University selects head of undergraduate enrollment

By LAURA McCRYSTAL

New Editor

Donald Bishop, a 1977 Notre Dame graduate, will become associate vice president for undergraduate enrollment, effective Dec. 1, the University announced Wednesday.

Bishop, who has worked with enrollment at several colleges and universities, succeeds Dan Saracino, who retired in June as director of undergraduate admissions. Robert Mundy currently serves as interim director.

“As an alumnus and the parent of a Notre Dame graduate student, I’m delighted to welcome him back to his alma mater,” Bishop’s hiring also marks the establishment of a new collaboration between the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Office of Student Financial Services, as he will oversee both offices.

“Colleges have to understand that there’s a connection between financial decision making in the college investment and in the final college selection,” Bishop said. “So we are adopting this system to become more productive and efficient.”

Bishop said the University would remain need-blind in its admission process, but the change allows Notre Dame to examine the correlation between enrollment and financial decisions for high school students and their families.

“Financial considerations today are more important than they’ve ever been,” he said. “So connecting financial aid and admissions is something that now many schools have migrated to managing together so it’s a consistent strategic planning process.”

Bishop began his career with the Notre Dame admissions office in 1977, and rose to associate director of admissions before he left in 1985 to work as dean of enrollment at Ohio Wesleyan University. He also held positions in enrollment at Cornell University, Creighton University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he currently serves as the associate vice president for enrollment management.

“I view it as an advantage that I left Notre Dame and learned about other institutions and how they were being perceived by the public,” Bishop said. “Notre Dame has a lot more resources now than when I worked in the admissions office before. And what we want to do is make sure we’re not just referencing the correlation between enrollment and financial aid decisions.”

Students attend Notre Dame as study abroad, adjust to new culture

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

News Writer

In the past month, Anna Tordjmann has had a lot of firsts — her first time being a student at Notre Dame, her first time in the United States and her first American football game.

“At the first football game I didn’t understand the rules, and it was very long,” she said. “But I went on Wikipedia afterward to look up the rules so I understood them. This last one I was so into the game. It was so intense and I was really nervous.”

Tordjmann is one of the 15 international students studying abroad at Notre Dame. Six of those students are here for the semester and nine for the year. Sam Lockhart, an international student from Ohio Wesleyan University, said his favorite classes have been in the history department.

“I view it as an advantage to study at Notre Dame because they offer so many options,” she said. “I’ve been able to learn a lot about Notre Dame as a premier educational institution and appreciate the distinctive education that Notre Dame offers as a premier Catholic research university.”

Both AT&T and Verizon have had more trouble adjusting to new culture than others had to American culture.

International students share their experiences

Foreign students adjust to life in America, studies at Notre Dame

By LAURA McCRYSTAL

New Editor

When Yi Fang came from Beijing to begin Notre Dame Law School in 2008, she was constantly exhausted after a day spent speaking English and trying to understand a new culture.

“People figure because I speak English so well, I must know the culture already. But that’s totally not true,” Fang said. “I actually suffered from culture shock quite a lot.”

Fang, a third-year law student and assistant rector in McGlinch Hall, said she now realizes that her experience is typical for international students.

This year, 276 new University-sponsored internationals

Students struggle with reception

By CHRISTIAN MYERS

News Writer

If that special someone has yet to text you back, don’t panic. It’s probably just a problem with the cell phone service.

Students using AT&T and Verizon — the two main service providers on campus — have recently experienced problems due to increased capacity. Steven Ellis, director of Integrated Communication Services, said, “We really do care. We feel your pain and pass it on to [the cell phone service providers] as best we can,” Ellis said.

AT&T and Verizon account for 90 percent of cell use on campus and both have experienced problems this year as they adjust to increases in traffic.

AT&T saw their use double since last year and Verizon has experienced a significant increase as well. Ellis said, “Imagine all the cars on campus. If next year the number of cars doubled, it would have an impact,” he said. “People would want parking garages. Both Verizon and AT&T have had to add capacity.”

AT&T has had more trouble than Verizon and is preparing to provide a new frequency on campus. The new frequency is
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your football weekend activity?

Members of the Notre Dame Vietnamese Student Association mingle during a club meeting Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

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IN BRIEF

Ricardo Pau-Llosa will be giving a lecture today in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art from 4 to 5 p.m. A reception will follow at the Ashbaugh Decorative Arts Gallery.

Dr. Arjan Makhijani, Fellow of the American Physical Society, UC-Berkeley trained engineer and President of Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, will present the seminar "A Reliable, 100% Renewable, US Electricity System: Why nuclear and ‘clean’ coal may harm climate goals.” 7:30 p.m. in 283 Galvin Life Science.

A Law and Economics Symposium entitled “Housing: Law and Policy” will take place Friday at the Eck Hall of Law room 1140 from 2 to 5 p.m. Speakers include Robert C. Ellison, the Walter E. Meyer Professor of Properties and Urban Law at Yale Law School, and Edward L. Glaeser, the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics at Harvard University.

The annual Domer Run will take place Saturday at 9 a.m., beginning outside the stadium. There are three races: a 6-mile run, a 3-mile run, and a 2-mile family fun run. Registration is $15 per person if you pre-register using RecRegister. Registration on the day of the race is $20 per person. Registration is open to the community.

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

Corrections

In the Sept. 15 edition of The Observer, the location of the Welcome Back Pizza was misidentified. It will be at the Robinson Community Learning Center. In addition, the Eddy Stout Community Bar & Grill will be held April 23 and May 1, and the Notre Dame band will head to Times Square when they travel to New York City for the Army game. The Observer regrets these errors.
Group discusses pep rallies, beND

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student Senate discussed feedback from the Michigan pep rally and previewed the events planned for the upcoming beND campaign weekend at its meeting Wednesday.

Several senators said residents of their dorms had positive feelings following the Michigan pep rally Friday.

“A lot of the girls in my dorm were concerned about going back to Irish Green for the pep rallies,” Pasquailla East senator Julie Doherty said. “But everyone said (the Michigan pep rally) was infinitely better than last year.”

Some girls did complain that they had limited view of the stage, she said, and senators said the dorms participating in the walkover and the pep rally needed to be more organized.

“Our dorm got completely separated,” Walsh Hall senator Hallie Brewster said. “There were some points where I even lost some of my friends.”

University Affairs chair Chass Riddle said many dorms still had to compete for location once they arrived on the grass in front of the stage.

Movement of the dorms is under discussion for the Sept. 24 pep rally before the Stanford game, student body president Catherine Soler said.

The next pep rally will be held in the Purcell Pavilion to gauge which venues students enjoy the most, she said. Soler also informed Senate members of details for the beND campaign weekend that begins Friday.

The weekend will revolve around four events to engage the community, beginning with a picnic at the Robinson Learning Center in South Bend Friday at 5:30 p.m., Soler said.

Other events include the Eddy Street Commons Block Party at 2 p.m. Saturday to promote Eddy Street vendors, and a presentation from attorney C.L. Lindsay Sunday at 8:30 p.m., she said.

“We will have a panel discussion on Monday called ‘State of Arrest’ with representatives from Notre Dame, NDSP, Excise Police, ResLife, a defense attorney and student government,” Soler said.

The discussion will last 60 minutes and will be followed by questions from student government and students, she said.

Senators said students would be interested in learning what to do when police come to an off-campus party and why police are now arresting for underage drinking rather than issuing citations.

Student government will begin the question and answer session with suggestions from the senators before opening the floor to students, Soler said.

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Key4Women forum

By LUCIE GORDON
News Writer

Keybank’s Key4Women Forum, a seminar designed to educate and empower businesswomen, will be held today at Saint Mary’s College.

