeast of Barrow.

Animals the agency tagged with satellite transmitters also were detected on shore at Cape Lisburne.

**U.S. signs anti-piracy agreement for Somalia**

**United Nations signed anti-piracy agreement for Somalia**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States and four other nations signed an international plan to fight piracy off the coast of Somalia, committing Wednesday to playing a leading role in a long war against one of the world’s busiest shipping routes.

“Today, the United States and the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and the Netherlands have signed the so-called York Declaration,” signed by U.S. Deputy Ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo and her counterparts from Britain, France, Japan and Singapore.

“This is an attempt to pool resources and agree on the best ways of deterring the Somali pirates who prey on vessels passing between Europe and Asia.

“We realize that the fight against piracy in the Horn of Africa region cannot be solved at sea,” DiCarlo said. Other needed measures, she said, involve nations adopting legal mechanisms to prosecute suspected pirates and Somalia improving its capacity to police its own territory.

Though it is a nonbinding political document, proponents say it will commit ship registry nations to adopt “best management practices” for ship security such as increased lookouts, raised ladders and emergency fire pumps readied to repel boarders.

It was first proposed in May by Panama, the Bahamas, Liberia and the Marshall Islands, four of the world's biggest ship registries. Those nations signed the declaration previously.

In Washington, Andrew Shapiro, the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs, told the ComDef 2009 defense policy conference on Wednesday that the document represents what Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has called "a 21st century solution to the 17th century problem" of piracy.

Shaping the agreement, the United States says the Coast Guard and U.S. shipping companies will continue adopting measures to protect against piracy that comply with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.
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things Americans don’t know when it comes to the War in Iraq, but there are three things that are the most crucial,” Ricks said.
Ricks’ first point was that Americans do not realize just how difficult the surge was in 2007.
“Was a horrific nightmare. The first half of 2007 was the toughest fighting Americans have ever seen,” Ricks said.
Ricks reiterated this point as he revealed the number of troops killed in each month from February to May 2007—a total that reached almost 400.
Ricks said the surge ultimately failed. The war has not improved, and in fact, one of George W. Bush’s original premises for the war—to improve the security in Iraq by installing a stable democracy—is nowhere close to being accomplished, Ricks said.
“All we’ve done is postpone an inevitable civil war,” Ricks said. “With every passing day, a civil war is becoming more and more likely.”
The war is far from over. Ricks said. The situation in Iraq is a long-term problem that will require troops to remain in Iraq for many years. For those who might claim otherwise, Ricks argued that there are three problems which make it impossible to end the war in the short term.
The first problem is the three upcoming elections in Iraq. Ricks said. Unlike the United States where elections occur peacefully, elections in Iraq bring violent disputes. According to Ricks, the second and third problems comprise a Catch-22: The small number of troops that prevent Iraq from securing independent stability, but at the same time, the fewer troops present the more likely that Iraq will descend into civil war.
“Obama’s war in Iraq will be longer than Bush’s,” Ricks said.
Ricks explained the paradox of pulling out troops of civil war. “Staying in Iraq is immoral, leaving is even more immoral.”
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Swine flu hits Washington State University
Associated Press
SPokane — Washington State University is in the midst of a swine flu outbreak since classes started last month, with 2,500 students contacting student health to report flu-like symptoms and officials handing out flu kits around campus.
The number of cases of suspected swine flu dropped dramatically around campus.
restricted swine flu dropped sharply on Saturday, according to Dr. Dennis Garcia, senior associate director of Health and Wellness Services.
WSU, one of the majority of colleges and at other colleges around the country, have already seen upticks but the outbreak has been getting more attention, Adams said. Other colleges across the country are seeing spikes in the number of suspected cases of swine flu as dorms fill up and classes begin again.
Federal health officials say they have been girding for a spike in swine flu outbreaks since much earlier than most schools, and thus its outbreak has eventually come down with the flu.
“It’s not like we’re growing tails or anything,” Ricks said.
“We are taking it like any other type of flu,” said 21-year-old Molly Atiger, whose boyfriend came down with the flu. “It’s not like we’re going to school today.”
There have been no deaths or hospitalizations from the cases at WSU, a school with an enrollment of about 25,000 in Pullman. About a dozen patients with nausea and vomiting have required hydration, the school said.
Officials at Washington State, and at other colleges around the nation, have been anticipating large number of flu cases this fall because swine flu targets young people and thrives in the tight living quarters found in college dorms, community coordinator for WSU Health and Wellness Services.
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Cohoon said. “We do pre­scribe birth control for non-contraceptive purposes.”
Based on federal guidelines, WSU is assuming everyone who calls with flu-like symptoms has swine flu, as there would be only a handful of other cases by the time of year. Adams said. “To see hundreds if not thousands of people is unusual,” she said.
Anyone who calls Health and Wellness Services and reports flu-like symptoms is counted as a swine flu case. People who call are advised to stay home, treat symptoms and drink fluids.
Dr. Dennis Garcia, senior associate director of Health and Wellness Services, said federal estimates would indicate that some 5,000 WSU students might eventually come down with the flu.
If the number of flu contacts dropped sharply on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as thou­sand of students stayed home for the holiday. A total of 64 people contacted WSU Health and Wellness Services those three days, compared with 146 who contacted the office on Friday alone.
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ful.
“We had a really great turnout from students as well as faculty and their families, and the community atmos­phere was awesome,” she said.
O’Connor also emphasized her gratitude to the Welsh Family volunteers.
“Over 75 girls contributed to this event in some way,” she said. “So many people got involved with everything from selling shirts in advance to advertising in the dining halls to working shifts at the actual event.”
Wednesday night’s fun will contribute to a greater cause as the proceeds from the Block Party go to the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation, an organization that seeks to help children impacted by HIV/AIDS in Africa. O’Connor estimated a donation of over $1,000 from the Block Party resulting from the dorm’s fundraising efforts, which include a raffle for an iPod Shuffle, T-shirt sales and carnival games.
“The Touching Tiny Lives Foundation is the signature charity for our dorm, and this event really helps us support our work,” Welsh Family president junior Vickey McBride said.
“Body image, domestic vio­lence and dating. The forums provide students and the various resources that University Health Services
provides students and the beliefs of the Catholic Church in the areas of sex education and sexual practices. Students also heard the pan­elists’ views on media and its influence on young adults and the choice to become sexually active.
This year’s forum was the result of student requests for more campus-wide and co-ed discussion on sexual health.
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Coinstar

SAN FRANCISCO — Coinstar Inc., which revitalized its product line with the Pre smartphone phone launch in June, is hoping to keep momentum going with the release of a lighter, cheaper handset called the Pixi.

