Vera Bradley co-founder visits SMC

By THERESA BAJOREK
News Writer

Patricia Miller, co-founder of the international company Vera Bradley, shared the secrets behind how her Indiana business dream evolved into the successful international company it is today, as she spoke to a group of students at the Vandy Vennet Theater at Saint Mary's Tuesday.

Miller said the story of the Vera Bradley Company began in February 1982 when she and her business partner, Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, noticed that women's luggage was tragically lacking in style.

Taking a step back, as a college student, Miller said she lived in a world where women went to school to be either teachers or nurses. I just didn't think outside

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ND unites over Sudan conflict

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Notre Dame students will raise their hands in peace signs Saturday to capture a photograph that will show solidarity for peace in Sudan.

The northern and southern parts of Sudan have been in conflict for more than 50 years. The peace agreement formally ended civil war in 2005 and scheduled a referendum for Jan. 9, 2011. Sudanese people will then vote on secession for Southern Sudan, McCormick said.

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Professors explore technology’s impact

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame professors of science and engineering attempted to determine what role the ever-expanding field of technology will play in the advancement of the common good at Tuesday's Notre Dame Forum event at Washington Hall.


“We face a situation where the United States has a chance to prevent another conflict in Africa before it happens,” McCormick said. “We want to signal as student government that the Notre Dame student body is ready to call for change.”

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Priest’s life recalled 30 years later

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Thirty years have passed since the sudden death of Fr. Bill Toohey, the first director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, and friends and former colleagues said during his time at the University, he played a dynamic role in the spiritual life of the student body.

“His preaching was powerful and charismatic,” former Walsh Hall rector, Jane Pitz, said. “He used language that

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**THEME MUSIC**

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**OFFBEAT**

**Band arrested for blocking freeway to perform**

**Los Angeles** — A rock band will have to face the music after blocking a Los Angeles freeway and performing atop its trailer. California Highway Patrol spokesman Rick Quintero said a big box van decorated with Imperial Star’s logo stopped on the southbound U.S. 101 near Sunset Boulevard at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, blocking four of the five lanes.

The driver took the keys and fled in another car, then three musicians climbed on top of the van and began to perform. Quintero said they were arrested and the truck was finally towed away around noon after causing a mile-long traffic jam.

Musician Quintero said the musicians could face charges of obstructing traffic.

**Man finds wedding ring in grandmother’s garden**

**SHELBY** — A Montana woman received a big surprise for her 80th birthday — the wedding ring she lost eight years ago. Norma Welker of Shelby told the Great Falls Tribune she took the ring off while she was arranging flowers cut from her garden.

A phone call distracted her while she cleaned up and she didn’t realize the ring was missing until after her trash had been hauled away. She searched the compost pile with no luck and figured the ring was gone forever. This spring, she decided her garden was too difficult to keep up and asked her grandson to till it so she could plant grass.

Nick Welker was tilling the area when he spotted what he thought was a pop top. He bent down to pick it up and found what looked like his grandmother’s lost wedding ring.

His grandmother is decreed, and he showed the ring to his parents, who confirmed his suspicion. Together they decided to surprise Norma Welker with the cleaned up ring for her 80th birthday.

**In Brief**

The exhibit “Parallel Currents: Highlights of the Ricardo Pau-Llosa Collection of Latin American Art” will be on view from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. It will feature contemporary Latin American artworks from the collection of Ricardo Pau-Llosa, Cuban-American poet, critic, curator and collector.

Selections from the William McGraw Photography Collection will be shown today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. The photographic styles range from direct documentation to surrealism. It will be in O’Haghashny Galleries II and III.

Junior Group will meet tonight in the Saint Mary’s Welcome Center at 6 p.m. This group meets once a month to discuss issues that are relevant and timely while receiving support from their peers.

Senior Group will meet tonight in the Saint Mary’s Welcome Center at 6 p.m. Once a month, seniors get together to support one another on career-related issues including job searching, applying and getting ready for graduate/professional school, after-graduation plans, and related topics.

Saint Mary’sStraight and Gay Alliance will be hosting a “Coming Out Day Panel” at 7 p.m. in VandenEyken Theatre tonight. It is open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.06@gmail.com.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is the worst thing you did when you were a kid?

- Jeanne O’Neill: “Stole a sunflower off a hat and my mom made me return it.”
- John Stabile: “Stole glares from the dentists’ office and I was caught ... and it was really embarrassing.”
- Joseph Caparros: “I painted on my face during art class.”
- Laura Taylor: “I don’t know you’re talking about ... I was an angel.”
- Matt Madonia: “I don’t have an answer, I don’t do anything wrong.”
- Rachel Hamilton: “Tried to take the class pet butterflies and turn them into kindergarten.”

Have an idea for a question of the day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com.
You are Invited!

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Summit addresses off campus safety

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Members of the South Bend community gathered with leaders from the University, student government, the Prosecutor’s Office and law enforcement at the Robinson Community Learning Center Tuesday for the second annual Northeast Neighborhood Safety Summit.

After a brief introduction by Tim Sexton, associate vice president for Public Affairs at the University, student body president Catherine Soler spoke about what student government has been doing to deal with off-campus issues and how students have responded.

“Our focus has been off-campus safety and community relations,” Soler said.

Soler said they have a good neighbor guide, have been meeting with campus and South Bend police and have a website, offcampus@nd.edu.

Also citing the forum with ResLife and the presentation by attorney C.L. Lindsay, Soler said they have a good information regarding incidents with both the neighborhood watch programs and the distribution of information and taking advantage of both civilian and interdepartmental cooperative efforts.

One thing we like to do is make you aware of the crime statistics so the residents can see what’s going on,” he said.

Hechlinski said efforts to keep the neighborhood safe have been aided by both the neighborhood watch program and the distribution of information regarding incidents with students as victims by student government.

He said it was important that all groups involved in the issue continue to collaborate.

“Keeping an open dialogue is a great problem-solver for us,” he said.

While the previous speakers concentrated on how crime can be prevented, County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak next spoke about what his office has been doing to deal with offenders once prevention has failed and where students can reduce problems with police.

“Police and prosecutor work is all pretty reactive, the damage has been done,” he said. “We try to hold people accountable.”

After an update on the case of the carjacking of Holy Cross students, Dvorak spoke about the crackdown on underage drinking at the beginning of the year.

“This has been a very significant issue,” he said. “It has to do with people under 21 consuming alcoholic beverages than it does about safety.”

Dvorak said while he understands the relatively minor nature of alcohol offenses, he feels that students need to recognize that the consequences are still serious.

“I’m not unsympathetic,” he said. “It’s a crime, and I don’t think students understand it’s not just an infraction.”

Dvorak said he believed student cooperation has helped cause a shift back from arrests to ticketing and reminded students to cooperate with law enforcement during an incident.

“I think they’ve dialed down on underage drinking,” he said. “It’s still a crime, and they’ll use their discretion.”

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Club presents film on war in Uganda

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Invisible Children club, which helps raise awareness of child soldiers in war-torn Uganda, hosted members on tour from the national Invisible Children organization in Carroll Auditorium Tuesday.

The event featured a screening of an update on the organization’s progress called “Go,” presented by two men directly involved with Invisible Children in Uganda.