Cindy Solomon, a nationally renowned speaker and the president of Solomon and Associates, will deliver the keynote address. Solomon has consulted organizations including Google, Cisco and the Ritz Carlton.

“It really is a great seminar,” said Martha Smith, project director of the Women’s Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) at Saint Mary’s. WEI partnered with Keybank to bring the seminar to campus.

Smith said the program shares a lot of the same goals and values as WEI, and the partnership “seemed like a natural fit.”

Key4Women, founded in 2005, lends money to qualified women entrepreneurs so they can start and maintain successful businesses. It also strives to offer advice to help businesswomen set their companies apart from the crowd.

This particular forum will travel across the nation and stop in 15 different cities.

Solomon’s talk, “The Art of Creating True Customer and Employee Loyalty,” will give women suggestions on how to conduct their business based on her own success as an entrepreneur.

She will particularly emphasize the importance of establishing long-term relationships with both employees and customers. The event will also give local business owners a chance to meet and network with other business owners in the area.

The forum costs $10 and will benefit the Kelly cares Foundation, an organization established by Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly and his wife, Paqui, that supports several organizations, but promotes breast cancer awareness in particular.

“I think it’s pretty neat what they’re doing for Kelly’s foundation,” Smith said.

Although today’s forum will primarily include local entrepreneurs, Smith hopes the forum will return next year and involve Saint Mary’s students.

The forum will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on the Saint Mary’s campus.

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International students entered Notre Dame, making it the largest incoming class of international students in recent memory, according to McKenna Pencak, assistant director of communications and outreach for International Student Services and Activities. In 2009, around 250 new international students entered the University.

“In comparison to last year, there has been an increase,” Pencak said. “Undergraduate admissions is strongly trying to recruit international students.”

These 276 students represent 60 countries, Pencak said. Eighty-nine of these new students are undergraduates.

Pencak said the University is specifically recruiting in Asia and Latin America. The largest number of new international students this year came from China.

Once international students arrive at Notre Dame, Pencak said many of them experience the culture shock Fang described. To better aid the adaptation period, International Student Services and Activities held a two-and-a-half day international student orientation for the first time this fall, compared to the one-day program it hosted in past years.

Pencak said the orientation included mandatory workshops, which covered topics such as maintaining immigration status and health care and optional workshops ranging from “Catholicism 101” to American culture.

“Many students experience culture shock, and we can provide them resources to work through that … but it’s very different for every student,” Pencak said.

Sophomore Ava Lee, who is South Korean and went to middle school and high school in Shanghai, said she did not experience culture shock when she came to Notre Dame. She said the American students whom she met, however, were shocked to meet her — she spoke perfect English and decided to attend an American university, despite never having lived in the United States.

“I knew I would have to experience some changes coming here, so I was prepared for that, but I don’t think I had a major culture shock,” Lee said. “I think people had culture shock when they met me.”

Lee said she looked at other American universities, but chose Notre Dame for its strong business school and for its lack of diversity.

“I also thought it might be interesting to come to a school where diversity might not be as high,” she said.

Fang, on the other hand, visited the counseling center during her second year to discuss her culture shock. She said the counselor showed her a chart with a curve outlining the stages of adjustment for international students.

“I can actually identify myself with each stage of that curve,” Fang said. “Because Notre Dame is a very supporting environment, once [students] stick through the bottom tier, their spirit goes up and they are able to find their own identity in this new environment.”

Culture shock is similar to the adjustment of undergraduate freshmen to college life, Fang said. In her role as an assistant director of communications, she found it easy to relate to undergraduates. She also said the position allowed her to understand the unique culture of Notre Dame.

“The spirit of Notre Dame lies in the undergraduate culture, so I really wanted to get to know where I am calling home,” she said.

Lee also had the opportunity to share her experiences as an international student. Over the summer she had an internship through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student International Business Council to promote Notre Dame in Asia. She traveled to high schools telling students and principals about the University, which she said is not as well known to Asian as other highly-ranked American universities.

Lee said even though she did not feel homesick during her freshman year, the international student experience at Notre Dame is different from other universities. For example, she had to learn about the game of football and adjust to life outside a big city. While her friends who also came to school in the U.S. did not have to make these same transitions, Lee said the Notre Dame environment is perfect for her.

“I actually love it here because I think it’s a good balance between going back home … and coming here, where I can actually focus and study,” she said.

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expected to greatly improve service, but will not be available for a few more months.

On-campus cell phone service is mainly provided by small antennas placed around campus, Ellis said.

The University contracted with a company called NextG to construct these small antennas and to place them so that they provided optimal coverage while remaining out of sight. Ellis said the University made sure the antennas did not affect the aesthetics of campus and went to extra lengths to keep the antennas camouflaged and out of view. After these small antennas were constructed, they were made available to service providers and sold on first, followed by Verizon, and recently Sprint. T-Mobile expressed no interest in using the antennas and relies on off-campus towers, Ellis said.

Aside from problems adjusting to increased traffic, there are still “building” problems, which include certain buildings or areas where service is inconsistent or lacking, Ellis said.

These problems arise because the small antennas are less effective at penetrating buildings and new construction changes the arrangement of buildings on campus.

“The new frequency should help with this, but it is something we’ll continue to work on,” he said. “We are in the process of identifying any buildings the new frequency might not reach.”

As a possible solution to “in building” issues, Ellis offered the option of using devices called femto cells, which can be placed by a window and provide supplementary service for an area a bit bigger than a dorm room. These devices are offered by both Verizon and AT&T, he said.

After installing femto cells in dorm rooms, there is a waiting period, AT&T says takes up to 90 minutes. But Ellis said in his experience, it can take up to four or five hours.

“The installation process is anxious, burdensome and difficult to do, but it is an option,” he said.

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SGA Members discuss co-exchange issue

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The Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) continued to discuss the co-exchange program and explored ways it could partner with Notre Dame’s student govern- ment at its meeting Wednesday. Last week, SGA held a forum regarding co-exchange, which was meant to allow student voices to be heard, student body president Rachael Chesley said. But she said many stu-
dents did not feel the administration listened to what they had to say.

“I think in the upcoming weeks, we are going to stay on the administration because I don’t want them to think that we’ve forgotten about this and that students are suddenly OK,” she said.

Chesley encouraged SGA to consider creative ways for the administration to make up for the lack of co-exchange meal ticket availability.

SGA also created a new finance committee, which will be responsible for creating the budget, as well as working with clubs and organizations for sponsorship purposes.

In the past, much of SGA’s meeting time was spent dis-
cussing whether or not to give clubs money. If co-
considered productivity, Chesley said.

“We want the finance committee will take care of that end of things,” she said.

SGA also discussed several partnership opportunities with Notre Dame’s student govern-
ment. Chesley said there were two opportunities to work directly with the University’s student leaders.

SGA planned to co-sponsor an event where a new student at Notre Dame would visit the community and to co-sponsor a program that reaches out to local businesses and creates a partnership so students can receive discounts.

“It will encourage students to go out to the local businesses, which will help them, and it’ll help students because it will be more cost-effective to go out,” Chesley said.

“Also, it’s going to benefit the community.”

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we’re using those resources very actively and creatively.”

Bishop said his work at other institutions also allowed him to understand the qualities that allow Notre Dame to stand apart from other universities.

“I think Notre Dame is excep-
tional and not like other
schools. It’s really unique in
American higher education,”
he said.

To effectively attract appli-
cants who would thrive at Notre Dame, Bishop said he will engage current students, parents and faculty. He wants to learn why students and par-
tents chose Notre Dame, and also which qualities professors see as most valuable in their students.

For example, Notre Dame is known for students with strong character, in addition to aca-
demic profiles and test scores. Bishop said would like to hold students to an even higher standard than the traditionally strong Notre Dame graduate.