The company said Wednesday that the Pixi will be available during the holiday season through Sprint Nextel Corp., currently the exclusive wireless carrier.

Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Coinstar would not divulge the Pixi’s price tag, but confirmed it will be less than that of its big brother, Sprint’s Pre.

Sprint slashed $50 off the Pre’s price for Wednesday, including two rebates and a two-year service contract.

“The combination of an announcement of a new design and changing the price on the Pixi are aggressively pursuing new customers to get them accessing the WebOS experience,” Katie Milic, Palm’s senior vice president of product marketing, said in an interview Tuesday.

WebOS is the operating system powering the Pre and Pixi.

Coinstar also said it has begun a public offering of $175 million in convertible senior notes due in 2010. The notes are convertible at the company’s option at $17.04 per share if the notes are worth more than the principal. The underwriters will have the option to buy an additional $25 million worth of notes.

Coinstar said it would use the money to repurchase its term loan under a secured credit facility.

The company said it expects a net gain of $52 million to $57 million in its third quarter.

The company said the sale leaves it focused on self-service retail businesses, including its coin-operated gun machines, children’s rides, and video games.

Coinstar sold the business to National Entertainment Network Inc., a business created last month in Louisville, Colo., for the purpose of buying Coinstar’s entertainment division.

Coinstar said it received “numerous offers” for the business and expects to record a pretax loss of $25 million to $35 million in the third quarter.

The company said the sale equals 67 cents of diluted earnings per share on a tax-effected basis.

The company will honor a promotion briefly advertised on its Web site Tuesday. Sprint is not offering customers a $100 credit to switch to the Pre from another phone.

Sprint spokeswoman Michelle Voss blamed the Web site glitch on the carrier’s computer system.

The company will hold the deal for new customers who bought the Pre that day.

The Pixi’s release will mark Palm’s second attempt in less than a year to use new software and streamlined designs to lure customers in the still small but fast-growing smartphone market.

Palm said it will come with a 2-inch screen and keyboard both made up 28 percent of consumer cell phone purchases in the second quarter, up 47 percent from the same period last year.

Palm has not disclosed the number of Pre smart phones sold. But its stock has more than quadrupled since the company unveiled the device Jan. 8 at the Consumer Electronics Show.

The Pixi also offers Sprint — which has been bleeding subscribers to other carriers — another opportunity to attract new customers and get current ones to “trade up” from regular cell phones.

Despite the Pre’s availability, Overland Park, Kan.-based Sprint reported a net quarterly loss of 257,000 subscribers in the second quarter.

Like the Pre, the black, shiny Pixi will come with a touch-screen, full QWERTY keyboard and Palm’s latest operating system, WebOS. It will also have 8 gigabytes of built-in memory. But while the Pre’s keyboard slides out from the bottom of the device, the Pixi’s slightly smaller screen and keyboard both sit on the face of the candy bar-style handset.

The new smart phone is lighter and smaller than the Pre, at nearly 3.5 ounces. Lighter. It trades the Pre’s center button for a tiny touch-sensitive bar that sits between the screen and keyboard also will be touch-sensitive for navigating the device.

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Families abandon waterfront homes

Associated Press

LAKE WENATCHEE, Wash. — Tucked in on the shores of Lake Wenatchee is a row of rustic cabins that were built long before this spectacular mountain lake became a mecca for road-trippers.

Most homeowners who welcome visitors to the lake in their vacation homes have been caught in the middle between government efforts to protect the environment and their joy in sharing the lake with friends and family.

One such way is by limiting access to certain areas of the lake, such as the beach where the cabins are located.

"It's a tough decision," said Minard, of Seattle.

"I'm not sure what the right answer is, but I do know that people have been coming to this lake for generations," she said.

"It's a very special place, and we want to make sure it remains that way for future generations."

The cabin owners are divided on the issue, with some advocating for stricter regulations and others arguing for more leniency.

Minard, who owns a large cabin on the lake, is one of the owners who supports the moratorium on new lease sales.

"I think it's important to protect the environment and ensure that the lake remains healthy for future generations," she said.

"I understand the need for more revenue, but I believe there are other ways to achieve that, such as increasing the fees for cabin owners who already have leases."

The moratorium, which was put in place by the state in 2010, was set to expire in January.

"We need to find a way to balance the needs of the lake and the cabins," said Minard.

"I think the moratorium has been successful in protecting the lake, and it's time for us to move forward with a new strategy."

The moratorium expired in January, but the cabin owners are hopeful that a new plan will be put in place soon.

"We are working with the state to come up with a new plan that will protect the lake while also allowing the cabins to continue to operate," said Minard.

"I believe we can find a way to do both, and I am optimistic that we will be able to do so."

For more information, please visit the Washington State Department of Natural Resources website.
Forestry board to increase logging

Associated Press

SILVERTON — The Oregon Board of Forestry voted Wednesday to increase logging on the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests.

