Limits on freedom of religion?

Students reflect on mosque near Ground Zero

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Sophomore Kerri Whelan has only seen her dad cry twice — once on Sept. 11, 2001 and another time when he was describing the horrific events he experienced that day.

Whelan’s father worked in the World Financial Center and was looking out his office window when the second plane crashed into the World Trade Center.

“He saw people jumping, people on fire,” Whelan said. “What he’s described to me was immense panic in the city.”

Though Whelan was fortunate enough to get through the attack without losing a loved one, family friends and many of her father’s coworkers were not as lucky.

It is her sympathy to those families and reverence for those who lost their lives that makes her uneasy about the proposal for an Islamic center, which would include a mosque, to be built two blocks from Ground Zero.

Whelan said she recognizes that the majority of Muslims are peaceful people, but her concern is about sensitivity to those who lost family or friends in the attacks.

“I’m all for building mosques all across Manhattan. I’m all for religious freedom,” she said.

University remembers 9/11 attack

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Saturday marks the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the University community will remember the tragedy that claimed nearly 3,000 lives in a variety of ways throughout the weekend.

Former United States Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge will be on campus today to deliver a lecture titled “A Conversation with Tom Ridge.”

Edward Conlon, professor and associate dean in the Mendoza College of Business, said that one of the College’s advisory board members, who is also a friend of Ridge.

Lennon to retire in June

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Editor

Charles “Chuck” Lennon Jr., executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, will retire in June after 30 years in his current role, according to a University press release.

Under Lennon’s leadership, the number of Notre Dame clubs around the world grew from 151 to 276. He earned the Alumni Association a national reputation for its programming, such as those in continuing education, and oversaw the creation of black, Hispanic, Asian-pacific and Native American alumni groups.

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**Off Beat**

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**Questions of the Day: What are your predictions for this weekend?**

- Alayna Calabro: junior Fangbong
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- Natalie Achonwa: freshman Cavanaugh

**The ladies of Welsh Family Hall once again held their Block Party event on South Quad Thursday. The event this year raised funds for Touching Tiny Lives, an organization that provides support to children and families that struggle with HIV/AIDS.**

**IN BRIEF**

Roy Robinson, CFO, senior VP of finance and treasurer of Best Buy will be giving a speech today in Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The speech is part of the Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series.

Tom Ridge, president and CEO of Ridge Global LLC and former secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be giving a lecture today in Jordan Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The College of Arts and Letters will present its Saturday Scholar Series: “Religion and American Public Life: The 50th Anniversary of JFK’s Houston Speech on the Separation of Church and State” on Saturday at noon. The event will include a discussion with some Notre Dame faculty, faculty, students, staff and public welcome.

David Bennett of the Department of Physics will present the Saturday Science Exploration Series: “The Search for Extra-Solar Planets and Signs of Extraterrestrial Life” on Saturday at 1 p.m. The event will take place in room 101 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

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SMC objects to violence

New office will raise awareness about abuse against women

By ALICIA SMITH
Assistant Saint Mary’s Editor

In 2009, Saint Mary’s College received a three-year grant valued at $299,893 from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women, which the College used to create Bells Against Violence Office (BAVO), a program that addresses the various forms of violence women may encounter.

According to Assistant Director for BAVO Connie Adams, the program strives to educate women about violence.

“The aim of the Belles Against Violence Office is to increase the College’s capacity to appropriately and effectively respond to violence students might experience and head off future incidents by educating students on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking,” Adams said.

Adams said one in every six women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime, and college-aged women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted.

Adams said BAVO concentrates on the issues of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking in a three-part method.

“Professional staff provide support and advocacy for students in a confidential environment,” Adams said.

Students who experience violence or abuse are able to find a listening ear and discuss options and resources with BAVO staff.

According to Adams, BAVO strives to educate women about these issues.

“Events are offered throughout the year to raise awareness of violence against women issues and provide opportunities for students to take a stand against violence and abuse,” she said.

BAVO will also provide training opportunities for students to learn how to handle violent situations that may arise in their lives.

With the aim to enhance the response of the Saint Mary’s College community to violence and abuse, training sessions are offered to students, staff and faculty.

Adams said.

On Sept. 2, BAVO hosted a kick-off event where over 100 students had the opportunity to decorate t-shirts to take a stand against violence.

“BAVO also plans to start one-day training sessions that will provide an opportunity for students to find actions which they can realistically incorporate into their lives,” Adams said.

Adams said students should contact BAVO directly for more information at 574-284-4081 or BellesAgainstViolence@saintmarys.edu.

Contact Alicia Smith at asmith01@saintmarys.edu

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Saint Mary’s alumnae share stories of success

By BRIANNE CARROLL
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s Alumnae Board of Directors collaborat-
ed Thursday evening at the Student Center for the unveil-
ing of a yearlong project, which aims to create a sense of unity among students and alumnae of Saint Mary’s College.

The project, called “One Book, One Saint Mary’s,” invites the Saint Mary’s alumnae, students, faculty, and staff to read and discuss Nicole Krauss’ novel, “The History of Love.”

The event has received positive feedback from nearly 900 students and alumnae joining the Facebook group of the same name.

Thursday night’s event also included a seminar for juniors and seniors put on by the Alumnae Board. The seminar focused on giving the girls professional advice for obtaining a successful career after graduation from the College.

“I went into the seminar hoping to have a better feel for the application and interview process in the professional world,” junior Bridget Meade said.

Alumnae sat down with the students for an advice session about the job search process and postgraduate opportunities. Afterwards, the girls broke off into small group sessions where alumnae members facilitated discussions regarding entrepreneurship, career paths, graduate school, resume skills and interview etiquette.

The alumnae who spoke at the seminar stressed the importance of pursuing a career by building relationships with companies, thinking strategically, being creative and being willing to take risks.

“It was great conversing with successful, professional Saint Mary’s graduates. They were not only great examples for current students, but also great mentors,” Meade said.

Meade said the alumnae also addressed the girls’ fears about their undecided future or not knowing what career path to pursue at the present time.

“They were so friendly, helpful and also encouraging of the fact that we may not know exactly what we want to do right at this moment,” Meade said.

Some of the women that spoke to us ended up in careers completely different from what they intended as college graduates — that was definitely comforting.

With just under 100 students in attendance, Meade said the event was a success, and she left with a renewed sense of motivation.

“I definitely feel more prepared for the professional world,” she said. “It’s much less frightening knowing we have such great alumnae to help us.”

To learn more about upcoming events visit www.saintmarys.edu/alumnae friends or join the Facebook group “One Book, One Saint Mary’s.”

Contact Brianne Carrol at bcarroll@stmarys.edu

Green is my favorite color. Please recycle me.
One of the primary platforms student body president Catherine Soler ran on last year was a planned "Rent-a-text" program, which became a reality for students at the beginning of this semester.

A follow-up survey distributed to users in the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore indicated the program was a success in helping students meet their textbook needs at a more affordable price, but the surveys also showed that students believed the number of titles available to rent could be expanded.

"Overall we found that students said they would rent more books if they could, if there were more titles available, which was something we expected to be a problem," Andrew Bell, student body vice president, said. "Going in, that was one of our biggest concerns, that the number would be too low to keep the program sustainable. Not from a business standpoint, but in the eyes of the students."

Currently, 35 percent of the textbooks at the Bookstore can be rented. Despite a large portion of titles not being included in the program, Notre Dame's renting program contains the eighth highest volume of any university bookstore in the nation.

Bell said the reason more titles aren't available for rent is because professors were uncertain of whether the program would be a success, so many did not commit to it in the program's debut semester.

"For a textbook to be rentable, it has to be used for a certain number of semesters," Bell said. "Professors wouldn't just switch over to a program and commit to a book if they weren't sure the program would work."

While Bell's primary goal is getting more professors participating in the program, he said the priority remains providing students with the best academic resources and overall education.

"We're going to collaborate [with the Bookstore] to encourage professors to consider rentable textbooks," he said. "By no means do we want them to consider books that would lower the academic quality of the class, that wouldn't be worthwhile."

In addition to the original paper survey, an electronic survey will soon be sent to the student body in an e-mail. Bell said student government and the Bookstore are continuing to seek student feedback to further improve the program.

"We're still open to input on things that worked, but especially to things that didn't," he said. "We want to make it better and take steps toward providing cheaper textbooks, and we think this is one of the great new ways we've found to do that."

Bell considers the Rent-a-text program an imperfect success and a work-in-progress.

"It was an achievement getting it into the bookstore, but it is by no means the end of our involvement in the program," Bell said.

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**Rent-a-text’ becomes a bookstore reality**

By JOHN CAMERON

Student body president’s idea for book borrow is implemented; meets students’ need for more affordable books.

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**FALL 2010 SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY SCHOLAR SERIES**

9.4.10 (vs. Purdue University)

9.11.10 (vs. University of Michigan)

9.25.10 (vs. Stanford University)

10.9.10 (vs. University of Pittsburgh)

10.16.10 (vs. Western Michigan University)

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**12 Noon**

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Annenberg Auditorium

Snite Museum of Art

September 12, 2010, marks the 50th anniversary of Senate John F. Kennedy’s famous speech to the Houston Ministerial Association on the separation of church and state. This Sunday Scholar panel brings together some of the University’s leading experts on religion and American politics to reflect upon the legacy of this speech by the man who would become America’s first Roman Catholic president.
Rallies

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Presidents’ Council (HPC) to coordinate pep rallies changes, Soler said.

“The groups that are our biggest focus are the team and the student body,” Seamon said.

“With a new coach and a new era starting, we thought it was a perfect time to reengage the student body.” Seamon said.

Seamon said the walkover could be the “newest Notre Dame student tradition.”

“We wanted to make students a bigger focus of the pep rallies,” Seamon said.

“What a better way to do that than announce their arrival and have them march down the avenue into a huge reserved space for them?”

The University will close Notre Dame Avenue for 15 minutes while the student body follows a procession consisting of the Notre Dame Security Police, the Notre Dame Fire Department, cheerleading and pom squads, the lep-rechaun and the marching band into a designated student section next to the stage at Irish Green, Seamon said.