“Invisible Children uses film, creativity and social action to end the use of child soldiers in Joseph Kony’s rebel war,” Kristen Metzger, senior, president and founder of the club, said. “We are young activists working to restore Northern Uganda to peace and prosperity.”

Through Invisible Children’s “Schools for Schools” program, students have raised $1.2 million towards the reconstruction of educational facilities destroyed by rebel militia, according to national member Terra Amelang.

“It takes sacrifice to give what nobody can steal,” native Ugandan and Invisible Children mentor Richard Mark Ocaya said.

The organization believes in providing education to kids of northern Uganda who have lost hope in their own futures. Amelang said the three things we can do to help are to buy their merchandise, participate in the “Schools for Schools” program and commit to the Legacy scholarship fund which involves donating $35 a month to cover all school expenses for one child.

Kids featured in the screening of “Go” had won the opportunity to go to Uganda and witness first hand what goes on in the lives of the people who live there.

“We were taken into captivity for two weeks before we were rescued by the American government,” Ugandan citizen and former war captive, Jimmy Ocaya said. “I was tied with a rope to two other boys.”

Ocaya’s mentor, Richard, helped him to find hope again and graduate high school. As Amelang explained in her lecture, this is a touching story that is sadly not the future for 93 percent of the youth in Uganda.

Metzger said anyone in the tri-campus community are welcome. She also plans on opening events up to the entire South Bend community.

“The people of Uganda are asking for a future beyond the conflict, and their pleas have inspired this organization,” Metzger said.

“Our main goal is enable children to take responsibility for their destiny and the fate of their country.”

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DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS
Prof. discusses post-grad economy

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  News Writer

Research by Abigail Wozniak, Notre Dame assistant professor of economics, determined those who enter the work force during a bad economy will receive lower wages than those who enter during an economic boom, and this negative impact can last up to 10 years.

"The scarring effect is the idea that the conditions you have when you start working will affect your future occupational achievement," she said.

In her research, which will be published in the Journal of Human Resources this fall, Wozniak looked at almost 30 years of data of people entering the labor market. She used census data from 1980, 1990, and 2000, looking at workers five to eight years after they entered the labor force.

Wozniak said there is a correlation between the state of the economy and job wages. She said higher wages of those who enter the job market during an economic boom stick with them, and lower wages of those who begin their job during a downturn stick with them as well.

"My estimates suggest that workers lose six percent of wages for every two additional percentage points of unemployment above the average," she said. "We’re currently about four percentage points above average, so wages for this year’s graduates will be roughly 12 percent below that of similar graduates from four years ago."

Wozniak said this discrepancy in earnings takes time to overcome. "The scarring effect takes about five to 10 years to overcome, but with this economic situation, it could take a bit longer," Wozniak said. "In fact, I think it will take longer."

Wozniak found that the scarring effect was widespread, and moved across different demographic groups. She concluded it impacts college graduates, high school graduates, college dropouts or those with two-year degrees, as well as high school dropouts.

The scarring effect is worse for college graduates than dropouts, Wozniak said. "probably because they transition you jobs in more of a progressive manner."

Job change is a major way in which one can overcome the scarring effect, Wozniak said. It is easier for those without a college degree to change their career and then build that career over the years. Therefore, these workers are likely to stay on a certain job trajectory, making it difficult to overcome the disadvantage they started with.

In addition, it is costly for these workers to adjust to their situation by going back to school, getting a higher degree or switching jobs, Wozniak said.

"I think it’s important for workers who started in a downturn to continually look for ways to catch up, especially after the economy’s improvement," she said. "Think more about changing jobs, moving to a new location, or asking for a raise or promotion."

Wozniak said it is unclear whether getting a graduate degree and hoping to enter the job market during better economic times will be beneficial to students. "Markets may improve dramatically in a few years, but they may not," she said. "Even if they do, students who seek to avoid market conditions by staying in school longer will miss out on several years of earnings and advancement, and they will face stiffer competition for graduate school slots and post-graduate school jobs."

She said that sometimes, those entering the job force compare their salaries to a sibling’s who started a job a few years earlier. She said to remember not to take salary levels personally. "There’s a perception in the U.S. that what you earn exactly (corresponds) to how good you are," she said. "Students and others as well should recognize that earnings are not driven entirely by individual productivity or ability. A very large component is luck. It would be wrong to believe you are earning say 10 percent less than a friend or colleague did when she started just because you are not as qualified."

Wozniak also said that firms are not adjusting perfectly to economic changes. "Companies try really hard to keep pay scales secret from workers," Wozniak said. "It does happen within companies that people who enter [the company] at different times have similar jobs but are earning different things."

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both Benedict and Friedman.
The opinions of the two men were selected as the focus of discussion because of their relation to this year's Forum. Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical is the basis for the Forum's theme of "The Global Marketplace and the Common Good," and Friedman will be the speaker at the Forum's signature event next month.

Peter Kilpatrick, McCloskey Dean of Engineering, said Friedman dedicated a great deal of time in his book to the reality of global warming and his belief in the cause of climate change on the globe.

"Friedman said that climate change is human-induced," Kilpatrick said. "But he accepts the premise that not all people will accept this view. However, he says that he hopes all agree with him when he says the world can't maintain our current energy consumption rates forever.

Kilpatrick said Friedman also focused on the methods he thinks need to be employed to stabilize the climate.

"Friedman insists in the book that price, tax and profits are the only way to get the economy moving again," Kilpatrick said. "This differs from Benedict's belief that not all corporate leaders are motivated by the bottom line. Benedict believes some have to be motivated by love, justice and compassion.

Kilpatrick pointed out the irony of balancing the two economic beliefs of the two men would lead to an economic system that is beneficial to sustainability.

Corporate social responsibility will lead to a greater profit and products such as solar-powered cars that are in demand and sell," he said. "We just need to build corporate social responsibility into the economic model."

Wolfgang Porod, professor of electrical engineering and director of the Center for Nano Science and Technology, focused his discussion on the idea presented in "Caritas" about the role of faith in technology and the future of human development.

"The Pope certainly endorses technology in the encyclical," Porod said. "But we have to make decisions in a responsible way, even if we are fascinated by a technology."

Porod addressed Benedict's belief that the modern fascination with technology may prevent people from turning toward the spiritual world. Technology seduces us, but we can choose to use it for good or evil," Porod said. "It's not technology itself that is bad; it is how we choose to use it.

Porod said these choices would be the basis for the future of sustainable growth in relation to technological advances.

"We need to make responsible decisions, but we also need to remember how to trust others to make responsible decisions," he said.

Joe Fernando, professor of engineering and geosciences, focused his talk on Friedman's idea of a culture of irresponsibility and how Benedict's views expressed in "Caritas" can be applied to this scheme.

"Everything is interrelated to global warming which becomes one of the biggest social issues in the world today," Fernando said.

Friedman said in an effort to make people take notice, many scientists did not always give the most valid information in regards to global warming, which added to the culture of irresponsibility Friedman put forward in his book.

"If you don't give at least some indication about the dangers of global warming, than no one will pay attention," Fernando said. "But one of the current problems is that we need to be more honest."

Friedman said a push for honesty in society is one of the running themes of "Caritas in Veritate."

"If we are to consider everybody to be created under God, that means we must honor their rights, which implies the common good," he said. "If the Church can keep pushing for this truth, our work will depend on what Benedict calls the 'culture of life,' which will lead to integral human development."