“ ‘So how do we balance the intellectual ability of students and the emotional ability?’ He said. ‘That’s very lofty and it will take some time, but it will be interesting to make the effort.’

Bishop has an interest in research, which he said he owes to both his undergraduate and master’s degrees in eco-
nomics from Notre Dame. He has extensively researched the selection process at top univer-
sities around the country, and he plans to explore which desired attributes of students could play a bigger role in the admissions process at Notre Dame.

“It is important for Notre Dame to succeed and to be the most attractive intellectual opportuni-ty for students who want to use that success to serve others,” he said. “So first priority is pulling the team together and just trying to think creatively if there are other things that we can do.”

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student advisor for the International Student Services and Activities Office.

Tordjmann, a junior polit-
cal science major from
France, said she did not encounter many difficulties adjusting to American cul-
ture.

“This is my first time in the United States,” she said. “The culture is not very different from French culture, because in France there’s American culture everywhere.”

Tordjmann said the Notre Dame community has been welcoming, helpful and friendly.

“It’s a healthy atmosphere,” she said.

Yamel Cardona Gloria, a senior from Mexico, is also studying abroad at Notre Dame. She found out about Notre Dame through a pro-
Rector/teacher at her school in Puebla, la Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP).

“I’m the only one from my school who came to study in America,” she said. “I wanted to do research science, and I found that the laboratories in Notre Dame are excellent and the science professors here do excellent research.”

Both students said there are differences between life at home and life at Notre Dame.

Tordjmann, who lives in Lyons Hall, said dorm life has been an interesting adjust-
ment because universities in Paris do not offer a similar living situation.

“In Paris, we have apartments, and we’re in the core of the city,” she said.

Cardona, a clinical bio-
chemistry student at UDLAP, agreed that living in a dorm has been a unique experi-
ence. She said universities in Paris need to have dormitories, but they do not have the same atmosphere as dormitories at Notre Dame.

Cardona, who lives in Ryan Hall, said her dorm has been a source of support through-
out her transition to Notre Dame.

“I like my dorm a lot. The rectors, rector assistants and girls there help me with everything — like buying books, registering for classes and (understanding) flex points,” she said.

Another difference Tordjmann noticed between college life in Paris and college life at Notre Dame is that Notre Dame students fill their schedules to the brim, leaving little room for free time.

For students in Paris, time is more fluid — not every hour of every day is sched-
uled.

Tordjmann also said American courses seem to have much longer readings assigned for each class period than her courses in Paris did.

Cardona said her course-
work at Notre Dame is very similar to her coursework in Mexico. The language barrier has not been a significant issue, because most science articles she read at UDLAP were written in English.

The biggest difference, she said, is material here is cov-
ered in a shorter amount of time.

“We start school earlier [in Mexico] and we don’t have any fall break,” she said.

“There is a greater density of information [in the courses] here.”

Both students plan on trav-
elling during their stay in America, particularly to big cities like New York, Chicago and Boston.

“I want to start with the East Coast, then go to Los Angeles. I also want to go to Colorado,” Tordjmann said. “I don’t have any [set] plans, but I certainly want to travel as much as I can.”

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On Monday, former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich will be on campus showcasing his new documentary, “Nine Days Which Changed the World,” which recounts the nine-day visit Pope John Paul II made to his native Poland in June of 1979, a visit that elucidated opposition to Soviet communism in Eastern Europe.

Now, for the most part, Gingrich has been considered a pretty smart guy — he was the intellectual force behind the “Contract With America” that helped Republicans win back control of the House of Representatives in 1994 after 40 years of Democratic control, and he has authored numerous books on history and politics. And while there are numerous issues on which I disagree with the former speaker, I was pleased to hear Notre Dame had invited him to come show his film and give his spiel.

This University ought to be a place where people of all political and religious persuasions can come to present their ideas and viewpoints in a respectful and constructive environment. Fr. Jenkins eloquently put forth this notion when he invited the President to speak at Commencement in 2009, so it is no surprise that he is continuing to uphold this principle in inviting Gingrich.

What is a little more surprising is the reaction to the former speaker’s visit amongst students, faculty and alumni who so vehemently opposed Obama’s presence on campus a year and a half ago. Or rather, the lack of a reaction from them. These people, who were so quick to yell and scream about how the World, the world, the world, the nation, the planet was going to fall apart if the President was on campus, were not just upset about the decision to allow him to speak about his controversial views, I didn’t even bother to yell and scream about how the World, the world, the world, the nation, the planet was going to fall apart if the President was on campus.

I was sitting comfortably in the press box this Saturday, taking in another great matchup between Notre Dame and Michigan. In the press box, you can’t raise your voice, express any emotions or do pushups with the folks over at ESPN.

As for me, I will continue to sip club soda in the press box. I prefer going to the student section at East Lansing. I hear there are fights.

Where’s the protest?

Ryan Williams
freethoughts

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Truth is beautiful, without doubt; but so are lies.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson
U.S. poet

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.”

Aldous Huxley
English novelist

Chris Masoud
Assistant Sports Editor

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Fr. Lou DelFra

Faithpoint

Worth every penny

After more than a year of imprisonment in an Iranian jail, Sarah E. Shourd is finally able to come back to the United States. The young woman, along with two other American citizens, was captured in June 2009 by the Iranian police for illegally trespassing into an Iranian jail, Sarah E. Shourd is finally

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Crimson, the daily publication serving the Notre Dame family. Fisher Hall residents, where Fr. Warner has lived the past 22 years. Fr. Warner’s own family and friends.

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By DECLAN SULLIVAN  Scene Writer

Whereas the focus of Bon Iver is usually on founder Justin Vernon, drummer S. Carey — real name Sean Carey — has been more in the limelight as of late. His debut album, “All We Grow,” an awesome album to just put on and relax to, was released on Aug. 24 to solid reviews, and he is currently on tour with The Tallest Man on Earth.

Recently, I managed to get a phone interview with Sean about the album, the songwriting, and the whole SVOK (Solemn Veal Orchestra) thing. It’s part of our musical culture, and it reflects a lot of things that are going on right now.

So first the basics: Where are you from, how did you get into music, when did you first want to be in a band, all that stuff?

Sure. I grew up in Lake Geneva, Wis., and I started playing drums when I was 10. I was into music even before that: my mom is a singer, and my dad is a musician and music teacher. I was listening to a lot of music as a kid, for sure. I remember I saw my oldest sister play in the middle school jazz band, and that was the coolest thing, especially the drummer.

Really, for jazz bands? I used to be in it, I never really pictured it as a cool thing.

(laughs) Yeah, I thought it was really cool. I played in jazz bands until ... well I still do. I definitely thought it was cool, I guess I’m a nerd.

Yeah, I guess everyone who played an instrument in high school was kind of a nerd in one way or another: Join the club on that one. You can’t really bust out the trumpet to get girls. (laughs) You just picked the wrong instrument.

What other instruments do you play? It’s not really beat-intensive East-coast or other solo albums by drummers. Yours was a lot more melodic and ambient, which I found kind of surprising. Did you play any other instruments on the album?

I played most everything on the album except a little bit of pedal steel (guitar). I don’t know how to play that. I also didn’t play any of the woodwind stuff. My friend Nick played a little bit of the guitar stuff, and this guy Jeremy Boehtler played bass, but yeah, the rest was mostly me.

Where’d you find the time to pick up all those instruments?