“We are very excited about the idea of the walkover,” Bell said.

“It will eliminate dorms just standing around with a huge group of alumni waiting for the pep rally to start.” Bell said.

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“We are trying to reinforce the relationship between students and the football program that makes Notre Dame so special.” Soler said.

HPC arranged a competition for the most spirited student attending during each pep rally. As an extra incentive, the winning hall will win a visit from head coach Brian Kelly.

Seamon said Kelly was excited about the new idea of the walkover. “Our pep rallies from the start of the season, the football team, Game Day Operations and the Athletics Department.”

“Coach Kelly totally gets the concept and he loves it.” Soler said.

“It will be hard to persuade those involved in planning the pep rally to go to a certain location if there was not a huge student showing.”

Seamon said 25 to 30 thousand fans are expected for the Michigan pep rally.

“Students were very pleased with the opportunity given to us by the athletic department in hearing our case and I think that’s time, that proved not to be the case and I think that’s what will happen for Muslims as well.”

He also said Americans in the 19th century had a misunderstanding of the way Catholic nuns dressed — one that’s similar to the views some Americans now have of Muslim women.

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Members of the ROTC program honor victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 during a 2006 memorial.

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approached Conlon and the other deans about having the former secretary speak during this nationally significant weekend.

“He indicated that he may be able to convince the secretary to come to Notre Dame for the weekend of the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, and wanted to know if the Mendoza College would be interested in hosting him,” Conlon said. “Obviously, we were.”

Conlon said Ridge plans to discuss his observations on how the United States has responded to the terrorist threat since 9/11. Conlon also expects Ridge will give his opinion about how he thinks the future of the United States and terrorism will unfold.

“We have asked Secretary Ridge to comment on how the threat of terrorism has impacted the economic institutions of the world, including markets and businesses,” Conlon said.

There will be a question and answer session after Ridge speaks, Conlon said.

“It is truly a great opportuni-
y for the Notre Dame commu-
nity to hear Secretary Ridge’s thoughts on the past, present and future of homeland secu-
ry,” he said. “As the first direc-
tor of Homeland Security, he has a unique and well-honed perspective on the challenges we will all face in minimizing the effect that terrorism has on the way we all live our lives.”

Ridge will also be recognized at the football game against Michigan Saturday.

“Secretary Ridge will stand with [University President Fr. Jenkins], be introduced to the crowd and hand our national colors to the individuals involved in the flag presenta-
tion ceremony,” University spokesman Dennis Brown said.

Additionally, the Notre Dame football team will remember the anniversary of the terrorist attacks by wearing shirts with a red, white and blue inter-
laced ND during their early warm-ups, Brown said.

“The Army Black Daggers parachute team will bring the American flag and the game ball into the stadium in a pre-
game ceremony,” Brown said.

“We will also observe a moment of silence to be fol-
lowed by a prayer by Fr.
Jenkins.”

Many students do not need a special ceremony to remember the tragic events that shook the country nine years ago.

“I’m from New York and know lots who lost loved ones on 9/11,” student body presi-
dent Catherine Soler said. “It’s definitely something that still hits home for me.”

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Fr. John Jenkins:
“Chuck Lennon embodies the spirit of Notre Dame.” Jenkins said in the press release. “As a student, athlete, alumnus, coach, administrator, and, since 1981, as the leader of one of the most extraordinary alumni associations in the nation, that spirit animates everything he does.”

Lennon earned a bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame in 1961 and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling in 1962. As an undergraduate, he played three seasons of baseball and earned a monograph. From 1961 to 1966, he worked for the University’s Athletic Department as an assistant basketball and baseball coach and an assistant ticket manager. He was also the University’s coordinator of research and sponsored programs for two years.

Outside the University, Lennon held many positions South Bend community before he began his work with the Alumni Association. He was executive director of local agencies, including the Mental Health Association of St. Joseph County, the South Bend Model Cities Program, the Community Development Agency, the Department of Redevelopment and the Housing Allowance office.

From 1978 to 1981, he was president of the St. Joseph Insurance Agency, and was a member of the South Bend Community School Corporation Board of Trustees for 13 years. In 1991, Lennon became assistant vice president of University Relations in addition to his role with the Alumni Association. He was promoted to associate vice president in 1999.

Lennon taught management at Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business for both graduate and undergraduate students.

As executive director, Lennon expanded the involvement of women, senior young and international alumni within the Alumni Association. He also helped establish the Association’s Hesburgh Lecture Series and Excellence in Teaching program and created a career development program for graduates.

Most recently, he led the Alumni Association’s growth on the Internet through programs such as the Pray@ND website and Irish Online, an alumni networking forum.

During his time with the Alumni Association, Lennon received several awards for his commitment to the University, including the Alumni Association’s Armstrong Award in 1989 and the Notre Dame Presidential award in 1993. The student body presented him with the Irish Clover Award in 1992. In 2001, he received the Professional Development Award for Mentoring Minorities from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

“Chuck Lennon embodies the spirit of Notre Dame,” Jenkins said. “We will miss his leadership, insight and infectious enthusiasm but wish him the very best in his next stage in his life.”

Lennon and his wife Joan have five children and 16 grandchildren. Three of their children graduated from Notre Dame.

According to the press release, Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations, will conduct a national search to fill Lennon’s position.

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Protests erupt over fatal police shooting

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The police officer who shot and killed a knife-wielding Guatemalan immigrant in a drive-by shooting on a Los Angeles street has sparked three days of violent protest, as hundreds of people returned to the streets for a third night of protests over the fatal shooting of Manuel Jamines, 37, sporadically throwing rocks and bottles at officers and setting a police cruiser on fire.

Earlier Wednesday evening, police Chief Charlie Beck faced an angry crowd at a community meeting intended to quell the violence.

Citing police officials and records, the Times said that Officer Frank Hernandez, a 13-year department veteran, shot a female robbery suspect in 1999 when the woman allegedly pointed a handgun at Hernandez and his partner and refused orders to drop the weapon. Her injury was not life-threatening.

In 2008, the Times reported Hernandez shot an 18-year-old assault suspect who tried to flee, then pointed a gun at Hernandez and another officer. Hernandez shot the man once, wounding him.

Beck voiced support for Hernandez in an interview with the Times. Citing privacy laws, Beck would not discuss the past shootings or any details of Hernandez’s personnel file. He told the Times that Hernandez’s performance should not come under suspicion because of previous shootings.

Detective Gus Villanueva said he had no immediate comment when reached by The Associated Press early Thursday.

At the community meeting, a crowd of more than 300 packed a small room in a Upper-Whittier neighborhood where Jamines was shot to death Sunday by Hernandez after he allegedly lunged toward the officer with a knife after threatening two women.

The crowd jeered Beck when he defended officers by bringing a witness’s account of how Jamines threatened her.

Beck said the witness, a neighborhood resident who was not named, told him that officers that a man with blood on his hands tried to stab her and pregnant woman man in her.

As the woman ran away, she heard the three officers telling the suspect to drop the knife, then she heard three or four shots, turned around and saw Jamines on the sidewalk, Beck said.

“Three referred to the officers as her angels who had descended from heaven to save her life and that of the pregnant lady,” Beck said.

The crowd exploded when they heard the witness’s account. One man in the audience called out that the story sounded like it was made up in Hollywood.

Beck and city officials scheduled the meeting to counter rumors and reach out to residents of the neighborhood just west of downtown where Jamines was shot.

Sunday’s killing turned into a rallying point as community members, aided by outsiders, took to the streets three consecutive nights and used the death to claim past injustices and vent ongoing frustrations.

Police have defended the killing and said they’ve been taken aback by the high emotions following what looked like a clear-cut case of justifiable use of force. Each year, the LAPD is involved in up to 40 shootings, those that typically cause controversy involve unarmored or surrendered suspects.

Residents outraged over the killing have said the top brass should have handled the situation differently and say department officials’ surprise shows the agency is out of touch with the people.

Authorities have said the bicycle officers told Jamines in Spanish and English to put down the weapon. Instead, Jamines raised the knife above his head and lunged at Officer Frank Hernandez, a 13-year veteran of the department, said Capt. Kris Pitcher, who heads the LAPD’s Force Investigation Division.

Hernandez shot Jamines twice in the head. He died at the scene. Several witnesses later told police Jamines had been drinking.

Juan Barillas, a member of the Unión de Guatemaltecos Emigrantes, told the crowd at Wednesday’s meeting that Jamines spoke neither English nor Spanish. Instead, he spoke Queche, a Mayan dialect, Barillas said.

“They could have used pepper spray or a Taser gun,” said Salvador Sanabria, executive director of the nonprofit community group El Roscata. “The community... reacted this way because they thought there was another way to deal with a drunk guy.”

Pitcher said Jamines was an illegal immigrant from Guatemala. The day laborer was carrying a switchblade knife with a serrated, 3-inch (8-centimeter) blade. The police captain pled an open and transparent investigation into the shooting.

The other officers involved were Steven Rodriguez and Paris Pineda, both five-year veterans of the department. All the officers are Latino and speak Spanish.

Police said the knife was covered in blood, and DNA tests were being carried out to determine whose it was. Officers received unconfirmed reports Jamines may have attacked someone before police arrived, Pitcher said.

The officers involved were placed on administrative leave, a standard move after shootings.

Protesters who gathered outside the local police station Tuesday night pelted officers with eggs, rocks and bottles and set a trash bin on fire. Others hurled a TV, an air conditioner and other objects from apartment buildings. Officers fired at least two rounds of foam projectiles at demonstrators and arrested 22 people, mainly for failure to disperse and unlawful assembly.

A night earlier, three officers were slightly injured by thrown objects and four people were arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor inciting a riot.

The LAPD has long struggled with image problems in poorer communities.

On May 1, 2007, police pummeled immigration rights marchers and reporters with batons and shot rubber bullets into the crowd. The city was gripped by widespread riots in 1992 after four white officers were acquitted of the videotaped beating of Rodney King, a black motorist.

Beck said the recent protests were the culmination of a variety of frustrations, including a terrible economy and a feeling of victimization among immigrants who say the U.S. population likes to blame them for many of society’s shortcomings.