The unanimous vote Wednesday in Silverton, Ore., came over the objections of conservation groups, who argued that reducing the area devoted to restoring old growth characteristics in young forests will harm salmon restoration efforts and tourism.

"They are moving much more towards an industrial timber management approach for these publicly owned forests which provide clean water, tens of millions of dollars in recreation income for rural north coast counties, hunting and fishing opportunities and carbon sequestration," said Ben Malussi of the Sierra Club.

John Blackwell, chairman of the board, said the new plan will replace one approved in 2001 that never delivered on promises of timber production, fish and wildlife habitat or recreational opportunities.

"It's really about balancing our expectations from the forest for its environmental contribution, economic contribution and the needs of a growing public to use the forests," Blackwell said. "The biological work that has been done suggests that both social and economic values can be done without degradation of wildlife habitat."

Hoping to reverse the declines of salmon and the northern spotted owl while still providing for a struggling timber industry, the old plan set a minimum of 40 percent to 60 percent of the forest devoted to developing old growth characteristics in second growth forests.

After the old plan failed to deliver on expectations, the new plan will cut that minimum to 30 percent to 50 percent, with projections it will improve timber production by 5 percent over current targets.

With log prices at rock-bottom levels since housing starts dwindled in the recession, the change was not driven by short-term hopes of increased revenues or timber production, Blackwell said.

"This board is engaged in a process of managing change over time in a way that satisfies our long promises to counties while working out the needs of the environment," Blackwell said. "We know that social pressures over the next 20 to 100 years will reduce that level of harvest."

The Tillamook and Clatsop state forests cover 500,000 acres in the northwestern corner of Oregon. They burned and were heavily logged in the 1930s, then taken over by the counties for taxes. The county turned the land over to the state with a promise that two-thirds of the logging revenues would go back to local counties and schools.

The public pitched in on replanting efforts, and over the years the area has become a focus of salmon restoration efforts, as well as a recreational outlet for urban Portland.

The vote initiates development of a new management plan for state forests in the northwest corner of the state, including the Tillamook, Clatsop and Santiam, plus scattered parcels through the Coast Range and in Polk, Benton, Lincoln and Lane counties.

The Department of Forestry is reviewing the new plan in time for a board vote this spring, said spokesman Jeff Foreman.

On-the-ground changes are not expected until 2012, by which time they hope rock-bottom log prices linked to the recession will have improved, he added.

Typical revenues of $50 million a year from forest activities will be developed in half, and many timber sales go begging due to the low prices and demand linked to the recession, he added.

The board initially voted 4-3 in favor of the action, then after lunchtime discussions adopted it unanimously. Blackwell said there had been confusion over just what they were voting on, but that everyone agreed they wanted to get going on developing the new plan, with the understanding it could be revised along the way.

Dems discuss health care

Associated Press

BOSTON — The governor should be allowed to name an interim replacement to the late Edward Kennedy's vacant Senate seat because it would help ensure health care overhaul legislation gets passed, Democrats told a packed Statehouse public hearing Wednesday.

Before he died last month at age 77 of brain cancer, Kennedy had asked lawmakers to approve a new interim Senate replacement when his seat came up for a vote.

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In my last column in this esteemed newspaper, I wrote about using my privileged position as a junior in order to "hook-up" or "score" with insecure freshman girls. The column, written with tongue firmly planted in cheek, immediately ignited a blizzard of controversy. My e-mail inbox was absolutely flooded with furiously boilerplate assaulting me for my lack of respect for basic social decency. The fire burned so hot that several North Quad dorms needed to be evacuated in its aftermath. The offending column is, needless to say, no longer available on The Observer Web site, as it was far too provocative to be exposed to the eyes of our easily offended alumni. So for this, my second column, I decided to tone it down and write about something less controversial: politics.

The jumping-off point for this column actually originated in a "quick bit" I read in some newspaper or other last week. Rex Rammell, a hunting enthusiast and self-styled politician campaigning to be governor of Idaho, made a quip about issuing hunting tags for you, guessed it, Barack Obama. When he came under fire for his remarks, he said, in effect, "Hey, I was just joking. Everyone knows hunting tags issued in Idaho aren't valid in Washington, D.C."

In-dam-plush.

Am I the person who leaves to the left side of the fence. I had the opportunity to take offense at this position (though admittedly clever) joke from Mr. Potato Head. But rather than have such a self-serious and predictable response, I chose to be relieved that we finally have a president somebody thinks is worth assassinating. Seriously, when was the last time that happened? And I see you history buffs in the corner chattering Reagan's name. Shut up. That doesn't count and you know it. Even before he was elected, there were two or, but two plots to assassinate Obama during the campaign: one taking root in Denver, and one in Tennessee. That's pretty incredible. By comparison, there were zero assassination plots in all of the 20 years before that.

If you graph that data and make a chart of assassination attempts vs. time, a small but discernible spike occurs around the time Obama comes on the national scene. Coincidence? I think not. These statistics are particularly shocking when you consider the controversy surrounding the presidency directly before Obama's. George W. Bush was at various times accused of lying to the American people (WMDs), authorizing torture, expanding the economy into the ground and lying to the American people. Most of these accusations had at least some basis in fact, and Dubya himself certainly did little to prove them wrong.

Yet not one of the angry left-wing lunatics ever volunteered to take his life into their own hands — by, say, killing him with a gun they got in a state with scionsable levels in their own hands - by, say, killing him with a gun they got in a state with scionsable levels in their own hands - by, say, killing him with a gun they got in a state with scionsable levels. The left, from progressives to homicidal maniacs alike, are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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What did you think of the Dillon Pop Rally?