Gregory Crawford, Dean of the College of Science, discussed the notion of intellectual property and patents and how it applies to both technology and to human development in line with the ideals laid out in "Caritas."

"Most companies today have all their worth tied up in the non-tangible aspects, in their intellectual property," Crawford said. "Patents drive the economy and entrepreneurship, but is there such a thing as a good thing in this instance?

Friedman said in the technological world, a patent allows businesses to have a certain type of monopoly to market their technology and profit. He said the challenge would be how to use technological intellectual properties and find a way to use them to further global development on a much more basic scale.

"How do we balance money incentive of patents with the common good?" Crawford asked. "Do we have the right to impose restrictions on intellectual properties that could provide answers to world's problems concerning basic questions of providing food, water and shelter?"

Crawford said he believed modern science and technology was doing a better job at looking at the "bigger picture" when balancing modern technological and scientific developments with ethics.

"Before we didn't think through all the issues and consequences," he said. "But now we actually talk about good and bad aspects of our technologies. We ask questions we never would have before ... we're moving parallel and thinking about the ethics."

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the box,” she said, thinking back to her first aspiration to be a business teacher. As a successful businesswoman today, the sky is the limit for Miller and her industry.

“I don’t put a ceiling on anything,” she said.

Miller also further discussed key entrepreneurial words to live by that she said drove the Vera Bradley business to its success.

Primarily, Miller said to “listen to your instincts” the way she and Bankhead had that cold February day at the airport, and to “engaging, interested and passionate” in business, and with any dream or ambition in life for that matter.

“Change is constant, and you should embrace it,” Miller said. “If you don’t keep pace with change, you will be left in the dust.”

Vera Bradley started with a focus on luggage, sports bags and the smaller handbag, Miller said. However, women today also find frequent use from Vera Bradley laptop bags, cases and slips.

According to Miller, now this season there will be trendy laptop backpacks available.

The Vera Bradley line has also expanded to include lunch boxes, totes, cosmetics bags, jewelry boxes and stationary.

In 1998, Vera Bradley joined the fight for a cure for breast cancer by establishing the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer (VBFC). The foundation currently funds a research facility at the Indiana University Bresn Simon Cancer Center — nationally recognized as a leader in research to find a cure, and has notably raised over $10 million for the cause, Miller said.

According to Miller, the VBFC hopes to bring the results of groundbreaking scientific research directly to the bedside, helping develop new treatments for cancer patients, and to discover quicker, more effective ways of spotting breast cancer on a molecular level.

“I have all the faith in the world,” Miller said.

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mind is this vision that Father Hesburgh had of Notre Dame as a lighthouse and a crossroad,” McCormick said. “With the arrival of the Sudanese delegation, we had the opportunity to sit at that crossroads. We now have the opportunity to serve as a lighthouse and be a beacon for securing justice in Sudan.”

The pivotal moment for Notre Dame was the arrival of a delegation from the Sudan Conference of Catholic Bishops, McCormick said.

Bishop Paride Taban, Bishop Daniel Adwok Marko Kur and director of the Denis Hurley Peace Institute in the Adwol spoke with the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies on Oct. 5 in South Bend.

McCormick presented a resolution to student senate last week to show Notre Dame support for the full implementation of the CPA. The senators passed it unanimously.

The resolution was presented to the delegation of bishops as a sign that students were in solidarity with the CPA to secure sustainable peace in Sudan.

“There is a precedent for student involvement in international issues,” McCormick said. “It is as simple as raising a voice. A classic example of how change can come from the bottom up.”

Students successfully abolished the United States government to use the term “genocide” for the first time in American history when describing human rights violations in Darfur, McCormick said.

“Students lend a particularly morally sensitive voice to international issues because that voice is not bogged down in the intricacies of policy and government. I think the need to act goes back to the time in history when Catholic university in the United States,” McCormick said. “Student government cannot just issue its opinion on any issue that comes before the public on a national or international scene. It is about the responsibility to use the moral voice of this university because this conflict can directly impact the lives of students.”

The resolution said the student body would work to raise awareness about the peace agreement and possible conflict in Sudan.

“Now we must ask ourselves to define how inclusive the Notre Dame family is and how far the Dome on which Mary stands can reach,” McCormick said.

The most recent International Studies specialist Gerard Powers was brought in to address the looming crisis as the referendum in January approaches.

The situation in Sudan is for Notre Dame to be in a leadership role in working with other universities to develop a coalition around Sudan, Powers said.

“While the two sectors of the international community and major players within Sudan, Powers said publicly showing support for the Sudanese people is critical.

“Because of Internet and news, people in Sudan, even as poor and isolated as that country is, know when people in this country and people in the world are working on problems,” he said.

“Showing our solidarity with them is important so they know that the world is paying attention.”

Any student wishing to participate in the photo opportunity for CRS can meet at 10:45 a.m. Saturday in front of Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

“We want to lend the student voice to an international scene that has not taken place on the scenes that it should,” McCormick said. “We promise ‘never again’ after violent conflicts like the ones in Sudan and we want Notre Dame students want to make ‘never again’ more than just a symbolic way.”

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Tooehey related his encounter with students who could understand and were drawn to.

Tooehey, who died of encephalitis in 1980 at the age of 25, is known to a larger consideration of what was at stake in their devotion as a God, she said.

“Let me try to respect each person and see in them the life of God,” Pitz said. “He said we should love unconditionally all those we meet.”

Pitz said during his time as director of Campus Ministry, Tooehey was the celebrant at the 12:15 p.m. Mass every Sunday in Sacred Heart Basilica.

“He said it was a real gift to be with them in the liturgy,” Pitz said.

“Let me think of everybody saw him as a man of prayer who had a deep commitment to preaching the Gospel,” Pitz added.

Tooehey graduated from the class of 1949, said he first

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Fr. Bill Tooehey, second from right in first row, celebrates Mass as the first director of Campus Ministry at the University during the 1970s. Tooehey died suddenly of encephalitis 30 years ago today.

Bill was humble and unassuming,” McTaggart said. “That is what I saw and experienced in him as he led our staff for 10 of the most productive years of my own life.”

McTaggart, a 1965 alumnus, worked with Tooehey as a member of the Campus Ministry staff. Tooehey also taught Fitzgerald preaching for three years in the graduate seminary.

“The way he also became my spiritual director was different, he said. “A whole generation of Holy Cross priests learned from Bill that we should not use the pulpit unless we were passionate and an firebreathe communicat- ing the Gospel.”

Fitzgerald said Tooehey always spoke with us about a green reality.

“When he stepped into a pul- pit, he became a living sacra- ment of God’s word,” Fitzgerald said. “Those of us who were privileged to hear him will never forget the thrill.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

The one reject box of crayons

Being an English major and after writing for and working at The Observer for over three years now, I’ve essentially become a crusader to become increasingly aware to word choice and how it affects how you are perceived. Outside of the classroom, my experience doesn’t come from interviews for a news article nor does it come from editing the wide variety of emails that are submitted to Viewpoint daily. Instead, mine has come from being one of the few female sports writers living with my three roommates.

In my past three years, I’ve been impressed with how eloquently Dayne Cripps speaks in an interview in the spring of last year in the New York Times. How excited and confident women’s volleyball and basketball players are when talking to a reporter, and how a football team can embrace a cause by wearing pink and openly speaking about the importance of raising funds for breast cancer research. All fun and games, but they are nothing like the random quotes that come out of my intelligent roommates’ mouths on a daily basis.