Beck also blamed activist groups, including the Revolutionary Communist Party, for co-opting peaceful vigils and inciting violent protests. Attempts to reach an RCC spokesman were not immediately successful.
WASHINGTON — The government may resume funding of embryonic stem cell research for now, an appeals court said Thursday, but the short-term approval may be of little help to research scientists caught in a legal battle that has just begun.

It is far from certain that scientists actually will continue to get federal money as they struggle to decide what to do with research that is hard to start and stop.

After U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth issued a preliminary order barring the funding on Aug. 23, the National Institutes of Health suspended work on funding new research projects on embryonic stem cells. While NIH didn’t immediately comment Thursday on the temporary stay from the appeals court, the government’s process for approving these grants is unlikely to resume before a final court resolution. With appeals, that could be many months off.

“No way this would be a scientific reprieve,” said Patrick Clemins of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Scientists who already have received taxpayer money for stem cell experiments can continue their work until their dollars run out, but 22 projects that were due to get yearly checks in September were told after Lamberth’s order that they’d have to find other money. Most of the researchers have multiple sources of funding and are working now to separate what they can and can’t continue, Clemins said.

Medical researchers value stem cells because they are master cells that can turn into any tissue of the body. Research eventually could lead to cures for spinal cord injuries, Parkinson’s disease and other ailments, they believe.

The Obama administration is asking the appeals court in Washington to strike down a preliminary injunction by Lamberth that blocked the funding. Lamberth left little doubt that he is inclined to issue a final order barring that funding, but he has yet to issue that ruling, which inevitably will set off a new round of appeals. Lamberth concluded that those who challenged the government support had demonstrated a strong likelihood of success in their lawsuit. He said the clear intent of a law passed by Congress was to prohibit federal spending on research in which a human embryo is destroyed.

Steven H. Aden, senior legal counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, which is involved with that lawsuit, said after Thursday’s action, “The American people should not be forced to pay for even one more day of experiments that destroy human life, have produced no real-world treatments and violate an existing federal law.”

Lamberth rejected the administration’s request to let funding continue while it appealed his preliminary order, but the three-member appeals panel disagreed on Thursday. It is suspending Lamberth’s ruling for now.

The appeals judges pointedly cautioned that their three-paragraph order “should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits.”

“Nothing has really changed, because all issues are still out there and still unresolved,” said Dr. Norman Fost, director of the bioethics program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, who was on the National Academy of Sciences committee that wrote the first national guidelines on embryonic human stem cells.

Samuel B. Casey, part of the legal team representing those who filed the lawsuit, said, “We expect that when the court of appeals reviews the merits of the case, it will agree with the logic that led Judge Lamberth to issue the preliminary injunction.”

He added, “We remain confident in our case against the unlawful, unethical and unnecessary federal funding of experimentation on human embryos.”

Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller said the appeals court order “will allow this important, lifesaving research to continue while we present further arguments to the court in the weeks to come.”

John Robertson, a University of Texas professor who specializes in law and bioethics, said Thursday’s appeals court order doesn’t relieve researchers working on multiyear projects of the uncertainty of whether there will be funding beyond this year.
INSIDE COLUMN

Saint Mary’s parking

To park or not to park; that is the question.

So far, I have been able to keep my resolve. No matter how high school, or instances of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. And, I hope to continue to do this throughout my life. This may make me sound slightly boring, or like I don’t take risks, but I do try to live on the edge. However, for the sake of the future hunt, I try not to fall of the cliff. This means, not going through, tarnishing my good name when I leave Saint Mary’s, and that is my inability to master the art of parking on this campus.

I have read intricate texts on marketing and sat through physics classes and grasped what was being taught. However, trying to memorize and put into the practice the contents of the Saint Mary’s parking brochure has proven too difficult. I will one day have to make a myriad of infractions, including the recent lack of the hangtag necessary to grace my asphalt without a tiny parking pass. I sound bitter, but honestly I do understand the reasoning. It’s for safety precautions among other things. That way when suspicious cars are on campus, security will know the difference.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keenan is worthy

As a proud alumus of Keenan Hall, Class of 1990, I would like to respond to Mr. Nathaniel Gotcher’s letter (Sept. 7, “Stanford and Keenan”) suggesting that Keenan Hall and Stanford Hall are not worthy of renovation.

His letter suggests that these reinforced concrete structures were meant to temporary and not built to last. He apparently bases this argument on the fact that they have needed new windows and are therefore not sustainable.

This is not the case. Keenan Hall (and Stanford) certainly meet two out of his three criteria that meet his standards of acceptability have had their windows replaced and plenty of other renovations done to them. In fact, even our cherished Main Building has had significant renovations to it over the years.

Mr. Gotcher seems to be mischaracterizing what regular upkeep and maintenance is not required, he has a lot to learn about architecture and how buildings are put together. Mr. Gotcher suggests that a dorm should be easily navigable, sturdy and pleasing on the eyes. Keenan (and Stanford) certainly meet two out of his three criteria and while Keenan may not be the prettiest, it isn’t the ugliest on campus, and it makes up for it in the tremendous contributions to student leadership, campus life and intramural sports it has provided over the years — not to mention it has one of the best basements on campus! May the men of Keenan do their part to excellence to make up for the apparent architectural error that they cherish living in. Please note that this is also the first and last time that I will defend Stanford Hall.

Patrick Persella
dominus
Class of 1990
Sep. 9

‘The Cinderblock Palace of Love’

In his Sept. 7 letter (“Stanford and Keenan”), Mr. Gotcher advocates the demolition of the “The Cinderblock Palace of Love” (and Stanford) because it lacks the “strength, utility and beauty” embodied by the other dorms on campus that are “ navigable, sturdy and pleasing on the eyes”.

As to the first charge, Stanford Hall is four floors with hallways running North-to-South and East-to-West, and a basement, which although only a Michigan fan would have trouble navigating. As to the second, I doubt you’ll find any cinderblocks on campus sturdier than those in “The Cinderblock Palace of Love.”

And as to the third, Mr. Gotcher has judged this book entirely by its cover. Had he taken the time to get past the “ugly” cover on Stanford Hall and read up on its history he would have found an inner beauty worthy of the new windows. I know I can speak on behalf of my friends that lived there with me, and most likely all alumni of Stanford Hall, when I say that some of the best years of our lives were spent living in Stanford Hall and to us it is one of the most beautiful buildings on campus. I sincerely hope the University continues to spend the money necessary to keep Stanford Hall a part of the campus for as long as possible.

However, I agree with Mr. Gotcher regarding Keenan. It is a vastly inferior dorm and, given the waste created by demolition, would best serve the campus by being converted into storage space for the glorious residents of Stanford Hall.

Go Irish! Beat Wolverines!

Mark Pfizennayer
alumnus
Class of 2004
Sep. 9

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you think you can win, you can win. Faith is necessary to victory.”

William Hazlitt
English essayist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Build up your weaknesses until they become your strong points.”

Krute Rockne
Former Championship-winning Notre Dame football coach

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Building positive momentum at the Michigan game

It’s safe to say that Notre Dame fans and students have entered each of the past three seasons with at least moderately high hopes for the Irish football team. Eternal optimism, even in the face of mediocre seasons, has become one of the hallmarks of Notre Dame fandom.

In the past few years, though, that optimism has come crashing back down in the form of underachieving teams. It’s gotten to the point where even a famous Notre Dame optimism was slightly tempered entering this season. Questions abound about how new coach Brian Kelly would adapt his style, and even the most hopeful puntishes penciled the Irish for only eight or nine wins. Lou Holtz didn’t even predict Notre Dame to go to the national championship game this year.

However, after a convincing, if not overpowering, win against Purdue in the opener, the hope and optimism is starting to permeate campus once again. Even if the team hasn’t completely adapted to Kelly’s system yet, the pieces are clearly in place.

Most have adopted a “wait and see” approach with regard to Kelly, but what he showed on Saturday demonstrated exactly what he’s been talking about.

Of course, it’s only one game. Brian Kelly will define his legacy at Notre Dame on a week-to-week basis, and this week’s Michigan game is just another stepping stone.

Players and coaches have been talking about staying on an even keel, and that the game against the Wolverines is just another stepping stone. So, even after three years of going to class, living and breathing Saint Mary’s, I am apparently not welcome to park four rubber tires on its asphalt without a tiny parking pass. I sound bitter, but honestly I do understand the reasoning. It’s for safety precautions among other things. That way when suspicious cars are on campus, security will know the difference.

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An intoxicating Christian 9/11 remembrance

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Three events are coming together in relation to Islam on the upcoming anniversary of September 11th, providing American Muslims with a rare opportunity to speak up. With the construction of a mosque in downtown Washington, the cultural center of the United States, there is an opportunity for Muslims to demonstrate their commitment to the American way of life and to counteract negative perceptions of Islam.

Gary Carus...
Off the top of the head, what do Notre Dame students like most? The Grotto, perhaps, or Irish flags? Whatever first comes to mind, chances are it is included in Bob Kessler’s new book, “Things Notre Dame Students Like.”

Kessler, a 2009 graduate of the University, has assembled a list of 100 things Notre Dame students like, ranging from the straightforward (#25 “Planning things,” #35 “Making t-shirts,” #71 “Viewpoint wars”) to the humorous (#52 “Talking about squirrels,” #78 “Feeling strongly about New Jersey,” #86 “Being overly proud of their original ID”). Based on his blog, www.thingsnotredamestudentslike.com, which has been in existence since 2009, the book expands upon the idea with new sub-lists (“Things Notre Dame Couples Like,” “Things Coach Brey Likes”) and plenty of charts and diagrams (a map of the U.S. according to Admissions, a pie chart of the “Notre Dame Student Dress Code”).

Kessler writes with a wry humor that will make any alumni or current student smile. Readers will likely nod and smile knowingly at Kessler’s observations about The Shirt: “Despite the consistently ridiculous look and fit of The Shirt, Notre Dame Students will continue to wear it.” Parietals: “Deep down most Notre Dame Students actually like parietals,” and Rudy: “Rudy’s plight doesn’t really mirror the path of any current Notre Dame student.”