Well, ever since I was growing up, I wanted to play other instruments, especially guitar and piano. I worked on them for a long time, trying to learn Ben Folds songs, or Weezer and Radiohead songs. You can learn drums, but it’s more fun to learn the other parts. I learned a lot of the melodic percussion stuff — vibes, marimbas — at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

I didn’t know there was a big music scene in Wisconsin; I always pictured you [and Bon Iver] being from Greenwich Village or something. There are a ton of awesome musicians up here, but yeah, especially growing up, it was like ‘Oh man, I’ll never be able to do anything unless I’m in L.A. or New York or Chicago or whatever but now it seems like there’s a bunch of East Coast bands getting some recognition. It’s a really cool, really supportive community.

Yeah, that sounds great; we need some more stuff coming out of the Midwest. What was it like creating an album? Like, how did you even make it?

Well, I didn’t start out thinking I was going to write an album. I had a couple of songs, and it just kind of went from there. I recorded a few songs, and I was looking at getting further into those songs and recorded more layers, then I had friends who helped me, and I couldn’t play, and by that time I had come up with more songs until finally just I had this final length.

When did you find time to do all that with Bon Iver going on?

Well, we had a tour in the middle of the year for a month and then back for three weeks. I didn’t have anything to do when I was home besides rest and hang out with family and friends, so I had some time to focus on it. It’s not like I was coming back and working a day job or anything.

That’s got to be sweet just to make your living just doing what you want like that.

(laughs) Yeah, it’s amazing.

So with Bon Iver and now being a solo artist and everything, are people ever just like ‘Oh my god, it’s the guy from Bon Iver: It’s Sean Carey’?

It’s happened, yeah, mostly in Eau Claire — it’s a pretty small town — but it’s happened in Minneapolis and places like that, but not so it’s kind of random. It happened once while I was in Target.

Really?

(laughs) Yeah, some suburb of Minneapolis. It was weird, but it was flattering too. I mean meeting fans ... yeah it’s cool.

Do you ever know what to say?

Yeah, sometimes I have no idea what to say. I just kind of say ‘Hey’ thanks for coming to say hi ... Yeah. I’m probably not the best at just jumping into conversations like that.

Embracing the whole famous rock star persona thing for a month and then back for three weeks. I didn’t have anything to do when I was home besides rest and hang out with family and friends, so I had some time to focus on it. It’s not like I was coming back and working a day job or anything.

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develop your music-making process?

In the grand scope of things, your music isn’t exactly on the Hot 100 Billboard. As the kind of the musician that plays relatively non-commercial music, what do you think of pop music today?

I like pop a lot, my wife only likes that stuff, so that’s what’s on in the car. I don’t know all the artists, but I’m definitely into a lot of rap and hip hop. Some of it’s bad, but I like it; you know what I mean? I’ve definitely warmed up to that stuff, I think. It’s cool.

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By ALEX KILPATRICK  Scene Writer

Eastern Conference Champions was not too long ago, an unknown indie band from Philly. Now the trio, consisting of lead singer and guitarist Josh Ostrander about being part of the “Eclipse” soundtrack and their music-making process:

Why did you choose the name Eastern Conference Champions?

We kind of picked it of the whole Internet thing took off, and we didn’t realize that we would have to type it out all the time. We chose it because we’re from Philly. We have a hockey team there called the Flyers, and when you describe your sound for the new album the LP is probably not going to come out until the beginning of next year. We’ve been talking in labels, but they’re probably not going to want it to come out until next year. But as for our sound, we take risks that we probably wouldn’t have taken five years ago.

Can you briefly describe your music-making process?

It’s pretty straightforward and easy to get things done. I usually come up with ideas on guitar and piano, and then we do a rough demo. Greg and Melissa will tell me what they like and don’t like about the demo.

Team Edward or Team Jacob?

Melissa is definitely Team Jacob, but Greg and I are Team Edward. It’s funny, when we went to the Red Carpet event, everyone asked us that, but we didn’t know much about Twilight, so we would just say, ‘what?’ in response.

Your new LP is rumored to be released in the fall. How would you describe your sound for the new album?

We’re too bothered with new music. We tend to listen to classic rock when we’re church around as a band. We try not to pull too much from anybody. When we’re writing new music, we try to sound as natural as possible.

How has your music evolved over the past few years?

I think we take more risks than we normally would. Once we were at a label, we started writing songs that we wanted to write. We were put on a five-minute song on the CD. Let’s do our music where we go and write music that we enjoy. We’ve been too excited about the new record that’s coming out and for people to listen to it. It’s really well thought-out record.

Anything else you would like to add?

Come to our Chicago show on Sept. 24.

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S. CAREY

SHOWS TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH DEBUT LP
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Weekend Events Calendar

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Shamrock Snack Shack: McGinn Hall
Where: First floor, special events kitchen
When: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everything in this cute little shop is less than a dollar! Volunteers from McGinn bake everything — including cupcakes, cookies and a gluten-free "bag of the week" item (this week's is puppy chow). Besides the daily offerings, students (and parents) can order specially baked cakes by emailing dmckane@nd.edu. Those prices vary according to the size and intricacy of the order. All profits go to the dorm. For additional information, join the Facebook page.

Ed's: St. Edward's Hall
Where: Room 106
When: Sunday through Thursday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday through Saturday, 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The newest dorm food establishment on campus is Ed's, serving up a mix of crispy carbohydrates and ice cream shop favorites. Prices range from $2 to $5 for hot Paninis, mozzarella sticks, Pizza Bites, milkshakes, smoothies and "ice cream novelties," according to Brian Conway, vice president of St. Edward's Hall. The profits go back into the dorm to fund signature events like Founder's Week and the Yacht Dance.

Dorm Eateries

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Get Him to the Greek

This week's SUB movie is the hilarious follow-up to 2008's "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." In "Get Him to the Greek," Russell Brand stars again as narcissistic musician Aldous Snow. An intern (Jonah Hill, also of "Sarah Marshall") is hired to escort Snow from his home in England to the Greek Theater in Los Angeles. Ridiculous mishaps and general hilarity ensue in this summer hit. "Get Him to the Greek" is showing in DeBartolo 101 Thursday at 10 p.m. The film will also be shown Friday and Saturday at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.

Niles Haunted House Screem Park

Start the Halloween season off right with the Niles Haunted House Screem Park in Niles, Mich. The park features five different haunted attractions: a brand new haunted house, Zach's Zombie Motel, stories of phantom pirate ships at the Legend of Pirates Cove, a mile-long Haunted Hayride and a haunted maze at the Field of Screams. The park is open from 8 to 11 p.m. and all attractions are under $10. The Niles Haunted House Screem Park runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout all of October.

Cavanaugh Game Watch on North Quad

Not making the road trip to Michigan State this weekend? Join your fellow students and watch the Irish take on the Spartans this Saturday night when Cavanaugh Hall sponsors a game watch on North Quad. Bring your friends, some blankets and the Shirt over to watch the game on a big screen right in the middle of North Quad from 8 p.m. to midnight and cheer the Irish to victory. Don't miss this opportunity to show your school spirit on North Quad Saturday night.

Metropolis

See the newly restored version of Fritz Lang's film masterpiece with 25 minutes of brand new footage. "Metropolis," a classic of silent cinema, takes place in a futuristic dystopia divided strictly by class. This social hierarchy is shaken up when the son of a rich city official falls in love with a working-class prophet who heralds the coming of a savior to reform society. A copy of the film with an additional 25 minutes of footage was recently discovered in Argentina and is being screened in the Browning Cinema at DPAC at 3 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

Highlander Grill: Duncan Hall
Where: First floor, 24-hour lounge
When: Sunday through Thursday, 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Friday through Saturday, 12 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

A variety of backyard barbecue joys fill out the menu at the grill, including staples like hamburgers and cheese dogs. The signature dish, however, is "The FT" (named for the hall's rector, Fr Tom Eckert). The $3 chicken sandwich is topped with bacon, barbecue sauce and mozzarella cheese.