In my apartment, we have a door that we nicely refer to as the “Quote Door.” It’s actually our coat closet but the outside is covered with a preservation of our best one-liners to provide constant entertainment for ourselves and anyone else that has walked through our doorway. The Quote Door is so nicely placed that you see it to your left as you walk through our doorway and can have a clear view from the couch. It’s a random collection of things that we can’t get through a line without laughing at either the outlandish statements that we have made before one of us realized what we’d actually said or just at the ridiculous thoughts that pass through our minds. You probably will never get to read all of them unless you know the four of us, so I thought that a few of those quotes might do well to have their day in prominence.

But, a disclaimer: most of these weren’t made late night at a party or a bar. We’re really just that awesome. So here’s a few. I like puppies and donuts and horsies and fishes. I like aquatic animals. We are not that edible! It’s ok, guys, I wore my Pumas! In the shower, I realized I lost my belt button ring. I think it’s at the backer. I’d rather marry the ugly billionaire because he can always have plastic surgery to correct the wonky parts. Except they’re my regular pants. Guys, I can’t get my fingers on them. I like to giggle when I pee. The baby grapes freak me out. We would all be the one reject box of crayons.

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Edward A. Larkin
Science Notation

“All men by nature desire to know,” said Aristotle. The allure of knowledge — peer ing both inside ourselves and into the vast expanse beyond has occupied some of the most famous thinkers in history. Space has commonly been designated “the final frontier” of knowledge. Ancient philosophers such as Aristotle and Archimedes made the first bold attempts to understand the night sky. More recently, intellectual plants such as Newton, Einstein, and Hawking have advanced our knowledge of the universe further. We now have a framework for its very beginning — the big bang.

But what if the final frontier is a lot more human than we think? George H.W. Bush declared 1990-2000 “The Decade of the Brain,” and neuroscience research exploded during this time. In the end, however, it may be more accurate to label the hundred years starting in 2000 “The Century of the Brain.” There is a certain poetic irony about the proposition — the final great mystery of science being within us, the final frontier of knowledge an investigation of how we can know in the first place.

As our understanding of the human brain increases, so will our capability to use that knowledge for practical, engineering purposes. If one steps back and surveys the landscape, some things we can do currently (in the early phases of understanding) are remarkable. Neuroprosthetics allow handicapped people to control prosthesis limbs through brain activity. Certain drugs, dubbed “neuroenhancers,” can enhance brain function itself (the subject of an excellent 2009 New York Times article). Lie-detecting tests have been designed (although their implementation has been very controversial) that can determine which course we take — morally obligation and the practical necessity to determine which course we take — both the power of neuroscience and the moral obligation and the practical necessity to determine which course we take — both the power of neuroscience and the moral obligation and the practical necessity to determine which course we take — both the power of neuroscience and the moral obligation and the practical necessity to determine which course we take — both the power of neuroscience and

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.”

Bret Harte
U.S. author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labor of thinking.”

Thomas A. Edison
U.S. inventor

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Young people growing up in low income communities are in need of great teachers and role models. And the stakes are higher than ever. Only one in 10 students growing up in poverty will attend college. And for those lacking a college degree, many doors of opportunity are firmly shut.

Lulu Meraz
Guest columnist

If you were swayed by either Mark Easley’s “Vote the Bums Out” (Oct. 7) or Ryan Sullivan’s “Time to go to college” (Oct. 11) you’re not paying attention. And they need to see firsthand that it can be done: that people just like them can go to college, work hard, and go on to have a meaningful career. When I graduated from Notre Dame and joined Teach For America’s Los Angeles corps, I got a chance to show my students just that.

A growing number of Notre Dame alumni are becoming part of Teach For America’s efforts to close the achievement gap. My time at Notre Dame has proved invaluable in shaping who I am as a scholar and a person. It has provided me a launching pad to a fulfilling and meaningful work. And now, as a Teach For America teacher, I can help a new generation of students reach for those same stars.

During my first year as a teacher, I faced many challenges in the classroom. College prepared me for some of these, but I have also had to learn as I go along. Fortunately, my summer of training and professional development with Teach For America has armed me with the tools I’ve needed to confront these challenges head-on.

As I embarked on my first year in the classroom, I knew that I wanted each of my students to set the goal of college attendance even though they were just beginning their academic career. I knew it would drive their motivation to succeed in school because they will go on to have a meaningful career. When I graduated from Notre Dame and joined Teach For America’s Los Angeles corps, I got a chance to show my students just that.

Lulu Meraz is a kindergarten teacher at Aspire Titan Academy. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Notre Dame is unique for a number of reasons: its strong Catholic identity, an unusually supportive alumni network and Fall Break. Each year, students are granted one week off right in the middle of October, comfortably situated after most midterms and before Halloween.

Maybe it’s a result of an early return to school, or Christmas break beginning relatively late. Whatever the reason, most universities do not have it, so Domers have learned to use the week well.

To ward off a post-midterm health decline, the most logical pick-me-up for any student is obviously a vacation. And for seniors, Fall Break is one of the last opportunities to burn cash for a trip off parents before graduating and learning about financial independence.

Many students choose to road trip to a peer’s house, preferably one with an attractive climate or booming nightlife. If there is an away football game one of the weekends, groups accumulate to support the Irish in another state. Or, upon celebrating the final 21st birthdays in the early fall at school, seniors will venture into Sin City for a week of legal debauchery.

It’s unclear whether these Fall Break senior trips should be missed. Undeniably, they sound like a great time. Who wouldn’t want to enjoy an island holiday with anywhere from 100 to 500 fellow students?

But they also sound like a huge liability for whoever was responsible for their organization. Every parent’s worst fear is blindly sending his or her child to a foreign country for a week of endless partying.

So maybe we’ve found the perfect solution with the current standard usage of fall break. Traveling with smaller groups to less extreme destinations, but nonetheless relieving the stress of school — most would agree it’s a decent compromise.

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Undoubtedly a majority of seniors travel somewhere over Fall Break, but most vacation in fairly small groups with close friends. But in the 1980s, the Student Activities office, a Senior Trip Committee and travel agencies organized mass getaways for the graduating class.

Though there were a few destinations in America (New Orleans and California) most of these senior trips were tropical, with the Bahamas and Jamaica as frequent choices.

In 1987, probably the largest group, 500 seniors, vacationed in Jamaica at the Wyndham Rose Hall Hotel, which offered inclusive sailing and snorkeling, a pool bar and volleyball. For meals, most students dined at restaurants that offered “free-ride-at-your-own-risk-trans- portation,” according to “The Dome” yearbook of ’87.

1990 marked the last year for the senior trip due to “travel problems” and from Cancun, Mexico. “The Dome” of 1990 sums up their memories, some of which are questionable: “oasis, snorkeling, Senor Frog’s, Dadios, Jose Cuervo, Chicken Itza, Pirate’s night cruise, Ecstasy, Bombay Bicycle Beach Club, Picante Grill.”

Either “Ecstasy” is the name of a nightclub, or citing “travel problems” as grounds for the nullification of the senior trip is a bluff.