In writing “Things Notre Dame Students Like,” Kessler tried to answer four questions: “What is this thing?” “Why do Notre Dame students like it?” “How is this different from other schools?” and “Why is this an important aspect of Notre Dame culture?” His goal was to depict the things that make Notre Dame unique, and measured his success based on the response to an article – “If people respond to it, talk about it, or comment on it, then I know I did a good job,” he says. “Any entry that has the capability to incite a Viewpoint war is definitely a good one.”

In addition to replacing outdated references for publication in the book (for example #19, originally “The OC and other teen dramas,” is now “Cable in dorm rooms”), Kessler re-wrote many of the original articles to match the style of prose that had evolved over a year of blogging. After reaching out to the authors of several Notre Dame books, Kessler received help from alumni to publish the book. He observed, “Notre Dame people are so willing to help one another.”

For Kessler, the transition from blog to book was a turning point, marking the end of his experience as a Notre Dame student. As an alumnus, his advice to current students can best be summed up as: diversify.

Notre Dame has so much to offer that if one is restricted to one area of activity, they risk missing out on some of the best parts of this wonderful place. He worries that Notre Dame is losing the type of students that are not only intelligent, but also “think winning the intramural football championship would be the highlight” of their time at Notre Dame. Dorm life is his favorite aspect about Notre Dame life and he said that most of the articles in his book are strongly influenced by the unique dorm culture. For Kessler, the relationships built here are the most worthwhile part of college.

After graduating, Kessler spent a year teaching English in China, and now does volunteer work and freelance writing while continuing to apply for full-time positions. Kessler considers himself “retired from writing about Notre Dame,” but acknowledges “there’s always a chance I’ll pull a Brett Favre.”

“Things Notre Dame Students Like” is a well-written, funny and sharply perceptive book about the culture of our beloved school, highly recommended for alumni, current students and anyone curious about what exactly makes our home under the Dome so special.

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By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

At 9:15 p.m. Friday night, I walked into a nondescript room on the 2nd floor of LaFortune, not really knowing what to expect. I was told that me and a few other students would be interviewing comedians Mike Birbiglia and Michael Ian Black here in the United States to educate the communities about the Bard.

When they rambled up to the stage on opening night of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” Wednesday, they brought energy. Since there is minimal costuming and props, it is the slight modifications in character — a thrusted hip, a pouty lip — that indicate who an actor is playing at a given moment. The ease with which they oscillate between personas is something to be admired, even when one player is on for two characters at once. These moments are particularly amusing, because suddenly we are forced to accept the ridiculous pose of an actor having a conversation with himself (and taking to the glass, he just took off).

The selection of this semester’s play is fortunate for us, an audience that is most often comprised of students having their first Shakespearience. “Everyone knows ‘Midsummer,’” said Devon Black, who plays Helena (among others) in the show. “It seems as though we have come upon an extended actor’s game, or moments that linger a bit too long, but such moments are nearly forgotten when the next moment of comedy comes up. What’s to be admired about this troupe is that, since the actors own their actions, they relish them. The misfortune of a scene requiring six players is embraced, and turned into a prime opportunity for a vaudevillian display of physical comedy.”

“We had all sorts of discussions,” Black said about how to present the show. “Midsummer has bestiality, first passions, and everything about it is raunchy.”

The show has been chosen years in advance to give universities a chance to plan for it in their curriculum, and it is our good fortune that Midsummer is coming through now.

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Scene Writer

Five Actors from the London Stage graced the stage in Washington Hall Wednesday and presented a show all their own. Without a director, costumer or choreographer, these actors epitomize the raw character between the writer and the stage.

Armed with nothing but the immortal words of Shakespeare, the actors work out, in their own fashion, how to put on a show. Then they travel to universities throughout the United States to educate the communities about the Bard.

The show is a faithful display of all that Shakespeare revels in — physical action, visual tricks and clever interpretation. The best part, though, is the sheer joy with which the actors approach the show. They alone make the show, and they rise to the occasion. Truly Bardiful.

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A BRIEF INTERVIEW

MELISSA KADUCK | Observer Graphic
Moreland’s RBIs keep Rangers at top of AL West

Tigers hand White Sox their third loss in a row; Rockies complete four-game series sweep against Reds, 6-5

Associated Press

TORONTO — Colby Lewis won for the first time since mid-July, Mitch Moreland drove in three runs and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 on Thursday night.

The Rangers, who lead the AL West, won their second straight after losing nine of 12.

Moreland finished 1 for 2 with a sacrifice fly and an intentional walk while Vladimir Guerrero went 3 for 4 and scored a run.

Toronto’s Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 44th home run, a solo shot off Darren O’Day in the eighth. Lyle Overbay hit a solo homer off Lewis, in his seventh, his 18th.

The Blue Jays lead the majors with 218 homers this season, including an NL-high 122 at home. Toronto has homered in 11 consecutive games, hitting 23 in that span.

The attendance was 16,658, the third straight game Toronto has drawn fewer than 11,000 fans.

Lewis (10-12) had gone 0-7 in his last 11 starts before beating Boston on July 16, including allowing a season-high nine runs in his last outing, a Sept. 4 loss at Minnesota. But the left-hander, who came in 1-3 with a 12.27 ERA in four career starts against the Blue Jays, was sharp over 6 1-3 innings, allowing one run and five hits, four of them singles. He walked two and struck out eight.

Lewis left two batters after Overbay’s homer. Clay Rapada pitched one inning, O’Day got two outs in the eighth and Neftali Feliz closed it out in the ninth for his 35th save in 38 chances.

Making his first start since April 25, 2009, when he was with San Diego, Blue Jays right-hander Shawn Hill (6-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. He walked one and struck out two.

Hill, who was born in suburban Toronto, underwent his second elbow ligament replacement surgery last June. After being released by San Diego in October, he signed with the Blue Jays in January.

Hill survived a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the third when Ian Kinsler struck out and Michael Young went ground into a double play.

The Rangers broke through with two runs in the second. David Murphy scored from second on a shallow left when Travis Snider bobbled the ball and was ruled an error. Moreland followed with a fly ball to center, but catcher John Buck took the hard throw, allowing Guerrero to score.

The Rangers chased Hill after Guerrero singled and Cruz doubled to give South Texas Moreland lined left-hander Jesse Carlson’s second pitch off the fast ball and advanced the line for a two-run double.

Tiger, White Sox 3

Johnny Damon had a season-high four hits and scored two runs, helping the Detroit Tigers beat Chicago Thursday and handing the White Sox their third straight loss.

The Sox fell six games behind idle Minnesota in the AL Central, their largest deficit since June 7.

Detroit has won six of eight to get back to .500 for the first time since July 31.

Rick Porcello (9-11) gave up three runs on four hits and no walks in eight innings to win his fourth straight start. Ryan Perry pitched the ninth for his first save.

Garvin Floyd (10-12) allowed six runs over six innings. He gave up 13 hits, all of which were singles.

Chicago’s Alex Rios hit a two-run homer in the fourth.

The Tigers didn’t hit one over the fence, or even in a gap, but methodically found holes to score twice in the first, two more in the third, one in the fourth and a sixth run in the seventh inning.

Floyd became the first pitcher to give up 13 hits — without an extra-base hit — since James Johnson of the Phillies on Aug. 29, 2001, pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers against the interned Indians.

Damon had his first of four hits in the first as Detroit took a 2-0 lead.

Ryan Raburn and Jhonny Peralta each had two RBIs as the Tigers won for the ninth time in 10 games at Comerica Park, where they are 46-26.

The Tigers trail the Twins by 12 games in large part because they’re 19 games under .500 on the road.

Rockies, Reds 6, 5

Chris Nelson stole home in the eighth inning to send the Colorado Rockies to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday, completing a four-game series sweep and extend ing their winning streak to season-best seven games.

With one out and runners on the corners, Reds reliever Nick Masset (3-4) thought Colorado was going to try a double steal so he stepped off the rubber and whipped to second. Nelson broke for home on the play and scored easily, giving the Rockies a 6-5 lead.

Huston Street allowed a lead-off single to Ramon Hernandez in the bottom half, then struck out the side for his 17th save in 21 save opportunities.

Drew Stubbs hit a two-run homer in the fourth, Dexter Fowler added an RBI double in the fifth and pinch-hitter Jonathan Herrera drove in a run with a grounder in the seventh, making it 5-4.

Colorado almost went in front in the seventh but left-hander Aroldis Chapman got MVP candidate Carlos Gonzalez to ground into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded. Gonzalez grounded a 103 mph fastball right to short-stop Paul Janish.

Masset entered to pitch the eighth and Troy Tulowitzki led off with his 18th homer and sixth in seven games. Giambi followed with a walk and was replaced by Nomar Garciaparra.

First baseman Joey Votto, also in the running for MVP award, then made a critical error on Melvin Mora’s slow bouncer. He charged the grounder, but his underhand flip to Masset covering first was high and wide. Nelson went to third on the play, setting up the 15th swipe of home in Rockies history and first since Matt Holiday in 2006.

The Rockies have won 10 straight games against the Reds at Coors Field dating to Aug 22, 2008, and 19 of their past 22 games overall against Cincinnati, including 14 of the past 20.

Matt Belisle (7-5) recorded two outs to get it.

Cincinnati got off to a nice start against Jason Hammel, who gave up seven innings. Brandon Phillips singled, stole second and advanced to third on a pitch that Pinch-hitter Joey Votto’s swinging bunt in the first sent right back.

Hernandez hit an RBI double and scored on Janish’s single in the second. After Wood sacrificed, Stubbs hit his 16th homer and first since Aug. 14.

Cincinnati’s Brandon Phillips completes a steal as Colorado’s Troy Tulowitzki attempted to tag Phillips Thursday.
Brady left unscathed by two-car traffic accident

Associated Press

BOSTON — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was in a two-vehicle accident near his home Thursday morning but was unhurt and hours later practiced as usual with his team just days before the season opener.

The crash, at an intersection in Boston’s Back Bay area, knocked over a light pole and sent a passenger in the minivan that collided with Brady’s car to a hospital with injuries that were serious but not considered life-threatening, a police report said.