Liking it
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Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com

Quote of the Day
"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

Heywood Broun
U.S. journalist
On Tuesday, September 15, the University of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The celebration will include a Mass attended by thousands of people. The Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated by Fr. Lou deFer, Director of Faith Point at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The secret of our Lady of Sorrows

I am not afraid of sorrow because she has directly experienced, in the most intense way, that the love of God — while it may be a painful and tragic sorrow — is in the end more powerful than all that causes sorrow. Which means that all sorrow can ultimately be faced, indeed stare down. Mary knows and accepts the deepest human reality. That some sorrow in our lives will not go unaddressed. Perhaps my biggest issue with Lauren Greenfield’s documentation of the poor is that the museum is not going to address the issue of poverty. I'm going to guess no, anything but entertaining.

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By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

Movie Recipe:
3 cups Julie Powell
1.5 cups Julia Child
4 tablespoons obstacles to success
3 teaspoons drama/angst
1 teaspoon success
Production time: a few months
Best served: over a two-hour period
It’s often hard to find a good summer movie sorting through such bombs as "Fast and Furious" and "GI Joe: Rise of Cobra." However, the culinary comedy "Julie and Julia" is a refreshing exception. Is it not fitting that food, a source of comfort for many people, should bring such delight in the form of a movie?
"Julie and Julia" intertwines the lives of Julie Powell (Amy Adams), an almost-30-year-old living in Queens, and Julia Child (Meryl Streep), a 40-something living in Paris, as both try to find meaning in their changing lives. The two women, worlds apart, each find themselves stuck while those around them succeed and advance in their respective careers. Julia, a cubicle worker, fields calls from survivors and families of victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. As Julie flounders, feeling lost, her one solace is cooking and food. And so, she decides to cook her way through Julia Child’s revolutionary cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," all while blogging about it.

The interminable scenes of Julia Child’s life portray her early years in Paris and her struggles to fit in. Large and outspoken, she is at odds with the typical Parisian women. She ends up in the all male Gordon Blu Cooking School for professional chefs. Nothing can hold her back, though, not even an ornery dean, as she cooks her way to the top of her class. Eventually, she meets Simone Beck (Linda Emery) and Louisette Bertholle (Helen Khayat), women with whom she will write her cookbook, at a party, and they embark on their journey together. The journeys of Julie and Julia may be worlds apart, but are not without obstacles. Julie is a movie of drama and humor, taking on the best of both in an enjoyable two hours. It’s often hard to find a summer movie that mixes drama and humor, but "Julie and Julia" is a refreshing exception. Is it about living in the Parisian world or living in Queens, their changing lives.

Julia & Julia

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By CONOR ROGERS
Scene Writer

The fall is usually an off-season for comedies. Viewers have already seen the smash hits of the summer, and know that they will have something to look forward to for Christmas break. "Extract," the newest comedy out in theaters, is just living proof. This autumn means comedy is on hiatus.

The movie’s advertising campaign was nothing short of strong. The director was Mike Judge, who has previously helmed "Beavis and Butt-head," "Office Space," and more recently, "Arrested Development." Fans of "Arrested Development," or "Office Space," would be able to provide a few chuckles. One thing that someone with these comedic credentials could be able to provide is a punch line or gag. The closest attempt at humor is an accident on the job, an injured Mr. Affleck plays a burnout bartender/drug dealer, but by this point in the movie, viewers are overcome with incredible hunger pangs, and these will be easier to bear on a full stomach than with the promise of food following the movie.

Recipe Review:
Overemphasis on Julie leaves a sour taste in the mouth. Bitter taste easily overcomes the enjoyment of Julia. Refreshing mix of drama and humor. Perfect for an evening in with friends. Best served with food.

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ANDREA ARCHER/Observer Graphics
Actors from the London Stage presents “King Lear” at DPAC 7:30 p.m. and Samaru Jim at Legends 10 p.m.

One of Shakespeare's best known tragedies, this production of “King Lear” is presented by the Actors from the London Stage, a world renowned troupe which has worked in tandem with Shakespeare at Notre Dame for several years now. "King Lear," showing at DPAC Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., includes the usual level of intrigue, deception, love and death that can be found in most Shakespearean tragedies.

Some may remember Samurai Jim as one of the opening acts for Matisyahu at the B1 Block Party. Self defined as an alternative rock, progressive group, Samaru Jim will be back on campus Thursday and sure to entertain with guitar-driven melodies and a general rock feel. Go out and support a homegrown talent from right here in South Bend.

Carbon Leaf at Legends 10 p.m.

The Richmond-based group, featuring members Terry Clark, Carter Gravatt, Jason Neal, Jon Markel and Barry Privett, returns to Legends this weekend for their second show. Just having released their seventh album, "Nothing Rhymes with Woman," Carbon Leaf is known for a folk-pop-rock sound. Somewhat similar to Dave Matthews Band and other groups from the mid-90's generation, Carbon Leaf promises to be a great show. It is anticipated that this will be a popular show, so be sure to get there early. And don't miss the Black light Nightclub following the concert.

Dan Levy at Legends 10 p.m.

After being named Funniest College Comedian his sophomore year at Emerson, Dan Levy has done well making a name for himself in the comedy industry. For the past several years, he has been seen at the Montreal Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and has made appearances on "Chelsea Lately," "The Late Late Show" and "MTV Spring Break." Additionally, Levy has appeared on his own Comedy Central special, "Comedy Central Presents: Dan Levy." Still in touch with his college roots, Levy now spends most of his time performing on college campuses across the country. He will be performing at Legends at 10 p.m. Saturday night. Following his performance, the infamous Hip Hop night returns to Legends at midnight.

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Robert Clark at DPAC 2:30 and 5 p.m.

The widely known organist and former director of the program of organ instruction at Arizona State University will be performing his organ recital series on campus Sunday. Clark has performed as a recitalist in North America and Europe and directed a symposium, "The Historical Organ in America" at Arizona State University in 1992, drawing in 350 organists, organ builders and teachers from North America, Asia and Europe. Clark's recital series will take place at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Reyes Organ and Choral Hall at 2:30 and 5 p.m.