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Photos courtesy of “The Dome” 1987-90
“Bloodthirsty” is the debut novel of Notre Dame alumna Elizabeth Meaney under the pseudonym Flynn Meaney. Flynn being the author’s middle name. Capitalizing off the current vampire craze, the novel follows sixteen-year-old Finbar Frame, a tall, skinny, pale, awkward teenager, who finds himself pretending to be a vampire to attract girls.

The novel’s tag line sums up the basic premise. “Some vampires are good. Some are evil. Some are totally taking it to get girls.” Finbar is the first person narrator, and Meaney voices his character perfectly. Kudos to Meaney for creating a voice that actually sounds like a guy, albeit a really sensitive one.

Finbar is horribly insecure about his looks and personality. He has always lived in the shadow of his athletic twin brother Luke. When a series of humiliating events reveal that he is allergic to the sun, he has a chance encounter with a vampire enthusiast and realizes he can cash in on the vampire craze. Luckily, the Frame family has just moved, so Finbar has the opportunity to become one of the undead at his new school. He spends hours studying vampire lore, from “Dracula” to “Twilight.”

Meaney likes to adopt an aloof persona, limit his diet in front of others and throw out subtle comments to his susceptible female classmates.

“Bloodthirsty” is a work of fiction, it is not a fantasy or supernatural novel. There are actual vampires roaming New York. Thus, it is a bit of a stretch that some of the female characters in the novel actually believe Finbar is a vampire. But if a reader can look past the idiocy of these fantasy-obsessed girls, “Bloodthirsty” is a highly enjoyable light read.

Whether you are a fan of the vampire craze or not, Meaney’s jokes are spot on. She pokes fun at the ridiculous fervor of young girl fans. For instance, at a convention for all things supernatural Finbar is chased down by a pack of girl vampire fans. She is also adept with pop culture references outside of the vampire world, from “The O.C.” to “The Hills” to “Gossip Girl,” making it a novel perfectly tuned for our generation.

Finbar is not your typical hero and that is why the novel works. His voice comes through clearly in every sentence, and he is relatable to Meaney’s young adult audience. A prevalent theme throughout the work is that Finbar, just like several other smaller but significant characters, is simply trying to find where he belongs. Things get interesting when he meets a girl, Kate, who might just like him for who he really is, a sensitive dork who loves poetry, instead of a cool pseudo-vampire.

The novel’s other voice is just as well done. Finbar’s relationship with his overprotective mother is absolutely hilarious. She is a quintessential conservative, Catholic mother who constantly worries about her awkward son. Due to Finbar’s lack of social life, there are several references to time spent watching chick flicks with her.

While “Bloodthirsty” succeeds in character development, it falls in its age appropriateness. Yes, Finbar is a 16-year-old boy, which suggests it is normal how much he thinks about sex, but his obsession becomes too much.

Meaney seems to be attempting to make “Finbar” a real entity. In fact, he is supposed to be for young adults but appears to cross the line. “Bloodthirsty” is possibly supposed to be for high school to college age audience.

Aside from the sometimes-crude sexual references, the novel is quite fun and charming. Intelligent protagonist who makes thinking-provoking jokes. Readers want to root for him. Finbar is sarcastic and witty, best shown through his narration and conversations with love interest Kate.

In the end, the novel is an entertaining young adult work that turns the vampire craze on its head. Even though fall is upon us, it is hard not to classify “Bloodthirsty” as a perfect beach read. One can only expect more good things to come from new novelist Meaney.

By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

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From Notre Dame in 2009 with a Scene Writer
By MARISSA FROBES

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Describe your writing process for “Bloodthirsty.” What inspired you to write the book?

I was talking to one of my friends and she was reading a lot of young-adult vampire novels at the time. She was reading collectibles — every “Twilight,” “Vampire” and are immediately turned off by rejection — I was rejected tons of times.

I was always writing and publishing things I liked publishing online and in magazines in high school. I was publishing stuff throughout college — I published a novella in college that helped me pay for my time studying abroad. (Meaney studied in Dublin while at Notre Dame.)

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How quickly did you write the book?

I wrote it in about a month and a half before I started grad school — between September-October-ish, 2009.

How did you get “Bloodthirsty” published?

I sent it to agents that I found on a writer’s resource website. One agent got back to me really quickly; it ended up being a one-day thing. He read it in the morning, and I signed in the afternoon.

Who is your intended audience?

High-school and up.

Can you tell me about any upcoming projects?

I’m working on my second book in the “Bloodthirsty” series. It’s tentatively titled “Bloodthirster” and is set in the Midwest.

How do you think you could convince someone opposed to the vampire pop culture phenomenon to read your book?

It’s hard because some people hear “vampire” and are immediately turned off because of the current obsession with vampires. But “Bloodthirsty” is completely set in our world, with people like us everyday as characters. It is more about relationships between people, and looking the psychology of the term “vampire.” I don’t create a supernatural world and stick vampires like Rob Pattinson in it, and that’s what makes it appealing to more readers.

Favorite pop culture vampire? Eric from “True Blood.”

Do you have any advice for aspiring writers or artists at Notre Dame?

If you’re already writing, start submitting your work to online resources and magazines, even if you’re not confident that it is 100 percent perfect. You can work your way up to more established magazines, etc. then, and you’ll get feedback along the way, which is always helpful. Use online resources — you need to find an agent. They can teach you how to write query letters, which are really important because agents receive hundreds a day, and you need to make yours stand out. And don’t be turned off by rejection — I was rejected tons of times.

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**Kraft says new CBA realistic goal this season**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft said Wednesday his realistic goal to reach a new collective bargaining agreement with the players before the end of the season.

At the conclusion of the NFL owners’ fall meetings Tuesday, Kraft said “we’re moving ahead” and he “like to see this happen before the end of the season.” Asked if that was a realistic objective, he added “to me it is.”

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said it’s not “deterministic” that no negotiations have gone slowly with them.

The owners discussed strategies for CBA negotiations, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said “our issue is to get there sooner rather than later.”

In March and union leaders believe the NFL is prepared to lock out the players without a new agreement.

**UPDATE. Check back soon for news updates.**

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Everybody is engaged and from my perspective, the key thing is to find a solution and that's where both sides are. I know that energy (to reach a deal) will be there.”

Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL Alumni announced a partnership to benefit retired players that will include the Gay Culverhouse Players’ Career Program.

Efforts will include hiring case workers, establishment of a toll-free hotline and personal contact with retired players and their families through events sponsored by NFL Alumni and the Culverhouse program.

**NBA**

Wade resumes light exercise, hopes to play in preseason

Associated Press

MIAMI — The first step of Dwyane Wade's rehab straitened right hamstring seems complete.

Wade resumed some light exercise and will likely begin what the Miami Heat call “offensive court work.” In about a week, there’s still that chance he could play before the preseason ends. He pulled the hamstring very early in Miami’s 99-97 loss to Orlando and has been rehabbing since.


“We would definitely want him to get a preseason game in,” two-time NBA MVP LeBron James said. “Not going to sit here and lie and say the 26th is the first day that we want him back. We

WadeCBA realistic goal this season

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ly simple. When you asked us to build

a fence I was rather hoping that instead of just dumping the bricks in the pond you might have found time to put them together... you know, on top of one another, in the tradi-

tional fashion.