A witness told The Associated Press that the two-time Super Bowl MVP was approaching the intersection on a green light when his black Audi sedan collided with the minivan.

The 21-year-old driver of the Mercury Villager minivan, Ludgero Rodrigues, was cited Thursday for failing to stop at a red light, based on witness statements, police said.

Two other people in the minivan were able to exit and had no visible injuries, they said.

The police report, which did not name Brady, said the driver of the Audi had no visible injuries and was evaluated by Emergency Medical Services.

It said a 49-year-old passenger in the Audi was hospitalized after being thrown from his seat when the minivan was hit and the vehicle skidded off the roadway.

Police said a blood-alcohol test, Dufresne said.

Rodrigues had been charged with a number of traffic violations.

A telephone listing for Rodrigues could not immediately be found Thursday.

Brady’s father had just arrived in Boston from the family’s California home early Thursday and found out about the accident when he got off his flight.

“I understand he’s fine, but I haven’t talked to him,” Tom Brady Sr. told the AP outside his son’s home three blocks from the accident site.

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The Patriots open their season at home Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals. Brady remains in talks with the Patriots about a contract extension and is entering the final year of his current contract — a six-year, $57.3 million deal.

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“I want to thank the safety personnel for their service, and express our concern and support for the well-being of the occupants of the other vehicle,” Brady’s agent, Don Yee, said in a statement.

Police responded to Commonwealth Avenue and Gloucester Street around 6:30 a.m. after reports of an accident, police spokeswoman Elaine Dionne said.

One of Brady’s neighbors, a 74-year-old woman who asked that her name not be used for fear of being hounded by reporters, was walking her dogs when she saw the accident.

She said Brady was traveling south on Gloucester and approaching the intersection on a green light when his black Audi collided with a fast-moving red Ford Aerostar that was westbound on Commonwealth Avenue.

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The woman had been walking toward the intersection and when she saw the cars on their collision course she took a step backward, tripped on the curb and hit her head, she said.

She sat next to Brady in an ambulance, but neither was taken to a hospital.

Barron said he was in his apartment overlooking the intersection when he heard a collision that sounded like “a bolt of lightning.”

When he looked out the window, he saw the driver of the car picking glass off his clothes and wiping himself off with a towel.

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No. 12 Youzhny moves on to Open semifinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The only other time Mikhail Youzhny reached the third round at the U.S. Open, in 2006, he got there by upsetting Rafael Nadal.

So guess who might be waiting for Youzhny now that he is back in the final four at Flushing Meadows? That’s right: Nadal.

The 12th-seeded Youzhny hit fewer aces and fewer winners, needed treatment on his right foot in the fifth set — and still managed to come back and beat 25th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 3-6, 7-6 (7), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in four hours Thursday.

“My leg was just a bit luckier than him,” Youzhny said.

On Saturday, the 28-year-old Youzhny will play in his second career major semifinal against No. 1-seeded Nadal or No. 8 Fernando Verdasco, who were scheduled to play in the first all-Spanish quarterfinal in U.S. Open history later Thursday.

Nadal took a 10-0 head-to-head record over Verdasco into that match.

In the semifinal on the other half of the draw, No. 2 Roger Federer will face No. 3 Novak Djokovic. They won their quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Four years ago, Russia’s Youzhny was unseeded at the U.S. Open, but he knocked off four seeded players, including Nadal in the quarterfinals, before losing to Andy Roddick in the semifinals.

Wawrinka was only the second seeded player Youzhny has faced in the tournament this year, he beat No. 18 John Isner of the United States in the third round.

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PGA GOLF

Kuchar, Poulter search for top spots in Lemont

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Already having his best season, Matt Kuchar got off to his best start of the year Thursday in the BMW Championship. A mystery season for Tiger Woods took another unexpected turn.

Kuchar, who won the opening FedEx Cup playoff event to position himself for the $10 million bonus, wasted no time putting his name atop the leaderboard. He finished with an 18-foot birdie putt for a 7-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Ryan Moore.

Ian Poulter of England, who has finished in the top 10 only once since winning the Match Play Championship in February, had a 66 for the best round of the afternoon despite opening with a double bogey.

Woods also started with a double bogey, but he never got those shots back.

With one last bogey on the 18th hole, he wound up with a 73 to leave himself in a big hole as he tries to advance to the final stage of the playoffs in Atlanta. It was his highest round at Cog Hill since he opened with a 73 in the 2005 Western Open. It also ended a streak of 11 consecutive rounds in the 60s on the public course in the Chicago suburbs where he has won five times.

Woods should be used to rough starts by now. His scoring average in the first round this year is 71.08, compared with 68.9 a year ago in the same tournaments.

Even so, it was peculiar to hear him discuss how much ground he has to make up — not against Kuchar, but the finish he needs to get into the top 30 in the FedEx Cup standings and advance to the Tour Championship.

“As of right now, I’m only five shots back out of that spot,” Woods said. “That’s not bad.”

Everything is good with Kuchar at the moment, except his voice. He is playing so well — a winner at The Barclays, a tour-high 10 finishes in the top 10 this year — that there’s really nothing left for him to say.

Not that he had a choice. Kuchar has laryngitis and begged off a series of interviews, letting his score speak for itself. It was the second-best start of his career, and the 21st time in 23 events this year that he broke par in the opening round.

“Just keep playing,” Kuchar said to one question he felt good enough to answer. “I was driving it well. I was actually doing everything well. It felt very good. Last week was a little bit suspect, and this week I kind of figured some stuff out.”

Something clicked for Moore when he least expected it.

LPGA GOLF

Michelle Wie looks to stay hot against top 15

Associated Press

ROGERS, Ark. — With a pair of wins in the last 11 months, Michelle Wie is finally turning potential into success.

This week, the big-hitting former prodigy will try for her second straight LPGA Tour victory, part of a loaded field at the P&G NW Arkansas Championship. The 54-hole event begins Friday and also includes money leader Jiyai Shin, the defending champion, and world No. 1 Ai Miyazato.

In fact, 14 of the top 15 players in the Rolex rankings are entered, with only 10th-ranked Paula Creamer (thumb injury) missing. Wie, ranked No. 7, is coming off a victory late last month in the Canadian Women’s Open.

“I felt like it was a frustrating season for me so far because I felt like I played a lot better than what my scores were,” Wie said. “I guess that happens when you win it — everything just kind of falls into place, and hopefully it will happen again this week. I see all the top players are here. I think it’s really great for the tournament.”

Wie has made all but two cuts since the start of 2009, her official rookie season, and she earned her first career victory in November at the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

She won in Canada by three strokes — her 12th top-10 finish in the last two seasons. Last year in Arkansas, outlasting Angela Stanford and Sun Young Yoo in a sudden-death playoff. This is the fourth year for this event at Pinnacle Country Club, and with nothing else on the LPGA Tour schedule until Oct. 7, the sport’s top players have come to northwest Arkansas for the $2 million tournament, which is presented by Wal-Mart.
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NFL

Saints down Vikings in tense season opener

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees and the Saints extended New Orleans' post-Super Bowl euphoria for at least another week and handed Brett Favre a second straight loss in the Louisiana Superdome.

Brees completed 27 of 36 passes for 237 yards and one touchdown, and the Saints survived a hard-fought season opener for a 14-9 victory Thursday night.

It wasn’t the most spectacular way to open a title defense, considering it was a rematch of the riveting 2009 NFC title game last January, in which the Saints took an overtime win to advance to their first Super Bowl.

It was the lowest-scoring victory of the Sean Payton era, which began in 2006. Still, the Saints will take it, considering their defense limited Favre to 171 yards passing and one score.

Unlike the NFC championship game, the Vikings didn’t fumble and turned the ball over only once on Jonathan Vilma’s interception of Favre, who made an ill-advised throw as Roman Harper hit him on a safety blitz.

Also unlike their previous meeting, the Saints had most of the statistical advantages, outgaining Minnesota 308 yards to 253 and controlling the ball for 33:43, compared to 26:17 for Minnesota. New Orleans might have won the game more easily if not for two missed field goals by Garrett Hartley, who kicked the dramatic winning field goal last year.

Still, New Orleans was able to kneel on the ball to run out most of the last two minutes after Pierre Thomas capped a 71-yard, one-touchdown performance with a 10-yard, first-down run right after the 2-minute warning.

Adrian Peterson, who rushed for 122 yards and three TDs in the last meeting, rushed for 87 yards on 21 carries against New Orleans’ stingy defense.

Although the game was competitive until the final minutes, it hardly lived up to its hype. Favre’s comeback from ankle surgery, marking the start of his 20th season, was largely unspectacular. Despite being sacked only once and hit not nearly as often, or as hard, as in the NFC title game, he looked out of synch or inaccurate at times. The fact that Minnesota was without star receiver Sidney Rice may have had something to do with that.

Favre’s best sequence came on Minnesota’s only touchdown drive late in the first half, when he found Visanthe Shiancoe on precision down-the-middle completions of 33 and 20 yards, the second for the Vikings’ only TD.

That gave Minnesota a 9-7 halftime lead, which the Saints erased on their first drive of the second half.
PHILADELPHIA — Charlie Manuel scoffed every time someone mentioned the Philadelphia Phillies and wild card in the same breath. When others thought the Phillies may have to settle for a wild-card spot this season, their skipper never wavered. He insisted his team would never concede the division until it ran out of games. Here they are now sitting at the top of the NL East standings with 21 games left. The Phillies have erased a seven-game deficit and have a one-game lead over the Atlanta Braves, who lost 11-4 to St. Louis on Thursday night.

Just as he cautioned that the race wasn’t over when the Phillies were trailing Atlanta by a big margin on July 22, Manuel isn’t ready to start setting up his formidable postseason rotation until they’ve clinched. “We haven’t made the playoffs yet,” Manuel said. “We definitely want to win our division and we’d like to have home-field advantage. Our ultimate goal is to win the World Series, but first we’ve got to get in.”

The Phillies’ pursuit of a fourth straight division title and third consecutive NL championship has been a struggle mainly because they’ve had to overcome numerous injuries. They’ve also had major problems on offense with several players producing below their usual standards. Part of that inconsistency can be blamed on so many guys being out of the lineup.