Bullwinkles: Dillion
When: Sunday, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Monday through Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Bullwinkles is the training site for future entrepreneurs. One Dillonite is chosen to run Bullwinkles every year. He hires his own staff from amongst his dorm mates and courses their salary. He keeps the rest of the profits since he is basically the owner for the year. Their menu consists of pizza bagels, buffalo chicken wings, chicken nuggets, cheese fries, nachos, mozzarella sticks and pretzels. Special combo meals, such as the P. Diddy Platter and the Happy Meal, are provided. Prices start as low as $0.50. For additional information, check out their webpage at https://www.nd.edu/~dillon/bullwinkles.html.

Check back tomorrow for more profiles of dorm eateries.
Young still considers Bush Heisman winner

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vince Young didn’t want the Heisman Trophy anyway.

The Heisman Trust decided Wednesday to vacate the 2005 award after Reggie Bush gave it back. The news came shortly after Young talked to reporters, trying to dodge questions about the Heisman because he’s busy preparing for his first career start against Pittsburgh.

The man who finished a distant second to Bush in the Heisman voting has been deluged with questions about the Heisman. Young even struck the Heisman pose cradling the crystal football given to the Longhorns as BCS champions. Titans tight end Bo Scaife, who played with Young at Texas, said they all know the Heisman was置换 in 2005.

“He took that out in the national championship,” Scaife said.

Young said Monday on ESPN’s SportsCenter that he wanted the Heisman. Asked about the comment Wednesday, Young said that was a joke taken the wrong way. “I’m worried about the Pittsburgh Steelers right now. I really don’t even want to answer no questions about no Heisman Trophy if y’all can please help me out with it.”

Teammate Chris Johnson understands Young not wanting the Heisman.

“At the end of the day, everybody’s going to know that he won the Heisman that year even though he doesn’t have it in his possession, he’s still the Heisman winner for that year,” Johnson said.

Young has plenty to console himself as he looks back on a disappointing season. Young was the first quarter- back drafted — at No. 1 overall — in April 2006. He won the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award and made the first of two Pro Bowl appearances. Only the late Steve McNair, George Blanda and Warren Moon have gone to more for this franchise.

But Young has a Super Bowl ring with the Saints, and that’s something Young wants for himself and his teammates in Tennessee (1-0).

Young is playing pretty well these days, too.

He is 9-2 since getting his starting job back last season and is the NFL’s top-rated passer after the opening week. Young was 31-for-52 for 381 yards and TD pass in win over San Diego. The 38-13 win over Oakland improved Young to 27-13 as a starter in his career, the seventh-best winning percentage among all active quarterbacks.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said any first start against the Steelers’ defense is challenging for any quarterback.

“He’s got a big week ahead of him and he’s off to a good start today. This is a team that literally controls the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, and then confuses the most experienced of quarterbacks,” Fisher said.

Young said his confidence is high, but he wants to see how he matches up against Pittsburgh.

“It’s never the same when you’re out there when bullets are flying around and things like that,” Young said.
INDIANAPOLIS — Last week, Colts safety Bob Sanders said he was as healthy as he’s ever been. Now, he’s going to be out of action indefinitely.

The 2007 NFL defensive player of the year had surgery Wednesday to repair a torn biceps muscle in his right arm, an injury that could end his season again. Team officials are not yet saying how much time Sanders could miss.

“I don’t know, and I don’t want to say anything until I have all the information,” coach Jim Caldwell said before the Colts’ practiced Wednesday. A couple of hours later, the Colts (0-1) announced the surgery.

Sanders was hurt Sunday when he landed awkwardly on his shoulder during Houston’s first offensive series. He did light work during a non-contact practice Monday before having an MRI, then met with Dr. James Andrews in Alabama to get a second opinion Wednesday morning. Apparently, Andrews determined the two-time Pro Bowler needed surgery.

For Sanders, it’s the latest addition to his long list of injuries. Just 10 months ago, Sanders went on season-ending injured reserve with a torn biceps in the left arm. And since winning the league’s top defensive honor and signing a $37.5 million contract after the 2007 season, Sanders has played in just nine games. He’s actually missed more games (49) than he’s played in (48) during his seven-year career.

Teammates are preparing for the worst.

“It’s a family member and we’d love to have him out there,” Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney said. “But life goes on, the game goes on. Unfortunately, we’ve played a lot of games without him, and I feel bad for him personally.”

If there is any good news for Sanders, it’s this: Indy is keeping him on the 53-man active roster, for now. The team’s release said it would “monitor” Sanders’ rehabilitation before making any additional decision.

“There’s definitely several different routes that he can go,” team owner Jim Irsay said Tuesday. “But it’s way too early to say that he’s definitely done for the season.”

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NBA coach Karl inspires Broncos

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Denver Nuggets coach George Karl was Denver Broncos coach Josh McDaniels’ special guest Wednesday.

Both men were jokingly asked if Karl was at Dove Valley to seek advice on how to handle a superstar who wants out of town. The Nuggets are trying to persuade All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony to sign an extension.

McDaniels, who has sent Pro Bowl players Jay Cutler and Brandon Marshall packing in his short time in Denver, feigned ignorance on the matter.

Karl said he didn’t know how to answer the question, either, but added: “I’m a big fan of his and what he’s done in his career.”

McDaniels said: “He’s overcome a great deal of adversity. It’s just a great privilege for our team to have him around us. He’s been in the meetings, he’ll be at practice, just sharing his experiences and I’m trying to pick his brain in terms of just dealing with this level of coaching and whether it be the NBA or the NFL.

They’re just paying attention to some of the things that we do to try to get our team ready to go and like I said, it’s kind of a full circle because I’m going to pick their brains and see if there’s anything that we can do better that they know,” McDaniels said.

That didn’t include any advice on how to handle Anthony, who’s been the subject of trade rumors all summer as a three-year, $65 million extension sits on the table without his signature.

Anthony has said he’s just taking his time making a decision, but fearful fans point to him putting his Denver-area mansion up for sale amid reports he’d like to take his game to the Big Apple, where he and TV personality LaLa Vazquez were married over the summer.

Associated Press

Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels fields questions during a press conference Friday. The Broncos are 0-1 after a loss to the Jaguars.

TENNIS

Federer to take tournament off

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer will skip Switzerland’s Davis Cup match in Kazakhstan this weekend to stay fresh for the rest of the season.

“I need some extra time to relax after the intense weeks in North America so I can finish the year strong,” Federer said Wednesday on his official website.

Federer reached the U.S. Open semifinals — losing in five sets to Novak Djokovic last Saturday — won the Cincinnati Masters, and lost in the Toronto Masters final. Federer is next scheduled to play at the Shanghai Masters starting Oct. 10, then return to Europe for the indoor hardcourt season.

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the NCAA tournament paired with some of her own, she hopes this year is it.
"I think that if we keep play-
ing the way we are playing, and working hard day in and day out, we will undoubtedly be able to attain those goals," Sciaccabis said.

Individually, I want to finish my career as strongly as possible. I want to go out with a bang. I have set personal statistical blocking goals and hitting percentage goals for myself that nobody really knows about, and if I can achieve these goals I know I will be helping my team out tremendousal.

And it certainly looks as if both the Irish (7-2) and Sciaccabis are on their way. Recently competing in Denver's Pioneer Invite over the past weekend, Notre Dame and Sciacca are on their way.

"I want to instill in the freshmen and underclassmen a good sense of what it means to work hard, be successful, and be a good teammate," Sciaccabis said. "I also want to finish high in the record books as far as my career hitting percentage goes. The statistical records are nice, but I would rather be remembered as a great teammate and as a person with a great work ethic that just loves to play."

Sciaccabis and the Irish will be hosting the Notre Dame volleyball team this weekend at the Purcell Pavilion, featuring Delaware, Santa Clara and Dayton.