No! Look, what’s the matter with you? It’s perfectly simple: we have the fence all built, the bricks are there... that wasn’t the fence!**

**Yes, yes I picked it up... Yes... No, I haven’t a chance yet... Yes, I... Yes... No, I haven’t yet... but I will... Yes, yes, yes... I know it’s... Yes, I’ll try and get it cleaned up... Anything else? I mean, would you like the hotel moved a bit to the left?**

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Former agent admits to paying players in 1990s

Sports Illustrated story implicates 30, including Ryan Leaf; ESPN's Mel Kiper accused of promoting agents

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NCAA FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — A former sports agent tells Sports Illustrated he paid college football players early in his career, and several of them confirm it to the magazine.

In the Oct. 18 edition, Josh Luchs said he paid more than 30 players from 1990-96, including many who didn’t sign with him. He said quarterback Ryan Leaf, the second pick in the 1998 draft who famously flopped in the pros, took $10,000, most of which he voluntarily paid back after signing with another agent. Leaf declined to comment on specific allegations. Luchs told the magazine he also paid first-round picks Jamir Miller and Chris Mims. Miller, a linebacker from Tennessee taken 23rd by the Chargers in 1992, died in 2008. The former agent also said that while he was recruiting Ohio State receiver Santonio Holmes in 2005, Holmes said he had been taking money from an agent for a couple of years. Holmes, now with the Jets, told the magazine that the story was untrue.

Luchs was suspended for a year by the NFL Players Association in 2007 over the handling of a commission check. He says he’s telling his story because “I don’t want my career to be defined by that suspension.”

Luchs says he didn’t pay players while working with Gary Wichard, the agent linked to the investigation of NCAA violations at North Carolina. But he says Wichard and John Blake, the Tar Heels assistant who resigned amid the investigation, worked together in violation of NCAA rules in 2002.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that the NFL and NFLPA and the agent community itself, possibly the NFL and NLFPA and to work together to bring a solution.”

Luchs also told SI that ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper had hooked up players, describing a 2000 meeting with former defensive lineman Willie Howard in which Wichard had arranged for Kiper to call him as he talked with the player. Kiper told SI he “would never promote Gary or another agent to a player” and denied that the call was pre-arranged.

“Conversations with players, which are occasionally facilitated by agents, are a valuable way to get to know the players.” Kiper said in a statement through an ESPN spokesman. “These conversations have never compromised my integrity and my 32-year record supports that.”

Luchs sued Wichard for breach of contract after leaving his agency and lost the lawsuit. Wichard filed the grievance with the NFLPA over Luchs’ handling of the check. Wichard and Blake declined comment through their lawyers.

Luchs says Jonathan Ogden, the Baltimore Ravens’ 13-time Pro Bowl tackle, wouldn’t take money but accepted Janet Jackson concert tickets in violation of NCAA rules. Ogden confirmed the account.

Luchs lists more than 20 other players he says he paid: Michigan State’s Tony Banks; Arizona’s Rob Waldrop; Tennessee’s Chuck Webb; Portland State’s Darick Holmes; Illinois’ Mel Agee; U of I’s Travis Claridge, Phalen Pounds, R. Jay Soward and Delon Washington; Colorado’s Kanavis McGhee, Joel Steed and Greg Thomas; Washington State’s Leon Bender, Torey Hunter, Singor Mobley and John Rushing; and ULL’s Chris Alexander, Ryan Fien, Carl Greenwood, Othello Henderson, Vaughn Parker, Matt Soenkksen and Bruce Walker.

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Mel Kiper ESPN draft analyst

Associated Press

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No. 1 Ohio St. prepares for tough trip to Madison

Buckeyes to travel to face No. 18 Wisconsin Saturday night; Coach Jim Tressel concerned about difficult environment

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The pressure is mounting on No. 1 Ohio State—just as the schedule starts to get tougher.

Not only are the Buckeyes coming off a week of being the nation’s top-ranked team, but now they must live up to it against a stout opponent (No. 18 Wisconsin) in a particularly difficult place (Camp Randall Stadium) before a wildly partisan capacity crowd on Saturday night on national television.

“I would think that this is going to be as difficult a challenge as we come across,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday.

The Buckeyes (6-0, 2-0 Big Ten) rose to the top spot this week after spending the season at No. 2 behind Alabama, which lost at South Carolina on Saturday.

Tressel said playing the poll-leader is nothing new at Ohio State. In the history of the AP poll, the Buckeyes have held the top spot 94 times. Only Oklahoma (97) and Notre Dame (95) have done so more.

According to Ohio State, the Buckeyes 66-11-1 when ranked No. 1 in the AP or coaches’ poll.

This will be the ninth time that Wisconsin has hosted a No. 1 team. The Buckeyes are 3-5 in the previous matchups. Only twice have they welcomed a top-ranked Buckeyes team, winning 17-7 in 1942 and losing 24-0 in 1974.

Tressel’s Ohio State teams have been ranked for much of his 10-year tenure, making 91 consecutive appearances in The Associated Press Top 25. That’s the longest current streak in the nation.

Playing ranked opponents is also nothing new for the Buckeyes.

Ohio State is 34-14 against AP-ranked teams under Tressel, and 9-8 against teams in the top 10.

But balanced against that success is the recent history. In their last two games as No. 1—in victory over Illinois late in the 2007 season and then to LSU in the Bowl Championship series national title game in January of 2008—the Buckeyes lost both times.

Ohio State defensive end Cameron Heyward would have been perfectly happy to stay behind Alabama throughout the regular season and then rise to No. 1. That would have been enough to get the Buckeyes into the title game—and to stay out of the most intense spotlight.

“We always just want to be No. 2, then we just go under the radar,” Heyward said. “We know since we’re No. 1 we’re going to have the bull’s eye on our back even more, but I don’t think anyone’s complaining about it. We know we have great responsibility. We have to take care of business on and off the field and it says a lot about our guys that we have to focus even more.”

He said teams back in the pack don’t have to live up to anyone’s preconceived notions.

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Jim Tressel
Ohio St. coach

“I think it’s a very difficult task when you’re up there.”

Jim Tressel
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“We know everybody does. And we look forward to just proving them wrong.”

Making things even more difficult for the Buckeyes is the fact that Wisconsin would be a load even without the hubbub surrounding the rankings.

Led by senior quarterback Scott Tolzien and mammoth junior running back John Clay, the Badgers (5-1, 1-1) have won 13 of their last 14 home games, including the last six. The Badgers haven’t turned the ball over in their last four games and the defense has held 13 of the last 16 opponents under 100 yards rushing.

“What a test it will be,” Buckeyes wide receiver Dane Sanzenbacher said. “But we’re looking forward to it.”

Ohio State will arrive in Madison, Wis., roughly 24 hours before the game. The Buckeyes will have gone through almost all the preparations they can by that point.

Tressel just wishes there were some more friendly faces at Camp Randall.

“It’s a very difficult task when you’re up there,” he said. “We just can’t get a hold of as many tickets as we would like. I know our fans would go, but the Badger fans are going to gobbles up the tickets.”

Asked about the worst atmosphere at a game, Heyward said it is “when you’re not winning.”

Several of the Buckeyes joined the happy crowd two years ago when the stadium speakers blared “Jump Around” by House of Pain before the start of the fourth quarter, a Camp Randall tradition.

The Buckeyes ended up winning that game, also against an 18th-ranked Wisconsin team, 20-17.

Heyward was too busy to join in the fun.

“Some guys jump around, but I don’t,” he said. “It was a little too hectic for that.”