Six of Philadelphia’s eight regulars have spent time on the DL because of a calf injury and left Wednesday night’s game with tightness in his right hamstring. He’s played in just 82 games, and is day to day heading into a weekend series at the New York Mets.

Ulley missed 43 games because of a thumb injury, Howard missed 16 with an ankle sprain, and closer Brad Lidge was on the DL twice and currently has a sore elbow. The Phillies have missed a total of 511 man games to injury, according to STATS LLC. Overall, they’ve had 17 players out.

During a nearly two-week stretch in August, Howard, Utley and Victorino were absent. Still, the Phillies found ways to win. They’re 33-14 since opening the second half with six losses in seven games. “You have to attribute that to the guys we have on the roster and the guys we had available,” Manuel said. “They stepped up and did the job when called upon. The guys we had that filled in for the injured players got big hits and made big plays in the right moment and they definitely played a big part in where we’re at.”

The key reason for Philadelphia’s success has been pitching, especially their top three starters. Roy Halladay has lived up to enormous expectations. He’s 17-10 with a 2.36 ERA and eight complete games, including a perfect game against Florida on May 29. Cole Hamels has been outstanding despite a 10-10 record. The 2008 World Series MVP has a 3.06 ERA and hasn’t allowed a run in his last 25 innings. Roy Oswalt, acquired from Houston before the trade deadline, is 5-1 with a 2.30 ERA in eight starts for the Phillies.

If the Phillies hang onto first place or even if they have to sneak into the playoffs as the wild-card winner, they’ll be tough to beat because the Halladay-Hamels-Oswalt trio might be the best threesome in the majors.

“I compare it to ‘04 and ‘05 with Roger (Clemens) and Andy (Pettitte),” Oswalt said of his days with Houston. “It seems like it pushes you more when you have guys go out there and throw seven (innings) every time out. It’s kind of an in-house competition to push each other and see how good each other can be.
NFL

Austin signs big extension

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Pro Bowl receiver Miles Austin is going deep with the Dallas Cowboys — from undrafted rookie to a break-out season and now a long-term contract extension.

The Cowboys and Austin agreed to a six-year extension through the 2016 season on Thursday, just three days before the fifth-year player’s first season opener as a starter.

“My career started here, you guys gave me a shot and obviously I put my all out there every day,” said Austin, who was pulled out of offensive meetings for the unexpected yet unsurprising announcement. “It feels great to be wanted by this team because I want to be here.”

Austin agreed to a $3.168 million one-year contract in June, but Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had repeatedly said he wanted to sign the receiver to a long-term deal. That finally got done just before the season opener at Washington.

Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones would only confirm the length of the extension, not the financial terms. Austin’s agent, David Dunn, didn’t return messages to The Associated Press.

A story posted Thursday night on the Cowboys’ official team website said the extension was worth about $54 million. That is on top of the deal for this season.

In his first career start last October at Kansas City, Austin had 10 catches for a team-record 250 yards and two late touchdowns, including the 60-yard game-winner in overtime. He broke the single-game yardage record held by Hall of Fame receiver “Bullet Bob” Hayes since 1966.

That was quite a break-out performance for Austin, who entered that game with 23 career catches, including five in the first four games last season.

Yet, he wasn’t a one-game wonder.

His encore was six catches for 171 yards and two more TDs in Dallas’ next game. He went on to earn a spot in the Pro Bowl by finishing the season with 81 catches for 1,320 yards, sixth-best in team history and the sixth-best by any undrafted receiver ever in the NFL.

The Cowboys certainly don’t anticipate the 26-year-old receiver from tiny Monmouth College in New Jersey being only a one-year wonder either.

“We all are familiar and admire the way Miles has evolved into the player he is today. We’re also very impressed with the person that he is,” Jones said. “I’ve never felt like when we have made this kind of commitment to any individual that we’ve ever been as prepared or better informed about who he is and as a player. That’s a good feeling in terms of getting this done.

“It’s what we want to build our franchise around,” Jones said.

NCAA Football

Highly touted Baxter to make USC debut

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dillon Baxter is eager for his Hollywood premiere, even if it’s a week late.

Southern California’s touted freshman tailback will be in uniform Saturday night when the 16th-ranked Trojans host Virginia at the Coliseum.

Although Baxter is among the most anticipated skill-position recruits in the recent history of a talent-studded program, coach Lane Kiffin suspended him for last week’s opener at Hawaii for violations of team rules. While the Trojans traveled to Honolulu and spent an extra day on the beach after their 49-36 victory, Baxter stewed at home.

“That’s probably the worst thing I’ve been through football-wise, aside from when I was 7 and my mom took all my trophies away,” Baxter said, recalling a punishment after a poor performance on a science test. “I wanted to go out and party a little bit, but I’ve been getting a lot of flak. But that pumped me up and got me pretty hyped for this week.

Kiffin hasn’t confirmed exactly how Baxter might be USC’s unofficial third quarterback behind Matt Barkley and Mitch Mustain, but he’s likely to get his most extensive action as a running back.

Baxter is eager to play alongside tailback Marc Tyler, who unexpectedly won the Trojans’ starting job in training camp before rushing for 154 yards in the opener.
Belles 5K brings in alumnae

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

With a 1-1 start to the season, Saint Mary’s will take a break from intercollegiate competition for an exhibition event—an alumnae 5K race.

“The alumnae race is a 5K that will just be the team and former cross country alumnae racing together. We’re anticipating 15 to 20 former athletes to come out and run, but it is not a very competitive event, but more an exhibition event for the team,” Belles coach Jacqueline Bauters said.

The event will be a good warm-up for the Belles, as they will race again Sept. 18 at the Calvin Invitational, which is an event for which the team has been working hard to prepare.

“For the past few weeks our focus has really been working towards our first real race at Calvin on the 18th,” Bauters said. “Up until now we are working to prepare ourselves to race competitively and strategically to do well then.”

The Belles will look to their core of veterans to help the team work on its weak spots before the meet at Calvin.

“The past two races have provided us with markers on how prepared the team is currently and what steps we need to do to get them ready for next Saturday,” Bauters said. “We have a strong team this season, with (sophomore) Julia Kenney and (junior) Joanne Almond leading a pack of seven or so sophomores, juniors and seniors.”

The team has indeed put up strong results already this season. The Belles opened up their season with a 58-15 victory over Goshen on Sept. 1, posting the top eight times in the meet with a first place finish by Kenney, who posted a time of 20 minutes, and 48 seconds as well as a second place finish on the strength of Almond’s 20 minute, 48 second run.

The following race for the Belles came on Sept. 4 at Wabash. The Belles took home a third place finish out of six teams, only falling short behind then-No. 12 ranked DePauw and the Division II University of Indianapolis. Kenney and Almond were again the top finishers for the Belles, both coming in at 23 minutes and 27 seconds.

With some already positive results, Coach Bauters said she is looking to improve from last year and to keep striving for even more success this season.

“As a team we are looking to improve within the MIAA, cracking into the top 3 in the conference after a few years of coming in fourth,” said Bauters. “I think with the talent and hard work I’ve seen thus far, these goals are attainable. I’m very pleased with how everyone is running so far and look for much better things to come.”

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“We respect all our opponents as we play a very strong schedule but we concentrate mainly on what we will do rather than our opponents,” Clark said.

Cal Poly will open the tournament against No. 18 Indiana, the fourth competitor in the Mike Berticelli Memorial, at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Notre Dame’s matchup against Drake at 7:30 p.m at Alumni Field. The tournament will wrap up Sunday with Indiana playing Drake at 11:30 a.m. and the Irish facing Cal Poly at 2 p.m., also at Alumni Field.

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motivation for the UCLA squad.

“I think they’re going to be ready to play the next few weeks to gain back a little of that respect they lost,” Waldrum said. The Bruins are led by junior forward Sydney Leroux, who won the Golden Boot at the under-20 World Cup. She currently leads UCLA with five goals and 11 points. Junior goalkeeper Chante Sandiford has been stout between the pipes for the Bruins, with a 0.52 goals against average and a shutout in four starts.

“They're really loaded with talent,” Waldrum said of the Bruins. “You look at that team and they're made up of a lot of national team kids, so they're going to be pretty solid through and through.”

Notre Dame (4-0) leads the all-time series with UCLA 2-0-0, with both wins coming in the NCAA Tournament. Their most recent victory over the Bruins was in the 2004 NCAA finals, when the Irish won a national championship in a penalty shootout. The victory marked the first and only time that the national title has been decided on penalty kicks.

Loyola Marymount will also be a relatively new foe for the Irish, as this weekend’s matchup will mark just the second time that the two squads have faced each other. Their previous matchup was a 4-0 win for Notre Dame in 2008, the last season at old Alumni Stadium. Junior Melissa Henderson notched a goal in the game during what was her first season with the Irish.

The Lions are off to a 4-1 start this year, with just a 2-1 loss to No. 14 California in the season opener marring their record. They will also be Notre Dame’s second opponent from the West Coast Conference in as many weekends, as the Irish played Santa Clara last Friday.

Loyola Marymount is led this year by a pair of freshmen in defender Tala Gilmer and forward Tawni Martino. Martino leads Loyola Marymount with four goals, and senior midfielder Nicky Ha trails her with three. Like UCLA, the Lions have a stout netminder in goal in freshman Britney Zagler, who has posted an 0.80 goals against average and a .871 save percentage.

The Irish will kick off against UCLA at 7 p.m. Pacific time Friday and will round out the weekend at 11 p.m. Sunday against Loyola Marymount.

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be challenging, as both teams qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament last year.

Regardless of the difficulty of this weekend’s matchups, Joyce said he has an unshakable faith in his team’s ability to continue to work hard and compete.

“We can knock the ball around with anyone we face,” he said. “Sometimes against a good team you end up playing defense the whole game and are lucky to get past midfield, but with everybody one we’ve faced we’re able to create good scoring chances.”

While Joyce would admit that his team has had a few unlucky breaks this year, he said he believes the key to the team’s success is to stay the course and, above all, focus.