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Dining Hall Dish

**Chickenn'Noodles**

Inspired by my summer as a waitress at Bob Evans, this dish always pleased customers. I know its creamy, succulent broth will entice you too! First, grab a plate bowl. Take a biscuit. Break it in half and place in the plate bowl. Scoop mashed potatoes on top of the biscuit. From the soup station, ladle Chicken-in-the-Pot soup on top. Enjoy!

**Side Dish:** Glazed Carrots

Delicate and decedent, this side dish always sat beside a turkey or ham at our family's table. First, place steamed carrots in a bowl. Add a spoonful of brown sugar, a dab of melted honey butter (found by the rolls in South Dining Hall), and a dash of cinnamon sugar (found by the bagels). If no steamed carrots are available, steam your own by adding a small amount of water, covering the bowl and microwaving.

**Beverage:** Spiced Apple Tea

First, steep hot tea in a tall glass, filling only half way. Next, add apple juice till full. Sprinkle in cinnamon sugar and microwave till hot. Be careful not to burn your tongue on this ambrosial autumn classic!

**Dessert:** Apple Pie a la Mode

First, scoop vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt into a bowl. From the waffle bar, spoon warm spiced apples on top. Although this recipe relies on the waffle bar's fruit-of-the-day, warm cherries work just fine for a variation of this honey dessert classic. Sprinkle Cinnamon Toast Crunch on top for a whimsical crust. Finally, for added flair and flavor, drizzle caramel (found in the ice cream section) and cinnamon sugar on top. Close your eyes, take a bite, and remember the warm feeling of grandma's homemade pie.

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Rangers complete sweep of Tribe in shutout

Pujo's two home runs lead Cardinals past Brewers; Gonzalez's three RBIs pace Padre's victory over Giants

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Scott Feldman started the season in the bullpen. He'll end it as a Cy Young award candidate.

Feldman (16-4) pitched seven shutout innings as Texas beat the Cleveland Indians 3-0 Wednesday, completing a three-game sweep.

Feldman tied New York's CC Sabathia and Detroit's Justin Verlander for the AL lead in wins with his seventh this year, being demoted to the AL leading 47.
Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman, left, runs a drill with teammates during a practice in San Diego Monday. Merriman was arrested on suspicion of choking girlfriend and reality TV star Tila Tequila.

District Attorney to review Merriman's case

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office are investigating claims that Merriman choked Tequila.

Merriman was arrested early Sunday after Tequila accused him of choking and throwing her to the ground while she was trying to leave his home in suburban Poway. Tequila signed a citizen's arrest warrant accusing Merriman of battery and false imprisonment. Both are felonies.

Spokesman Paul Levikow said the DA's office can charge Merriman, reject the accusations or refer them to the District Attorney's Office for consideration as misdemeanors.

Tequila, whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," which ran for two seasons on MTV. The bisexual dating show featured men and women vying for Tequila's affections. She has also modeled for Playboy and other men's magazines.

Merriman and his attorney, Todd Macaluso, have said they expect him to be vindicated. Merriman issued a statement Sunday denying wrongdoing and saying he was trying to keep Tequila from leaving his home because she appeared to be intoxicated.

"In no way caused any harm to Ms. Nguyen, however, paramedics were called and she was examined but no injuries were reported," Merriman's statement read.

On Tuesday night, Tequila's attorney called Merriman's explanation "spin" and predicted it would be discredited.

"It is never justifiable to brutally assault, choke, strike and imprison a woman," attorney Alan S. Gutman wrote. "Once the truth is fully revealed, Mr. Merriman's fantastic story of how he was trying to keep Ms. Tequila safe will be completely discredited."

Gutman didn't return calls seeking comment Wednesday. Merriman and Macaluso said they had no further comment.

When Merriman bailed out of jail on Sunday, a court appearance was scheduled for next Tuesday. If no charges are filed, that appearance will be removed from the court calendar, Levikow said. If the DA's office hasn't decided by then, the appearance will be rescheduled.

In Brief

Perjury charges filed against two Broncos players

DENVER - Perjury charges have been filed against two men who police say were in an SUV when it was used in the drive-by shooting death of Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams.

An indictment made public this week alleges Mario Anderson, 22, and Kailani "Markie" Jackson-Keeling, 21, lied to a grand jury. Each faces charges of perjury and attempting to influence a public servant.

Neither has been charged with shooting Williams, who was killed on New Year's Day 2007.

Twenty-six-year-old Willie Clark has been charged with first-degree murder and other crimes in Williams' death. Investigators are still pursuing a suspected second shooter.

The indictment was unsealed on Friday, but prosecutors waited until this week to release the public document because Jackson-Keeling had not yet been arrested.

Ripken '8' monument stolen, recovered by police

BALTIMORE - As if things weren't bad enough for the Baltimore Orioles, who just clinched their 12th consecutive losing season: On Wednesday, a temporary fence and police tape surrounded the spot that had been occupied by a monument to one of the team's all-time greats, Cal Ripken.

The large aluminum No. 8 outside the Camden Yards ballpark was stolen Tuesday night by four young men who were arrested about two hours later, Baltimore police said. The monument was recovered.

Surveillance cameras captured video of the men removing the 4-foot monument and placing it in the bed of a pickup truck, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Police put out an all-points bulletin, and the men were arrested in east Baltimore after officers responding to a disorderly conduct report spotted the object in the truck bed, Guglielmi said.

Plans for new NBA arena in Brooklyn announced

NEW YORK - With just months to go until a critical financing deadline, the developer trying to move the New Jersey Nets to Brooklyn unveiled a revamped design for the team's new arena Wednesday.

The latest plans for the Barclays Center call for a domed, irregularly shaped arena with glass walls wrapped in two bands of brownish weathered steel.