It may be more of the same on Saturday.
NBA

Heat win against CSKA Russia after early Lebron exit

Associated Press
MIAMI — CSKA Moscow provided one scare, then LeBron James gave Miami another.

The Heat survived both. James scored 22 points in 26 minutes before leaving with leg cramps in the third quarter. Chris Bosh added 17 points and eight rebounds, and the Heat overcame an early 10-point deficit to beat the Euroleague powerhouse 96-1 to No. 1. If he wins the 25-year-old German can go to No. 1 if he wins the

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MIAMI — CSKA Moscow, which got 17 from Jamont Gordon and 15 from Roko Ukic, could decide it should be only

one, he's the world's best player.

Mickelson has been No. 2 for most of the year, and he's been No. 2 longer than anyone in the history of the world ranking without reaching the top. Lefty has only himself to blame for that. He had 13 consecutive starts this year with a mathematical chance to

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Lee Westwood hobbled home from the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews to rest his calf injury. He doesn't plan to compete again until

They traded gifts with their

exchanged gifts with their

visiting bench. The Heat even exchanged gifts with their Euroleague foes just before a timeout. James hit a free throw with 3:53 left, giving Miami a 63-53 lead two seconds before he departed. Miami led the rest of the way.

No. 1 ranking up for grabs as Tiger struggles with Tiger

Associated Press

About all anyone can say with certainty about No. 1 in the world is that it won't be Tiger Woods at the end of October.

It won't be Phil Mickelson, either.

Lee Westwood hobbled home from the Dunhill Links Championship in Scotland last week in order to compete again under the HSBC Champions in Shanghai at the earliest. By not competing, the 34-year-old British star avoided a gradual reduction of points, he will have a higher average than Woods in the ranking published Nov. 1.

Rival doesn't guarantee Westwood will be atop the world ranking for the first time in his career.

Martin Kaymer moved to No. 4 with his fourth win of the year at the Dunhill Links, and the 25-year-old German can go to No. 1 if he wins the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama the last weekend in November.

"At the moment, me, Lee Westwood and Tiger Woods are the top three players in the world," Kaymer said.

Not yet. Tiger not for long.

They all could meet in Shanghai, but assuming Woods is fit to play and all four could have a shot at No. 1.

For most of the last decade, any debate about the world rankings has been academic. The top four or five players at the end of the season came from the majors giving exemptions to the top 50 (for the top 100 for the PGA Championship as it tries to assemble the strongest field).

Even those who didn't even try to understand how the ranking worked rarely quibbled about No. 1. That much was obvious.

Woods returned to No. 1 a week before the 2005 U.S. Open, and he stayed there by doing in five years what it has taken Westwood a career to achieve — 32 victories (along with five majors) and 15 runner-up finishes.

The question is why he stayed there so long this year.

Not only did he take off five months when his personal life imploded, Woods has only two top 10s this year, a tie for fourth in the Masters and U.S. Open. Because points are gradually reduced over a rolling two-year period, Woods has lost more world ranking points this year (330,105) than any other player ever has.

But it's important to understand what the world ranking is — and what it is not.

Just because a player is No. 1 in the world doesn't mean he's the world's best player.

Woods was out of 2010 during a three-year slump. He never imagined back then that he could one day reach No. 1.

That's where Westwood fits in.

During the last two years, Westwood has won six tournaments and the Masters and British Open this year, and he was runner-up at the Masters and British Open and the PGA Championship last year. He won the Open on the European Tour. And he had to sit out for two months in peak form because of his calf injury.

Asked why he did not plan to take up PGA Tour membership last year, Westwood shared something that his manager, Chubby Chandler, had told him.

"Why would you take up membership in the States when you've been the most successful player in the world this year, through the injury, and you still have the great chance to go to world No. 1?" he said at St. Andrews. "You've come in second in two major championships. You must be doing something right."

It would be an amazing comeback for Westwood, who was No. 4 in the world in 2000, then fell out of the top 200 during a three-year slump. He never imagined back then that he could one day reach No. 1.

Not many could have guessed it might happen to this. Westwood's only win this year was the St. Jude Classic, made possible by Robert Garrigus taking triple bogey on the last hole. If Kaymer doesn't win at Valderrama, Westwood will rise to No. 1 without lifting a club, much less holing a putt. That would be OK with him.

"I've always dreamt of, and it would be great if it happened," he said. "Sure, it might be anticlimactic, but that can happen when a ranking is based on math — addition, subtraction and division. It brings to mind the summer of 1999, when Woods easily dispensed of David Duval in that Monday night exhibition known as the "Showdown at Sherwood." A week later, when neither played, Duval went to No. 1 in the world.

The following week, Woods won the PGA Championship and was No. 1 for the next five years.

Lee Westwood, who could earn the top spot in the world rankings

NTA shakes hands with an official during Europe's 2010 Ryder Cup win.

No. 1 ranking up for grabs as Tiger struggles with Tiger

Associated Press

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Branch adjusts to New England after trade

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Together again, Delon Branch and Tom Brady walked side-by-side to the sunny practice field.

The Patriots' new wide receiver was getting a crash course on plays installed since the start of the season, after they were part of two NFL championships.

"I still remember some plays," Branch said Tuesday. "They didn't call those plays today.

The Patriots reacquainted the players they drafted in the second round in 2002 — and the MVP of the 2003 Super Bowl — from the Seattle Seahawks on Monday for a fourth-round draft pick next year.

Some things are the same since New England traded him. He’s still got the same hands, the same feet. "I don’t think it’s one of my worst games," the Patriots coach.

"I’m not here to replace Randy, I’m not Randy Moss. I wasn’t Randy Moss when I was here and I’m not here to replace him. My job is to go out and do what the offense asks me to do.”

Moss was a deep threat who drew double teams. Branch is a possession receiver. But both left the Patriots after having contract concerns and said they felt as if they were home again after being traded to their original NFL teams.

Moss said several times this year he didn’t think the Patriots would re-sign him before his contract expired after this season. Branch, who led the Patriots with 78 catches in 2005, was traded the day after the 2006 opener following a 45-day holdout staged in hopes of improving on the $1.045 million he was to receive that year, the last of his original contract.

"I wish it never happened, but no regrets," he said. "When I left here there weren’t any issues between me and Coach (Bill) Belichick, none at all. We talked during the course of the year. ... We didn’t leave on a bad note and I think that’s why it was so easy to return.”

Branch is signed through next season with base salaries of $5.45 million in 2010 and $5.95 million in 2011. But he said he’d be willing to adjust that. He also said he thought it more likely he would be traded last year when he started just five of his 14 games.

Brady isn’t sure Branch’s transition will be smooth.

"I’m sure there will be a pretty steep learning curve for him. Hopefully, he gets up to speed as quickly as possible because we’ll need him this week," Brady said on his weekly appearance on WEEI radio.

Brady also denied a report aired on a CBS pregame show Sunday that he and Moss had a confrontation before receiver was traded.

Branch, in his first stint with the Patriots, had 213 receptions for 14 touchdowns. Moss was much more prolific with 259 catches and 50 touchdown receptions in three full seasons plus four games this year. But Branch was outstanding in the 2004 and 2005 Super Bowls with a total of 21 catches.

"I’m excited," said Edelman, a seventh-round draft choice last year. "He’s been here when they won Super Bowls and I’m going to be able to get to learn from another guy, another veteran.”