“We’re positive about our performances,” he said. “Our biggest challenge is keeping our head in the game for 90 minutes.”

An inopportune lapse of focus, even if only for a few minutes, is enough to derail Saint Mary’s efforts as the season rolls on. The Belles fell victim to such a mistake once before and paid the price.

“I thought we had a 10-minute spell against Illinois Wesleyan where we let down and it cost us two goals,” Joyce said. “Without that let down and a few mistakes, it could’ve been a very close game.”

The Belles will look to internalize their coach’s words as they take the field against two very formidable opponents this weekend.

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Denver, with matches against Denver, Jacksonville State and Gonzaga at the Pioneer Classic.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she has been pleased with her team’s response to the challenges that come with travel.

“The team responds well to traveling and playing in different environments,” Brown said. “We are able to adapt well to the surroundings.”

This responsiveness and acute attention to detail, Brown said, can be paramount to success on the road.

“This week in Denver, we have to pay attention to little things, like the altitude change,” she said. “The thin air is a bit of a challenge; the ball has a tendency to float quite a bit more.”

Although Jacksonville State, Denver and Gonzaga will be challenging opponents, the Irish are focusing instead on their own side of the net this weekend.

“Our main goal is to implement all the things in practice that we have been working on and to focus on our game,” Brown said. “The hours of practice should translate into success against any opponent.”

“This weekend also provides an opportunity to learn more about the team before conference play commences. “We are learning what freshmen can do in matches and seeing which players are striving and which others are struggling,” Brown said. “It is great to just get everyone playing time and gain cohesion as a group.”

The team is also eager to avenge last week’s lone loss in Reno to the University of Nevada. The Irish fell in five sets (3-2) to narrowly miss their goal of an undefeated weekend.

“When your last match is a loss, you have an eagerness to get out on the court and prove yourself,” Brown said. “We won’t feel good with anything less than winning all three games this weekend. We want to win every tournament and we felt like could have and should have won last weekend.”

Though the Irish will be focusing on the games at hand, the looming milestone has given Brown cause for reflection.

“As with any milestone, I don’t think about it in terms of wins and losses but the people I interacted with: all the athletes and students I was fortunate enough to coach,” she said. “I feel blessed for the 20 years I spent at Notre Dame.”

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course in as many years. So, in that sense, the Belles are in the same position as the rest of the conference.

“Nobody has seen that golf course,” Hamilton said. “It’ll be a clean slate.”

Saturday will be the first opportunity for Saint Mary’s to reestablish itself as the premier program in the MIAA. Last year, the Belles finished the season at No. 8 in the country, a spot they would like to return to or even surpass this year. Hamilton has supreme confidence in his team’s ability to do just that, starting with this weekend’s event.

“My expectations are that we’re going to win, to be quite honest,” Hamilton said. “We’re going to be the team to beat.”

In the MIAA season, points are accumulated over the six conference matches. Therefore, the team’s consistent performance across the schedule will be more important than going out and being better than the one opponent they are facing each weekend.

“Every round counts,” Hamilton said. The Belles will tee off against Alma at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pine River Country Club.

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2. Undomesticated (9,9)
15. Husband of Denmark’s Queen (5)
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17. Maker of Emporio Armani perfumes (5)
18. Dr. Eric Foner’s portrayal on “House” (10)
19. Con artist’s crime (4)
20. Carol King hit (12)
21. Cheap roofing material (7)
22. Wartime bridge builder (7)
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25. Sargasso Sea spawner (12)
26. Undomesticated (9,9)
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28. Area area (10)
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31. A local of Old Castor (11)
32. T.M.A. location (10)
33. Limited release (6)
36. Walks aimlessly (6)
40. Crack (12)
41. Throat (7)
42. Delighted (8)
43. Prunes (10)
44. Ambulance (12)
45. The Fighting Tigers, for short (9)
46. Iamb first (11)
47. Marketed under the name (9)

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Coach Debbie Brown aims for 450th victory

By MICHAEL TODISCO
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Men’s Soccer

Irish seek first victory at annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament

By ERIC PRISTER
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The Irish will host the ninth annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend, playing against No. 22 Drake Friday and Cal Poly Sunday.

The tournament honors Berticelli, a former Irish soccer coach, who led the team from 1990-99 before suddenly passing away during the 1999-2000 season.

The Irish (0-1-1) are coming off a 0-0 draw with Cal, a game in which the Irish lost senior Jeb Brovsky to injury. With his status uncertain, others will need to step up this weekend to fill a large hole in an offense, which has been unable to score in their first two matches of the year.

“We opened the game well and then got impatient when we did not get anything tangible out of our good play,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We must hold firm to our beliefs and be patient.”

The 0-0 result was a good sign for one Irish player. Junior goalkeeper Will Walsh was able to record his first clean sheet against Cal, and has recorded nine saves in 200 minutes of play.

Junior Aaron Maund and sophomore Dillon Powers were both named as Soccer America Preseason All-Americans, and the Irish will look to them for on-field leadership.

Drake came into the season after a 16-7-2 2009 campaign where they reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament, and are 1-1 so far this season.

They defeated Michigan 1-0 in their first game, and then lost 1-0 in overtime to Oakland leading up to this weekend. Junior goalkeeper Jordan Kadlec leads the team with 13 saves, and senior Kenan Malicevic netted their lone goal.

The Cal Poly Mustangs came into the weekend with a 1-1 record, coming off of a 2-1 overtime loss to Air Force. They defeated Denver 1-0 in their first match of the season. Sophomore Gaschen and junior Tim White have scored for the Mustangs, while junior goalkeeper Patrick McLain has 15 saves in two games so far.

SMC GOLF

Belles look to pick up first win

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Despite a 0-4 record to begin the season, Saint Mary’s soccer coach Michael Joyce sees a silver lining to the Belles’ early troubles.

“We have about as ambiguous a schedule as anyone out there,” he said. “While we end up with a number of losses, it does force us to raise our level of play.”

The Belles will need to be ready to raise that level as soon as today, however, as they venture to Otterbein University for a weekend tournament. If the Belles lose, they will face off against the No. 7 host Cardinals this afternoon before wrapping up their Northern University Saturday.

The weekend will certainly see WEEKEND/page 25

ND Women’s Soccer

Squad travels to West Coast

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The gauntlet continues for No. 34 Notre Dame this weekend as the Irish head west for their first ever trip to southern California in the UCLA Women’s Cup.

Beginning the trip for the Irish will be their matchup with No. 13 UCLA, a perennial force in NCAA soccer Friday night. The Irish will then wrap things up Sunday with a game against Loyola Marymount.

UCLA (2-1) opened the year as the consensus No. 3 team in the country, but an early upset loss to Northwestern saw the Bruins take a tumble in the polls. something that Irish coach Randy Waldrum thinks will add extra

SMC Golf

Team eager to begin conference season

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will begin its conference season this weekend against Alma at Pine River Country Club.

With two weeks off since their last match, the Belles have had an extended period of time for practicing and working on their weak spots. Not too many adjustments needed to be made, however, as the Belles dominated in their first appearance of the year in the Trine Invitational, with four of the five top scores for the weekend carded by Saint Mary’s players.

The squad, however, aims to avoid complacency and instead get better.

“We’ve made some changes in our mechanics,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “And I want our players to be mentally prepared.”

Because this is only the second match of the year, the younger players still need to garner trust in themselves as well as trust in their teammates and their coaches, Hamilton said.

Another challenge that awaits the Belles is unfamiliarity. Saint Mary’s has not faced Alma at Pine River since 2002. In fact, no one in the MIAA has played on that
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Dayne Crist wins starting debut, prepares for Michigan
FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Atkinson twins highlight recruits

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

If Notre Dame plays well Saturday, it could help the Irish in seasons to come as much as it would help them during this season.

Three four-star recruits, according to the ESPN top 150 recruit rankings, will visit campus for the Michigan game, along with a pair of twins, Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said.

If they like what they see, there is a good chance Notre Dame could end up with both (George and Josh Atkinson)," said Frank, who heads the online ESPN-affiliate Irish Sports Daily.

Along with the Atkinson brothers, defensive end Stephon Tuitt, safety Wayne Lyons and offensive tackle Antonio Richardson will spend the weekend at Notre Dame absorbing the gameplay experience.

Richardson, the highest-ranked recruit among the five at No. 32, would fill a big need for Notre Dame on the defensive line. The high school senior already tipped the scales at 310 pounds, standing 6-foot-6.

"Lyons is a phenomenal athlete," Frank said. "He can play corner back or safety, and is just a guy you want." Tuitt, from Georgia, has listed Notre Dame as one of his top five preferences, but is still highly recruited from across the country, with reason.

"Tuitt would be a great addition to the class," Frank said. "He is a big guy already so he wouldn't need to add much weight to play that defensive end position."

Tuitt, 6-foot-5 and 255 pounds, has not visited Notre Dame before.

"He is a real smart kid," Frank said. "He's the type of kid who I think will really like it once he's here. He is very similar personality-wise to a lot of guys already on the team."

Of the five recruits, Notre Dame might have its best chance of landing the Atkinson brothers. Josh, a corner back, would also potentially help Notre Dame's depleted secondary in a year.

"If Josh commits, he will probably be the guy with the most speed at the corner position," Frank said.

"George is a real dynamic player that could play nearly anywhere," Frank said. "I think Notre Dame envisions him in a Percy Harvin role, you put him at wide receiver or running back. He could play a lot of different positions."

"The main thing is you just want to put the ball in his hands, because he has the ability to score from anywhere."

George and Josh Atkinson are also considering Washington and Oregon.

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In Brian Kelly’s new scheme, the offense will go as Dayne Crist goes, and he’s okay with that.

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

The point of Irish coach Brian Kelly’s message to junior Dayne Crist before Saturday’s opener was likely similar to the one many quarterbacks receive prior to their first career start. “He was just trying to settle me down,” Crist told The Observer Tuesday. “He didn’t want me to press or try and do too many things to try and win it all in one play. He said if I just went out there and played my game, we’d have a great chance of being successful.”