In drawings and models, the woven steel bands give the building the appearance of being covered in wicker.

People arriving for basketball games or concerts will enter the building beneath a huge overhang that cantilevers over a public plaza. Some glimpses of the interior or stadium bowl and the scoreboard will be visible from the street.

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Sanchez calls first game a must win'

As Associated Press

**NEW YORK** -- Mark Sanchez is approaching his regular-season debut for the New York Jets with a great deal of enthusiasm.

"This is a must win for us," the rookie quarterback said after practice Wednesday. "That's the way we feel, and it's going to be like that every week." Thus, the incredible pressure added to an already hyped-up season opener for the new face of the franchise.

"This first game," Sanchez said, "we just want to get things started off right." The Jets take on the Texans at Houston on Sunday, and Sanchez realizes he's in for a rude welcome to the NFL.

"They're going to feel the same way," Sanchez said. "They are tough to play at home, they're rowdy, they're tough, they're loud and we need to prepare for that. It's going to be a fun atmosphere and I'm excited to be a part of it." Sanchez will have several family members -- including his father, Joe, and younger brother, Joe Jr. -- attending the game. Sanchez has history in Jets history to start a season.

"Prior to the game, hopefully it's going to be emotional because I'll just be excited and hopefully they'll be on my side," Sanchez said. "After that, it'll be snapping into game mode and getting the game on and really honing into my keys." The Texans defense has also served as a model for Sanchez so covetted in the draft.

"When I watched him on film, he's made some good plays moving around the pocket," line- backer DeMeco Ryans said. "He's a good player. We want to put the ball on the other end and make him beat us." Coach Rex Ryan selected Sanchez as his starting quarterback back two weeks ago, saying about his solid mental makeup -- something Sanchez said he prided himself even as he prepares for his first NFL game.

"You guys know, you guys have seen him," Ryan said. "He's the same. He's a good young man. Be yourself, be consistent. He's going to do just fine.

Sanchez's teammates also believe that about their young offensive leader.

"Once he was named starter, he turned it up a notch," running back LaDuane Scroggins said. "He could even see it today in practice, the confidence level. He has been developing this entire preseason. I know in the back of my mind that he can do it. I know he's going to make mistakes, but this guy carries himself like a veteran already. I look forward to him to go out there and be special for us."

Wide receiver Jerrelle Guy, expected to be one of Sanchez's primary targets, saw a lot of the quarterback during his brief time at college at Southern California. "I've seen him in every game I saw him play," Cotchery said. "He was just having fun out there, he was playing a lot of plays. He's a very talented guy, a true leader and a guy who wants to make plays, so just do your thing out there. It's no different from college.

Sanchez played well in the pre-season, starting three games and waking up any potential rookie jitters.

**U.S. OPEN**

Oudin's run ends in quarterfinals

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** -- Melanie Oudin's magical U.S. Open is over.

"Even the comeback kid couldn't overcome this deficit." Oudin, who is only 17, battles her way into her first Grand Slam quarterfinal, the 17-year-old Oudin got off to a fast start in the first set against No. 23-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark and never really recovered, losing 6-2, 6-2 Wednesday night.

"This has been a great experience for me. I had a great run here," the 70th-ranked Oudin told the crowd of 23,481 during an on-court interview right after, the match, an honor usually reserved for the winner. "I hope to come back next year and do even better." Oudin's run comes to a top after beating world's No. 10, Kim Clijsters, in the fourth round at a major tournament.

"In making the story even more bittersweet," Federer said, "this is the 70th- ranked Yanina Wickmayer, my sixth win in a row against her and just showing up as a giant in my own eyes." The Austraian's blood polo one hour, Wickmayer was defeated.

"This is no way of thanking for what he's done," Sanchez said. "I want to thank him for everything."
PHOENIX — Fittingly, the fight for what’s left of the Phoenix Coyotes has been narrowed to Canadian billionaire James Balsillie against the National Hockey League.

They have, after all, been the chief antagonists in this twisted tale played out with a large cast of high-priced lawyers in U.S. Bankruptcy Court over the past four months. Balsillie’s company, PSE, and the NHL are the lone bidders on the team, the NHL has vowed an immediate appeal and will seek a stay of the sale. Balsillie says he probably would appeal if loses.

The proposed agenda for the two-day auction includes, on Thursday, cross-examination and redirect questioning of various experts who filed declarations supporting one side or the other. Things get more interesting on Friday when Balsillie and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman are to be subject to questioning under oath by the attorneys. Then, presumably, Baum will award the team to somebody. Almost certainly, that won’t be the end of it. If Balsillie gets the team, the NHL has vowed an immediate appeal and will seek a stay of the sale. Balsillie says he probably would appeal if loses.

The Canadian, who lists his personal wealth at $3 billion, upped his bid on Tuesday to $242.5 million when he offered the city of Glendale $50 million to end its objections to the sale. Since the season opener is three weeks away, Balsillie said he might need to play a few games in Glendale before he can complete the cross-continent move to Hamilton.

The NHL says such a move at this late date is out of the question, that it would reestablish the team outside the U.S., but hinted it may try to buy the team later. The NHL has vowed an immediate appeal and will seek a stay of the sale. Balsillie says he probably would appeal if loses.

The NHL’s offer would reject the contract of Gretzky to coach the team at a salary of $8.5 million in the coming season.

Meanwhile, the Coyotes are set to open training camp on Saturday with the first preseason game next Tuesday. The number of documents filed in the case has approached 1,000 with several of the sticky issues yet to be resolved.

At the top of that list is whether the judge should overrule the 26-0 vote by the NHL’s board of governors rejecting Balsillie as an owner, saying he is untrustworthy.

Balsillie also wants the judge to set a reasonable relocation fee since the league says it need not act on moving the team because the issue is moot now that the Canadian has been turned down as an owner.