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Calvin defeats Belles in three sets

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's gave MIAA rival Calvin a run for their money, but the Knights ultimately proved to be too much for the Belles.
The No. 4 Knights won 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-18) en route to another conference win and continue to be a thorn in the Belles' side, having beaten Saint Mary's three times last season as well. The loss drops Saint Mary's to 2-6 (1-2 MIAA).

While Calvin swept the match, Saint Mary's fought to hold strong against the experienced Knight's offense. While it may not have resulted in a victory, the Belles have much to take from the loss.

After an impressive 3-0 win over Albion to start the season, Wednesday's loss is the Belles' second consecutive conference defeat. Despite losing all three sets, the Belles appeared well-prepared and competitive in each one. In the third set, Saint Mary's led 14-9, forcing the Knights to call a timeout and regroup. Calvin answered by winning 16 of the next 20 points to claim the match. Saint Mary's managed to pick up seven blocks on the night to Calvin's four.

Sophomore Autumn Nelson led the Belles' attack with seven kills. Sophomore Stephanie Bodien added in five and freshman teammate Christi Wyble had four.

Saint Mary's freshman Hallee Leitz notched a team-high 18 assists on the night. Wyble added two solo blocks for the Belles, as well as two block assists.

Junior Danie Brink added six assists and one dig on the night.

The Belles return to the court this weekend when they travel to Manchester College Invitational on Saturday and Sunday. Their opponents include Anderson, Purdue North Central, Principia and Grace. The tournament will mark the end of non-conference play for the Belles before picking up MIAA play again next week when they host Kalamazoo.

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The Oath (2010)

Directed by Laura Poitras

Arabic and English languages with English subtitles

Follow the fascinating journey of two men bound to Al-Qaeda yet divided by fate. One, a taxicab driver in Yemen, is the former bodyguard of Osama bin Laden. The other awaits trial at Guantanamo Bay for war crimes.

Winner of Best Documentary Cinematography at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, The Oath offers a rare window into a hidden realm—and the international impact of the U.S. War on Terror.

Mahan Mirza, Assistant Professor in the Department of Classics, will lead a discussion on the film after the first screening.

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right again, and hopefully correct the bad as well so there is more right than wrong.”

Whenever “next time” comes, Montana can expect to only handle a portion of the playbook. Irish coach Brian Kelly said. After the 28-24 loss Saturday, Kelly said the blame for the back-ups’ poor performance belonged on his shoulders for not preparing them properly. “I just have to do a better job getting them ready,” Kelly said. “Maybe I could have created a package that was just for them and had that been the case, maybe they could have managed the game a little bit better.”

In his Tuesday press conference, Kelly said that package was becoming a reality already, in preparation for any unforeseen circumstances that may arise during this weekend’s game at Michigan State.

“We're going to settle on a package that suits both of them. I think we have to have something that really allows both of those guys to feel comfortable out there and still run our offense in a productive manner,” he said. “We focused a lot on that in our preparation and in our meetings. I’m certain we'll be in a much better place this weekend if we have to go them when they go in the game.”

But Montana and Rees agree — their success depends on more than a limited package.

“It was good experience going in there and getting a couple of reps,” said Rees, who enrolled in January to participate in spring practice with the team. “Now that it's behind me, I need to move forward and keep working hard every day in practice.”

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Irish coach

Working hard in practice would not have inherently prepared either of them for what they faced Saturday, Montana said.

“There is nothing like a live game, especially against Michigan at home,” he said. “I don’t know if you'll get a bigger rush anywhere else.”

After that baptism by fire, Montana said he sees practice in an entirely different light than he did before.

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Kelly emphasized the importance of practice for the two backup quarterbacks, both before, and even more so after, Saturday’s game.

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Elmhurst

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the team’s rough start, put in a solid performance during her time in goal. Walsh, along with the Saint Mary’s defense, was able to ward off Elmhurst for the majority of the first half until the Blue Jays finally broke through in the 39th minute. Additional goals in the 59th and 80th minute sealed the match for Elmhurst.

The Belles also put a few nice shots on net, but were unable to capitalize. Freshman Mollie Valeria had a pair of looks while her classmate Kaitlin Teichman and sophomore Maddie Meckes each added a shot apiece.

The Belles, who still have three remaining games before beginning conference play, will look to register their first win at home against Illinois Tech on Friday.

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Frilling

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court with you. In singles, it is you against your opponent,” Mathews said. “I really enjoy both, but for different reasons.”

Frilling agreed, sharing the love for both aspects of the game.

“Singles and doubles are both completely different games and it’s fun to adjust your game to each,” she said.

The Irish will begin their fall schedule Oct. 3 in Pacific Palisades, Calif. for the All-American Pre Qualifying Tournament.
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2. Softly said
9. Like some 21-
15. At last
17. Give it
19. Give it
20. Elf to GIF
21. Common
23. Mid-sixth-century
25. Eli
26. Starling
27. Mug of H.
29. Costume for a
31. Lab blowup
32. Top 10 singer
34. 1 Across
36. 1 Across
41. 1 Across
44. 1 Across
45. 1 Across
47. 1 Across
72. Talk show host
73. 38-Across
77. 38-Across

Down
1. Beach shelters
3. Strange things
4. Come (from)
5. Ricky-dink
6. Singer of the
10. Runaway user
12. Song with the
13. Song with the
14. White House girl
16. Atlantida’s need
19. One to dress
22. Rusty
23. Part of the “Die
24. New wings
26. Airplane relationship
27. Cuts and splices
28. t.m.e.
29. Sneak’s place

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EUGENIA LAST

HURALIS (Jan. 22-23) You are not as spry as you thought you were. Watch for back and neck problems.

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EUGENIA LAST

HEIGHT: 5’4”
WEIGHT: 135 LBS.
EYE COLOR: HAZEL
HAIR COLOR: BLONDE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Princess Harry, 26; Lil’ Kim, 31; Tommy Lee Jones, 60

Happy Birthday! Focus on making your life better. Decisions you make must be right.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Before you let someone bully you into doing something you don’t want to do, a problem with a partner, restrictions or regulations will wind up in your way. Limit your travel and keep your thoughts to yourself.

TARZAN (April 10-May 10) Talk will help you accomplish more than you think. The time is right to put your thoughts, learn a new language and help others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your whacky sense of humor and focus on what you love. Ideas you generate may surprise everyone. Changes of focus or in your approach are thinking and should be dealt with wisely. Talk over every opportunity and place with someone who has experience, and listen to them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You think about the interests or skills you want to pursue or offer to others. You have the potential to take one of your ambitions to a meaningful and specific focus in one of the two main areas that have interested you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may think that you have enough under control but the truth is that you are more than enough in a position of control. Some of the responses you receive may not be as warm as you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Love is in the stars and forming an intimate agreement with someone will lead to a loving and a greater understanding of the possibilities that lie ahead. Show your emotions instead of hiding how you feel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone will try to mind your way or lead you in the wrong direction, but you can’t rely on others. You can’t force anything to happen, especially when another person is reluctant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone who I have something to contribute to your life, and it’s something that should be considered. A partnership will start off well but it has the potential to turn into a profitable working relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You need to be more patient in your own judgment and know that, at what sometimes feels like the last minute, the cards are not actually a matter of chance. Even so, if you allow someone else to shape things, you will be at a disadvantage. Discipline will be necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do something when you know you are fully capable of doing it. You have to show your willpower, leadership, strength and courage if you want to rise above the expectations of others.

AQURUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Problems will arise at the start of your year and adversity. A period of your year will make you focus on issues that you need to correct out of your path and new ones.