Straightforward enough. But the way in which Kelly delivered that simple message — by telling Crist “he didn’t have to win the Heisman today” — demonstrates how highly he regards the talent and potential of his starting quarterback.

“It’s definitely flattering any time your coach talks about you in that light, but the most important thing to me is always going out there and winning games with the rest of the guys,” Crist said of Kelly, referencing college football’s most prestigious individual award. “It’s nice that your head coach has confidence in you, but none of those individual accolades or awards come without team success, so it’s more about playing solid team football.”

Those awards may come in time, but if Saturday’s performance is any indication, Crist’s top priority is efficiently managing the offense in a way that gives the Irish a chance to win.

Tired of questions

When Crist committed to Notre Dame during January of 2007, there was little doubt he would eventually succeed his fellow Californian Jimmy Clausen as the Irish quarterback. That has happened, but not in the way most would have predicted three years ago, with Clausen leaving early for the NFL, and Kelly replacing former Irish coach Charlie Weiss this winter.

Add in the fact that Crist — who played sparingly last season after redshirting as a freshman in 2008 — suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in Notre Dame’s blowout win over Washington State last Halloween, and there were plenty of questions worth pondering all winter.

But not for Crist. “Really, to be honest, I just got tired of hearing about all those things,” he said. “You go from that period of time where you don’t play a game and that’s all you hear for six or seven months, and you get tired of hearing it all. You just want to get out there, play to the best of your ability, and try to quiet as many of those things as possible.”

“There were some issues we identified on offense that we want to make sure we correct for next week,” Crist said. “Obviously, it’s going to take more and more for us to win each week, but we did enough things to win, and we’re happy with that.”

“Simply put, Crist avoided turnovers and did enough to give the Irish, with their improved run game and attacking 3-4 defense, a chance to win Saturday.”

“The ability to execute in an opener, with a new coach, scheme and quarterback, is a reflection of Crist’s readiness for his starting debut.”

“Really, to be honest, I just got tired of hearing about all those things,” he said. “You go from that period of time where you don’t play a game and that’s all you hear for six or seven months, and you get tired of hearing it all. You just want to get out there, play to the best of your ability, and try to quiet as many of those things as possible.”

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Dayne Crist
Junior quarterback

Crist followed Kelly’s message prior to the opener against Purdue, and he typically echoes his coach’s words when he speaks to the media. But not even Crist could utter the cliché that Saturday’s tilt with the Wolverines is “just another game.”

“Obviously you’re going to have some emotions going into this one,” he said. “It’s a big one, a real big rivalry, and something that’s bigger than any player on the team. There will probably be some nerves going in, but it’ll definitely be that way for both teams. In a big game like this, it’s expected, but everyone’s just more about winning than anything.”

Equally exciting are the prospects of a Crist-led offense that includes passing-game playmakers like Rudolph and wide receivers Michael Floyd, TJ Jones and Theo Hylckema — the latter of whom Kelly said will become more involved in the coming weeks.

“We want to be talked about as one of the most explosive and most efficient offenses in the country,” Crist said. “We’ve got some very serious offensive goals that we set at the beginning of the season, and we want to make sure we accomplish those things each week. We really just want to win football games and be an explosive offensive team.”

The degree to which the Irish need that explosive offense on Saturday may depend on how the Notre Dame defense fares against Michigan’s dangerous, dual-threat quarterback Denard Robinson. When facing a potent offense, one line of thinking is to control the clock and hold the ball whenever possible — which directly contradicts Kelly’s fast-paced philosophy.

“My other perspective would be: get up on them, score a lot of points,” Kelly said Wednesday.

That responsibility, then, will fall on the unit Crist now calls his own.

“I need to have a great week of practice, as does the entire team,” Crist said. “On offense, I’ve got to be a guy who displays a lot of leadership throughout the week and really make sure we’re practicing the right way and winning earlier in the week, as opposed to just going out there and trying to win on Saturday.”

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By DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Senior running back Armando Allen takes a handoff from quarterback Dayne Crist Saturday. Crist and Allen led the Irish offense, in Brian Kelly’s new scheme, to 358 total yards.

In Brian Kelly’s new scheme, the offense will go as Dayne Crist goes, and he’s okay with that.
**Head-to-Head**

**ND RUSHING**
- David Ruff transformed all three of his field goal attempts against Purdue, making a 47-yarder which was the longest of his career. That makes him 8-8 in his career on field goals.
- The Michigan defense held its week one opponent Connecticut to only 11.75 yards per carry. They will need to tackle better to stop Denard Robinson.

**ND PASSING**
- The Irish running game looked vastly improved from previous seasons. Kelly's spread-style offense should open up the field and allow for a consistent running attack.
- Kyle Rudolph and Floyd also each had five catches for the Irish.

**ND SPECIAL TEAMS**
- Both Armando Allen and Pierre Wood had excellent returns against Purdue, and both have the sharp moves and speed to take a kick all the way back for a score, but Michigan gave up only 11.75 yards per return against UConn, fifth best in the NCAA.

**ND DEFENSE**
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**ND OFFENSIVE COACHING**
- Brian Kelly's offense is difficult to defend for any defense, and will be especially tough for a Michigan squad which finished 82nd in total defense in the NCAA last season.
- With a week under his belt, Crist should be more adept at running Kelly's scheme to a higher level, which can only make the first-year coach's job easier.

**ND SPECIAL TEAMS**
- After last week's victory over Purdue, our co-worker Sam (three picks to the right) couldn't get over how "weird" of a game it was. Well Sam, expect this weekend to be more "normal." Normal? Notre Dame's best bet to outscoring Richfield and Denard Robinson is to abandon all caution, and let the Brian Kelly playbook loose.
- Only in his second start, Dayne Crist will make a mistake or two with the added responsibility, but he will mature before Irish eyes in the second half, leading Notre Dame to victory and a top-10 ranking.

**Statistical Leaders**

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**Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

**Record:** 1-0

**AP:** NR

**Head coach:** Brian Kelly

**Def. Coordinator:** Bob Diaco

**Off. Coordinator:** Charley Molnar

**Specialists**
- Discipline Coordinator: Ed Warberry
- Strength Coach: Pete Shinnick
- Head Athletic Trainer: John Heisler

**Irish Offense vs. Wolverines Defense**

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**EDGE:** Notre Dame

Denard Robinson scares me, but I’m willing to bet Manti Te’o’s scar from Robinson more — or, at least he will after laying his first lick on the Michigan quarterback. So doubt, Robinson was impressive in his debut, but playing against a confident Irish defense in Notre Dame Stadium is a whole new ballgame. He’ll make plays with his legs, but I think Notre Dame will limit his ability to pass effectively.

### FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, Michigan 24
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“It’s a real challenge,” Diaco said. “He’s as talented as all the ball carriers on their team and on our team with the ball in his hands. When you think of him as a quarterback and not as a ball carrier, when he becomes a ball carrier, it is like they have 12 guys.”

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“Their offense, obviously, is set to run the football,” Kelly said. “Now, [Robinson will] throw the ball and he’s very accurate. Most of his throws are contained within five or 10 yards of the line of scrimmage, but if you fall asleep on him he can throw the ball over your head.”

Indeed, against Connecticut, Robinson completed only one pass for more than 16 yards. That one play, with sophomore receiver Terrence Robinson on the other end, went for 43 yards and set up Michigan’s final touchdown of the game, an 11-yard touchdown pass.

“[He has a strong arm, throws a nice tight spiral and can make all the throws],” said Diaco, citing a game last year when Robinson, who played sparingly as a freshman last season, entered the game for one play solely to throw a deep pass.

The Irish defense will be able to handle Robinson and the Michigan offense, on one condition, Diaco said.

“All we are going to do is do the best we can in selecting from the menu of installations that we have and preparing the players mentally. Then, they need to clearly know their assignment and do their assignment the entire time.”

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**ND’s OPPONENTS LAST WEEK & THIS WEEK**

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Irish face ‘one of the best athletes’ in Robinson

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

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“I love [Odoms]. I’d love to coach [Odoms]. He’s like a little tiger out there. He’s just an animal.”

Odoms, Robinson and the rest of the Wolverines’ offense relied on speed to score against Connecticut.

Diaco said he expects to slow the Wolverines down with his typical “gap control.”

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Walk-on kicker finds way to top of depth chart

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It was never surprising for coaches to see a walk-on competing with a recruited player for the starting kicker spot.

So it wasn’t a surprise when senior David Ruffer won that spot and kicked three field goals on three tries, including a 46-yarder, Saturday against Purdue.

“We don’t treat guys as walk-ons,” special teams coach Mike Elston said. “If they’re brought in to be a part of the team they’re expected to help us improve our football team.”

Ruffer joined the Irish in 2008 as a backup to then-sophomore Brandon Walker, and he spent 2009 in a backup role behind then-freshman Nick Tausch.

He spent fall camp competing with Tausch, and came out ahead.

“Coach Kelly and I had been saying all week and all of fall camp that it was going to be a battle down to the end,” Elston said. “David was better with his tempo, better with his timing and more accurate in practice.”

And though coaches weren’t surprised, Ruffer never saw himself as a starting kicker at Notre Dame.

“It’s kind of the back of the mind, something you think about before you go to bed at night, maybe,” he said.

Ruffer began his college career at William & Mary in Virginia. He was a kicker for the Tribe, which plays in the Football Championship Series, formerly Division I-AA. He transferred to Notre Dame after his freshman year and joined the Siegfried Ramblers for Notre Dame’s interhall season.

“For Ruffer, who didn’t play football in high school, the biggest thing he has had to improve was the speed between the snap and the kick.”

Elston said Ruffer would be used to attempt field goals up to the low 50s in length.

“Maybe 55 if the wind is right,” he said.

Being trusted in a 55-yard kick situation at Notre Dame is a long way from where Ruffer ever imagined he would be.

“I never thought I’d be starting,” he said. “You know, it would be cool to make the team, be a part of the program.”

“Coach Kelly and the special teams that I’ve been a part of, sometimes we’ll start six, seven walk-ons in front of starters,” Elston said. “They want to be a part of something. So they work a little bit harder, maybe, in some areas. Hard work beats talent when it hardly works.”

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