Still, the NHL offered two studies that put the relocation fee at between $101 million and $195 million. A study for Balsillie by an economics professor puts the amount at $11.2 million to $12.9 million.

"I respect the NHL and honor its rules and processes," Balsillie said in a declaration filed on Tuesday. "I have no interest in undermining the league’s rules or processes and have never had an intention to do so. I only ask that the NHL’s constitution and by-laws be fairly applied to me.

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Roethlisberger rejects settlement

Associated Press

CARSON CITY — The attorney for Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Wednesday rejected a settlement offer by a Nevada woman who claims the Super Bowl champion sexually assaulted her at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino.

The rejection was in response to a letter, filed last week, from Cal Dunlap, the woman's Reno attorney, that said she would be willing to settle the civil matter against Roethlisberger if he admits to raping her, apologizes and gives a $100,000 to the Committee to Aid Abused Women, a non-profit agency in Reno that helps victims of domestic violence.

In a written statement, Roethlisberger attorney David Cornwell called the woman's offer "bizarre" and an "insult to women who have legitimately suffered from sexual misconduct."

Last month, they demanded she drop the lawsuit and write a letter of apology to the NFL star. In return, Roethlisberger would release the woman and Dunlap from any legal liability stemming from the "conspiracy to extort and defame him."

Those demands have been rejected by the woman. Dunlap said in his letter that she filed her suit to get money from him.

Dunlap said the woman is a sexual assault victim who "was claiming in every sense of the term."

Dunlap refused further comment when contacted Wednesday.

Cornwell countered that the woman was given the option for a "graceful exit."

"We will continue to press our defenses and claims and pursue our application for sanctions," he said.

In other developments, the case in Washoe District Court has been reassigned to another judge, the third since the case was filed. District Judge Brent Adams will consider pending motions on whether the case should be moved to Douglas County. Depending on that ruling, he also would decide various other motions, including whether the case should proceed or be dismissed, attorneys said.

No hearings have been scheduled.

The woman, a VIP casino hostess, filed the civil suit against Roethlisberger in July, alleging he raped her in 2008 in a hotel penthouse across the street from a golf course where he was playing in a celebrity tournament.

The AP, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

In other documents filed late Tuesday, Dunlap said the woman was stationed as a concierge on the 17th floor on July 11, 2008, when Roethlisberger returned to his room with a young man. About 20 minutes later, he walked that woman to the elevator, then stopped by the concierge desk and chatted with staff, including his accuser.

A few minutes later, the documents said Roethlisberger reportedly called the woman and asked her if she could fix his television. The woman said the television was working properly and that Roethlisberger then blocked her from leaving and assaulted her.

In the same filing, Dunlap also said the woman told her roommates and others of the encounter soon after the alleged attack and in the months that followed.

She did not report the incident to police, something advocates for rape victims say is not unusual.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations.

Dunlap late Tuesday also countered suggestions by Roethlisberger's lawyers that the woman is mentally ill.

"It is in fact their slanderous allegations and total trashing of every aspect of her life, relevant or not, that adds to her distress," Dunlap said.

Cornwell countered that the woman is a "VIP who say they have been discriminated against by landlords, employers and others of the case in Washoe District Court who are yet to be proven guilty of the charges."

"It is something that a person would certainly not be able to carry off," he wrote. "But, despite this horrible barrage of unwarranted defamation, this woman has held her head high, gone into the den of the defendants and has continued to do her job without fail under the most egregious circumstances possible."

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The civil suit also names eight Harrah's officials as defendants, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident. The suit says she suffered depression, was hospitalized and forced to take leave from her job in the year after the incident.

In previous court documents, the attorney for hotel security chief Guy Hyder and another Harrah's defendant said the woman kept him "informed with running e-mail commentary about her plan to have sex with Roethlisberger."

"Hyder did not report it to management, since having consensual sex with a hotel patron, while on the job, would get her fired," the motion said.

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During Gray's freshman campaign he was careful who was going to come in here and move by people, and that built more like a fullback than a running back. The players who don't care are going to be fullbacks. Weis effectively brushed off the question. "Uh huh," Weis said. And that was the end of it.

Mural of the story? Notre Dame's backfield, even with position movement and injuries, should be pretty darn good.

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NFL

Quinn leading Browns QB race

Still no official word from Mangini about Saturday's starter

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The mystery surrounding Browns coach Eric Mangini's choice as his starting quarterback became somewhat clearer on Wednesday when Quinn and Anderson were forced to answer questions about their recently completed competition — a battle that carried through training camp and the exhibition season.

Anderson was asked if it would be difficult to keep the starting QB a secret until Sunday's kickoff of the season opener against the Minnesota Vikings.

"No," Anderson said, "because after this next two minutes are over I'm not going to be talking to you guys. It's pretty easy. Obviously, the rest of us have to go about our regular preparations and continue to do what we always do and just not talk to our families."

By "the rest of us," Anderson seemed to mean the Browns backups, a group it looks as if he belongs to once again.

Mangini met with his quarterbacks on Tuesday night, told them who would start and explained the reasons for his decision. He said both handled the situation with class.

"They both took it exactly the way I expected them to take it — as pros, as good teammates," Mangini said. "It was really not surprising.

Quinn has been favored all along to win the starting job, and although it now appears to be his, the former first-round pick is playing along with Mangini's wishes to guard his secret and keep the Vikings guessing.

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leading scores in both conference and national competition, last spring as well as so far this fall.

In her first competition with the Belles at the Southwestern Invitational in Georgetown, Texas, Boyce came out strong with an 86 to tie for 11th place with two other golfers. In the second day of competition, she led the Belles to second in the competition, shooting the lowest round of the day for all golfers in the event with a 77. She finished second overall with a combined score of 163.