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**Football**

**Backup plan**

*Struggles against Michigan prompt Kelly to focus on backup quarterbacks Rees, Montana*

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

When freshman quarterback Tommy Rees took the field to begin Notre Dame’s second possession Saturday, his appearance surprised many Irish fans.

Two possessions later, junior Nate Montana replaced Rees, and confusion reigned among Notre Dame fans.

In due time, they learned starting quarterback Dayne Crist had suffered a head injury, but they still had questions about Rees and Montana.

Rees only attempted two passes, completing one to a Michigan defender, while Montana completed eight of his 17 attempts for 104 yards, along with an interception and one costly overthrow.

“There were things I did right, and there were things I did wrong,” said Montana, a former walk-on. “I’m learning from both, so that next time I’ll probably do it better.”

**ND Women’s Tennis**

**Frilling receives high ranking in singles poll**

*Junior to compete in All-American event*

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews ranked in the preseason Campbell/ITA Rankings, both individually in singles and as a doubles pair.

Frilling was also selected to compete in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championship.

Both Frilling and Mathews have previously been ranked in the singles preseason polls, where Frilling now stands in eighth and Mathews at 42nd.

“This is my first time being ranked in the top 10 in singles. I’m excited for the fall tournaments and hope to improve my ranking,” Frilling said.

Last season, the doubles matches that the duo played together were enough to earn them the preseason ranking of tenth for the upcoming season.

“I really enjoyed playing with Kristy,” Mathews said. “My doubles game will only improve playing alongside her. We look forward to competing against the top players in the nation.”

Entering the season already ranked brings mixed reviews from the pair regardless of having been in this situation before.

“It definitely puts a bit more pressure on, but I’m really excited to play this fall and keep up with my rankings,” Frilling said.

Rather than feeling pressured, Mathews said she is excited for the ranking.

“It is a great feeling going into a match, tournament or season knowing that we are expected to do well,” she said.

For now, Frilling and Mathews’ said their agendas consist of fall tournaments to stay in shape and on top of their game before the intensity of the spring arrives. In the past two years, the Irish team has advanced to the NCAA Final Four, where both Frilling and Mathews hope to find themselves again this season.

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**ND Women’s Volleyball**

**Sciaccia focused on record**

*Senior Kellie Sciaccia, right, celebrates in an Aug. 29 match against Arizona, recently moved into second place in Notre Dame volleyball history in hitting percentage.*

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Senior Kellie Sciaccia, right, celebrates in an Aug. 29 match against Arizona, recently moved into second place in Notre Dame volleyball history in hitting percentage.

Swinging her way into the Irish record books as the second best career hitter isn’t enough for Kellie Sciaccia. She wants to be the first name in the record books.

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“With doubles, you have a partner out there on the court too, helping you out,” Mathews said.

The senior said, “Being the best motivates me. Off the court too, being the best I can possibly be is what motivates me to work hard.”

Sciaccia’s hard work can be seen in the impressive numbers she has posted in her Notre Dame career and in her coach’s observations, especially in her performance this season.

“Kellie has had a terrific start to the season,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “She has been our ‘go to’ player on offense and her blocking is the best it’s ever been.”

Sciaccia has definitely shown her strongest playing in her senior season. She is working to make sure that this year is the time both she and her team come out on top. With clearly defined team goals of once again winning the Big East and advancing in...
Notre Dame could be on the right track

I try to avoid comparing Brian Kelly to Charlie Weis, and I'd rather not reference "last year" after every win, loss, practice or press conference.

But the fact is, the Irish are 1-1 and coming off a heart-breaking loss to Michigan — just as they were a year ago — which, as hard as we may try, makes it difficult to ignore the parallels to last season.

Your individual degree of optimism or pessimism will dictate how you view Notre Dame's first two performances under Kelly. If your glass is half full, you might argue that tackling has improved, the offensive line looks stronger and with a healthy Dane Crist under center, the Irish would be 2-0. If your glass is half empty, you'll say that "improving" tackling allowed an opposing quarterback more than 500 yards of offense, the line couldn't spring the run game when Notre Dame needed it most, and that whether Crist is healthy or not, there should be a back capable of running the offense.

I've been staring at my proverbial glass all week, and I'm still not sure how I feel, so I won't argue for either view. The truth is, we won't know what this Irish team is different from the last until they step onto the field in East Lansing on Saturday night.

There's no doubt the Michigan loss stung, especially because of how eerily similar it was last year's shocking finish at the Big House. So while I'm hesitant to say the Irish will recover this season as they were last year, I must admit I have a completely different feeling following Notre Dame's first loss this season.

I traveled to Ann Arbor to cover the Michigan game last season, and I was on the sideline for the Wolverines' game-winning score. When Weis walked to the podium for his postgame press conference, I didn't want to listen — I could barely even look up; I was so disgusted by what I had witnessed moments prior. As we all know, we saw similar moments throughout last season, when every Irish loss seemed to come down to the final possession. After each of those losses, Weis delivered the same kind of message: he felt bad for his players and was proud of them for fighting until the end, but he was disappointed they couldn't make one last play to secure a win.

I'm not trying to blast Weis here, as I can surely understand those sentiments and appreciate how difficult it is to stomach a series of gut-wrenching losses. But after hearing Kelly's comments in light of Saturday's loss, I can't help but feel like this team is much more equipped to turn a tough defeat into a speed bump, not a roadblock.

"It's not good enough to say, 'Well, Notre Dame plays hard for four quarters.' You have to play hard, and you have to win," Kelly said. "There won't be any more smiley faces around here until we win.

Not exactly a revolutionary statement, but when was the last time we heard that point made so bluntly? Perhaps more importantly, when was the last time you heard people commend teams like Alabama, Texas and Ohio State for "playing hard?""

"Shouldn't that be a given? Isn't it?" It appears that now, at Notre Dame, it is.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Atkinson's, Tuit commit to Irish

By DOUGLAS FARMER Sports Editor

Notre Dame may have lost to Michigan Saturday, but the Irish still impressed three of the four visiting recruits well enough that they committed to Notre Dame within the week. Two even offered their commitments before leaving campus over the weekend.

George and Josh Atkinson gave Texas coach Brian Kelly their verbal commitments Sunday, followed by defensive end Steven Tuitt Wednesday night, and in doing so strengthened Notre Dame's already stellar recruiting class, Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said.

"In landing the two quality caliber of players in George and Josh, that is the kind of player you are looking for," said Frank, who heads the online ESPN affiliate Irish Sports Daily. "Notre Dame needed some of those guys who can just make things happen in space, and [George] is certainly one of those guys.

Also visiting last weekend, both safety Wayne Lyons and defensive end Stephen Tuitt were impressed by Notre Dame and their experience during the weekend, Frank said. Tuitt has since committed to the Irish, calling Brian Kelly with his decision late Wednesday night.

"If I had to guess, I'd say Notre Dame probably leads for [Lyons] right now," Frank said. "More importantly, I think both of their moms are very excited about Notre Dame, and that really is one of the bigger battles you have to face.

Tuitt, ranked as the top strongside defensive end in the country by Yahoo! Sports' rivals.com, joins Aaron Lynch — No. 7 on the rivals.com list — in strengthening an Irish defensive line that has lacked depth in recent years.

The commitments bring the tally for the 2011 recruiting class to 19 commitments. Frank does not expect Notre Dame to take many more, even if National Signing Day is still five months away.

"It will be interesting to see how many more they'll take after this point," Frank said. "My guess is they probably have more than 22 [commitments] at this point.

Among the candidates for those final four spots, along with Lyons, is receiver Davarius Daniels, from Vernon Hills, Ill., a Chicago suburb. Daniels has expressed interest in Notre Dame for awhile, but he may still have work to do academically.