Boyce's domination on the course only continued as she finished in a tie for second with an 80 at the MIAA's first qualifier for the NCAA tournament. Along with teammate Emily Gore, Boyce helped to lead Saint Mary's to come out on top over then-No. 11 Olivet.

Boyce continued her strong season throughout the spring, placing in the top five for the Belles and in the top ten of every competition. In the second round of the NCAA qualifier, she shared medalist honors with a score of 80 for the day, and led the Belles to another first place finish. In the third round, Boyce shot an 85, tying her for ninth for the day behind three of her Saint Mary's teammates, and winning the Belles the spot at the NCAA Division III Championships.

In the first of the four days of NCAA competition in Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Saint Mary's was tied for fifth place of the 21 teams after entering the competition at No. 17. Boyce personally shot a 79, tying her for 19th at the start. The second day of competition saw the Belles move into a tie for 15th, and Boyce sharing the 39th place spot with teammate Natalie Matuszak after she shot an 86. In the third day, Boyce moved into a tie for 40th as she shot an 83 and Saint Mary's moved into 10th. She shot an 87 on the last day of competition to help the Belles hold onto 10th overall, and give her a 335 for the four rounds and her first national competition.

Boyce's domination on the green carried over from the spring to this fall's competition. In Saint Mary's first day of MIAA competition this season, Boyce shot a 79, putting her in seventh place after the first day of competition in the Trine University Fall Invitational. In the second day, Boyce shot an 83 for the round, bringing her to a 160 for the weekend and overall ninth place, second for the Belles behind freshman Martyna Mierzwa.

Boyce and the Belles will play in the O'Brien Division III Championship at the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame this Sunday and Monday, where she'll look once again to show her strength on the course.

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on route, the team settled into their lodging in the town of Shannon. After enjoying a breakfast that included some unique local cuisine, some sightseeing and a team-improved rendition of "The Sound of Music" to the green hills, the golfers got down to business.

The squad tackled Waterville in their first round of golf. Since opening in 1973, many elite professionals have found their way to the Waterville course, including Ernie Els, Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, and Tiger Woods, all of whom prepared there for the 1998 British Open, which O'Meara eventually captured.

"The course itself is indescribable. This links-style course was right along the coast, meaning it is virtually treeless with a distinct lack of man-made influences," O'Meara said. "Ballybunion is an amazing golf course. It was challenging and fun to play ... of course it would have been more fun if I hadn't been able to hit it a little straighter," senior Julie Kim said. "The wind started to pick up like crazy and the greens and holes all of a sudden became narrow and more difficult to play." For Holt, the trip was everything she had hoped for, and more. "This trip exceeded my expectations in every way," Holt said. "As the driver/tour manager, I was able to get a pretty good look at the team and the golf courses throughout the area because of the competitive season. I could see my ball developing a tight bond with the members on an island in the lake's center. The following day, the Irish took to the famed Old Head Golf Links, which is considered one of the most remarkable developments in the history of golf. Situated on cliffs overlooking the Atlantic, with views unrivaled in terms of natural beauty, the course rises hundreds of feet above the coast and is surrounded by the ocean on all sides. Eight of the holes play immediately off a cliff top, providing a thrilling test of skill and focus. "The views at Old Head were an experience of a lifetime," junior So-Yi Hun Park said. "The entire course is basically surrounded by the ocean, and we were left awe," Clark said. "We're coming back with that extra year that always helps a player."  

In his first game of 2009, a 5-0 Notre Dame win over Michigan, Dike had his first hat trick, scoring three consecutive goals in the second half. "He's got confidence as a person, and as a player," Clark said. "I think when he came in he was just a big strong guy. He was very, very young and with our group every mile, to the spectacular golf, breathtaking countryside and exceptional dining, this has been a trip of a lifetime for all of us that shared the experience."

The squad took a little time to enjoy the Irish culture and sights before trekking back to the States. Not only did the experience improve their team bond, but the excellent golf should have them looking forward to the next season of competition.

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Dike made a statement when he returned to the team in 2008, leading the team and the Big East in goals (12) and in total points (29). He was named first team Big East as well as first team all-Great Lakes Region.

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spot, along with Watt. 

Watt and Havens were named as two of the top 100 players in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Preseason poll. Watt is No. 90 and Havens is No. 95.

Notre Dame's greatest asset, however, may be the one sitting on the sideline. Assistant coach Bobby Balyss, a two-time national coach of the year, brings the wealth of knowledge and a set of intangibles that every team needs to be successful at the collegiate level. "As far as stroke instruction goes, you really can't beat him anywhere," Davis said. From that aspect, just getting the most out of players' talent, that's his specialty. He also develops a tight bond with the players, which goes a long way.

Yet in spite of the positive signs leading up to the season, the Irish realize that they still have to prove their worth. It's still a pretty disappointing end of the year last year and we lost Brett Helgeson, who was pretty much an automatic point most of the time," Dike said. "I think a lot of people are going to doubt how we are going to do this year. It's going to be a lot to prove." 

Havens and the Irish will face their first test of the season on Sept. 18 at the Olympia Fields CC Invitational. It will be the first event that will feature 11 Irish players.

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FOOTBALL

Hughes to take over for injured Aldridge at fullback

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An shoulder injury that will hold senior fullback James Aldridge out of Saturday's game is just another shuffle of the deck that is the Irish backfield.

Junior Robert Hughes, who entered fall camp as the back-up tailback behind Armando Allen but was then passed by sophomore Jonas Gray, will start at fullback against Michigan. That seemingly makes freshman Theo Riddick the No. 3 halfback behind Allen and Gray. Got it? Good.

Despite all the depth chart movement, the Irish backfield still appears to be a position of strength on an offense full of weapons. Part of that is Allen's constant presence at the top of the list, though the depth behind him — while ever-changing — is another major advantage Irish coach Charlie Weis has noted.

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