Frank said:

"Based off of things that I hear, I think [Daniels] is just a little bit short of where he needs to be academically," Frank said. "If that is the case, I think he could get it and get where he needs to be, and if he does, I really think Notre Dame will get him."

Daniels would fill one of Notre Dame's few holes in this class.

"Notre Dame would probably like to get another wide receiver, a safety, either a defensive end or an outside linebacker and then an offensive tackle if they could get one," Frank said.

Among the additional possible targets, Frank listed outside linebackers Isaiah Williams, Bay Drew and Christian French, running back Savon Huggins and offensive lineman Antonio Richardson and Jay Whitman.

"I would guess anybody on that list, if they wanted to commit, Notre Dame would probably take their commitment at this point," Frank said. "This is certainly a top-10 class in anybody's eyes right now, and they have a good chance to close out with some really strong players."

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By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

“You got my hat!” Armando Allen exclaimed as he entered the Loftus Center for a photo shoot with The Observer Tuesday. The senior running back grabbed the small green hat and placed it, at a slight angle, on his head, ready for his close-up.

Allen donned the leprechaun hat in celebration after Notre Dame’s win in the Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 26, 2008, and turned it into a post-game ritual in 2009.

“We all laughed, since he’s about 5’5” on a good day,” said sophomore wide receiver Theo Riddick, a former part of the running back corps with Allen, who is actually listed at 5’10. “He’d give us a laugh every day and cranking up. It was a good joke.”

But two games into his senior year, Allen isn’t kidding around anymore.

“Some people joke about me being short, the size of a leprechaun,” he said. “But I do it in respect to Notre Dame. That’s my way to say I respect Notre Dame. I tip my hat to it.”

Going to work
That is not to say that Allen hasn’t been taking his role at Notre Dame seriously up to now. He was the leading rusher for 2009, with 585 and 697 yards, respectively. His mark of 697 last season came in just eight games, as he missed two games with a sprained ankle, and another two with a fracture in his hand.

But senior head coach Brian Kelly admitted last week that he wasn’t sold on Allen coming into the season.

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Armando Allen: Senior running back

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Racking up yardage
Through two games, Allen has had a heavy workload. He has run the ball 33 times for 182 yards and a touchdown, has caught two passes for nine yards and has returned two punts for 47 yards.

Allen has shown the same versatility throughout his career. With 104 career receptions, he is just four receptions away from eclipsingarius Walker’s record of 107 career receptions by a running back.

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Hinton said there’s only one way for Notre Dame to take advantage of Allen’s many abilities.

“Keep giving him the ball,” Hinton said. “That would be the best thing we can do is keep giving him the ball, get him in space as much as we can. He’s been an elusive guy. He’s been making guys miss. We’re certainly going to work very, very hard to get as many touches as he can have. And his job is to hang on the ball and perform every time he gets that opportunity. "I think he will."

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“Leadership comes in many styles,” Hinton said. “His work ethic and his on-field toughness have been the things he’s really displayed.

“Some guys are real flashy, you just don’t know each other very well, Hinton said. “With leadership behind the scenes.”

Allen is serious about continuing in the same way he has started the season, being an example for his teammates with hard work in practice and performance when it counts.

“We’ve been very pleased with what he’s doing,” Hinton said. “Obviously his challenge right now is to do it consistently for the next ten weeks. That right now is the biggest challenge that Armando has had of him. He can’t be self-satisfied. He’s got to be hungry to be better tomorrow, the next day and the next day until the season ends.”

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**Irish Offense vs. Spartans Defense**

In barely more than two quarters, Dayne Crist amassed 277 passing yards. While 95 of those may have come on a touchdown to Kyle Rudolph, Crist was going to gain yards on that drive one way or another. Facing an experienced Michigan State secondary on the road, Crist could conceivably have troubles.

But the Spartans have given up 247 passing yards per game against Western Michigan and Florida Atlantic. Two teams that do not have anywhere near the same offensive firepower as the Irish do.

Thus, with the array of weapons at his disposal — primarily Michael Floyd, Kyle Rudolph and TJ Jones — Crist will find ways to lead the Irish to touchdowns. The biggest obstacle to those scores will be Crist avoiding sacks, as the three times he has been sacked this season were results of him holding onto the ball too long, a lesson that he should learn quickly in East Lansing.

**EDGE: NOTRE DAME**

**IRISH INSIDER**

Despite the loss, the Irish showed signs of life against Michigan that were absent for much of last season. The offense, when Dayne Crist was on the field, showed definite improvement, scoring on four of six possessions when he was in the game. The passing game looks like it’s starting to click, and that doesn’t bode well for Michigan State’s tested defense.

Granted, the Irish gave up 502 total yards to one player last week, but that one player is exceptional, and the Notre Dame defense matches up very well with the Spartans and the quarterback battle.

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AP: NR
Coaches: NR

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record at MSU: 24-17
against ND: 2-1

Head-to-Head

2010 Schedule
Sept. 4 Western Michigan — W
Sept. 11 Florida Atlantic — W
Sept. 18 Notre Dame
Sept. 25 Northern Colorado
Oct. 2 Wisconsin
Oct. 9 @ Michigan
Oct. 16 Illinois
Oct. 30 @ Northwestern
Nov. 6
Nov. 13 Minnesota
Nov. 20 Purdue
Nov. 27 @ Penn State

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame kicker David Ruffer has been impressive on kickoffs, proving opposing returners deep in their own territory, and punter Ben Turk has had similar success in dropping his punts within the 20-yard line.

EDGE: MICHIGAN ST
Brian Kelly and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Diaco are familiar with Mark Dantonio's offense, as Dantonio preceded Kelly at Cincinnati, but the Spartan offense has taken a turn for the better this season. No matter how Diaco alters his 3-4 "gap control" defense against Michigan State, Dantonio will send his power runners straight at the Irish, likely giving both Diaco and Kelly headaches throughout the game.

EDGE: MICHIGAN ST
Notre Dame has not yet shown the speed to keep up. Notre Dame's best chance to contain the Spartans will hinge on the play of outside linebackers Darius Smith. All three have only been consistent this season.

MSU RUSHING

22-38, 328 yds, 2 TD
4 total, 2 sacks

WR BJ CUNNINGHAM
2 rec., 46 yds., 1 TD

7 rec., 100 yds, 1 TD

20 rush, 190 yds, 3 TD

32 rush, 300 yds, 3 TD

EDGE: NOTRE DAME
The main Notre Dame defenders standing in the Spartans' way will be inside linebackers Manti Te'o and Carlo Calabrese, who have already combined for a total of 41 tackles.

EDGE: MICHIGAN ST
MSU PASSING

22-36, 334 yds, 2 TD
20 rush, 190 yds, 1 TD

RB LE'VEON BELL
2 rec., 60 yds.

MSU SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly and Irish defense have yet to give up more than 20. But the Irish should be the biggest challenge yet for Michigan State. It will be a tight game throughout, but Notre Dame will prove to be a strong team and will build momentum for the tough stretch of games to follow.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 20
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Jones will undoubtedly be one of those leaders. He already ranks sixth on Michigan State’s all-time tackle list with 379, and he has racked up 20 in two games so far this season.

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Spartans linebacker

If you could play a road game in any stadium, where would you play?
I’d say Florida. I heard it’s pretty loud, always nice weather down there. Can’t go wrong.

You’re from New Jersey. Do you like Jersey Shore?
Not at all. Not a fan.

Do you think they represent your state badly?
You’re just looking at one person’s life. You can’t look at one person’s life and summarize New Jersey. Those are Guidos. I’m not familiar with those.

Are there any reality shows you do watch?
“The Kardashians.” Because Kim’s on there. That’s why.

What was your favorite adventure of Kim’s?
Hmm ... (pause) I can’t say. (pause) No comment.

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