Branch started three of Seattle’s four games this season, catching 13 passes for 112 yards and one touchdown. He’s been healthy after missing parts of the past three seasons with knee, hamstring and foot injuries. He caught 196 passes, 15 for touchdowns, with the Seahawks.

He said he was "very thankful" to have been part of the Seahawks organization and also to return to the team that drafted him then traded him for a first-round pick in 2007 that turned out to be starting safety Brandon Meriweather.

"The opportunity presented itself and they took another shot at it," Branch said.

None of the team’s receivers were on the team during Branch’s first go-round in New England.

Goodell to meet with Favre about incident

Associated Press

CHICAGO — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday there was no timetable for wrapping up an investigation of an Internet report that Vikings quarterback Brett Favre sent racy text messages and lewd photos to former New York Jets game hostess.

"We’re just looking for facts now," Goodell said at the NFL owners meeting. "I am going to deal with it as we get the facts.”

He said he had no plans to meet with Favre, "but if it is something that would help us get to a conclusion and it is warranted, we would do that.”

The NFL’s investigation announced last week, centers on a report by the sports website Deadspin that in 2008 Favre, then with the Jets, sent the photos and messages to Jenn Sterger.

Sterger, a former Jets management intern, manager, Phil Reese, declined to say if his client has talked with the NFL.

"This is something that allegedly happened two years ago," Reese said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We don’t want a quick resolution, but the proper resolution.”

Favre could be fined or suspended under the NFL’s personal conduct policy.

"One of the reasons we instituted the personal conduct policy ... to make everyone understand their responsibilities,” Goodell said. "We’re not going to back down a line of speculation and hypothetical situations.”

Favre has not responded to questions about the Deadspin report.

Deadspin reported the voice-mails include a man asking to meet with Sterger, who now is a TV personality for the Versus network. The website posted a video that contained those messages and several below-the-waist photos — want to be of Favre — that were allegedly sent to Sterger’s cell phone.

Deadspin also reported that Favre pursued two female massage therapists who worked part time for the Jets. The website didn’t identify the women, however the Jets have said they gave contact information about them to the league.

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going to get over it in week and week out.”

Kelly said Rudolph’s injury was aggravated during Notre Dame’s game against Louisville on Saturday. Rudolph did not play in the fourth quarter of that game.

“She certainly was hurt, but she felt very good before the game. Exercising you know instantly, caused the injury,” Kelly said.

“You know, he tried to play through it. He’s a course kid and he’s tried to fight through it. Unfortunately it’s led to you, know him being sidelined for the season.”

Rudolph found out that of three tendons attached to the bone, two had been torn.

“Not recognizing any of the games that I played in,” Rudolph said. “In all actuality, it was my decision when I went and go as hard as I did.”

Rudolph, a pre-season All-American, had 28 receptions for 325 yards and three touchdowns in the first five games of the season. The numbers include a 95-yard touchdown reception against Michigan on Sept. 11.

“Loose one of the best tight ends in the country. That’s a loss,” Kelly said. “But, you know, not one player is going to stop what we’ll be doing. It’s a man’s game in philosophy for us, (not more) Tyler Eifert, [senior] Mike ragone, to be able to be the go-to, those guys are going to have to step up and play the position for us at a high level. We’ve had those guys, we can have a lot of confidence in them.”

Rudolph’s surgery will require six months of recovery, but Rudolph said he would work with his back-up, however he can.

“I’m going to be out here every day after my surgery as quick as I can to help those guys, whether it’s game plan or stuff on a weekly basis that they’re not really used to dealing with,” Rudolph said. “I’m going to get the reps, that won’t be a big problem for them.”

Rudolph will be eligible to enter the 2011 NFL draft, but said he is not looking that far ahead.

“The surgery right now is what’s most important, he said.”

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the best to-par score in a three-round tournament in program history with 2007 graduate Cole Ishan. Scordro also was consistently scored well for the Irish at the beginning of the season, which just how much they envisioned it.

“Scordro is pretty different games, the two of them,” he said. “But they’ve brought something—

Junior Chris Walker and freshman Niall Platt both fired a 217 over three rounds to round out the scoring. Platt’s 65 in the first round was the low round of the tournament for any golfer in the field. On his final round 80 brought him back to the pack after an eight-bogey round.

“The first round he hit the ball beautiful, he hit 15 out of 18 greens in regulation, which is above the PGA Tour average,” Kubinski said. “Once he got on the green, he only had 26 putts to post the 65, 64. But you’re a freshman, sopho-

ne or junior, that’s a great score. Today he just didn’t strike the ball as well, and he struggled quite a bit as he did in the first round.”

Moving forward, the Irish will face off in the NCAA Regionals over fall break as the team try to warm weather and to elite golf courses. First up is the Lone Star Invitational on Oct. 17 and 18 in San Antonio.

“We’re going to play Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill as a warm-up to the event,” Kubinski said. “It’s a two course event, which is pretty unique for college golf. The courses are true ball-striking courses, so it’ll be a great test for our golfers in a great locale.”

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the Irish (3-3-1, 1-0-4 Big East) have to back out from a tough loss to West Virginia as they take on a Golden Eagles (5-3-1, 0-0-2) squad that has won either or tied each of its last six matches.

“Right now, Marquette’s almost as good as we’ve played this season,” Clark said. “They’re a very athletic team, we can’t lost in their last six games. We’ve watched a lot of video, a lot of film of them.”

The Irish will look to get back to their winning ways after losing their first two games to West Virginia. The Mountaineers scored two early goals to put the squad in a deep hole — evidence of a trend Clark said is becoming a concern.

“I think it’s a good comparison to the United States national team at the World Cup this summer,” Clark said. “It seemed like someone needed to score against them to light the fire underneath them. That’s happened to us twice — in the Northwestern game and the West Virginia game. It’s time we put together a complete 90 minutes of soccer.”

Though Notre Dame will certainly enjoy the backing of an enthusiastic student crowd after facing rival teams last week, the Golden Eagles come into the game with momentum on their side. Marquette has been propelled by their senior star, of sophomore goalkeeper David Cheek, who has been keeping opponents in check for the Irish, to a tune of a .64 goals against average that places him amongst the top goalies in the country.

“Obviously if he’s been doing well, then we’ve got to set the record straight,” Clark said. “It gives us an opportunity to do that tomorrow night. But it’s more than just the goalkeeper — they’ve defended well as a team also. They let through two goals against Pittsburgh this weekend, so hopefully we can score as well.

Leading the charge for the Irish on defense will be senior forward Steven Perry, who added a goal in the Irish loss to West Virginia. Perry and fellow senior Joe Breski have accounted for eight of the 14 Irish goals this season and Perry’s goal against Boston College gets underway at Alumni Stadium at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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for something bigger than ourselves,” coach Toni Kuschel said. “We’re helping to raise awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer.

“We need to continually get better all around,” she said. “We have a very young team that will be vital for our success for the rest of the season, as well as in the future.”

The match begins at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary’s, as the Belles look to win on the court and contribute to a victory against breast cancer.

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles look to rally from four-game losing streak

By JOE WIRTH Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will try to rediscover its winning ways as the squad travels to Hope College Wednesday.

The Belles (2-12-3, 3-8-1 MAAC) have lost two of three in late September, the Belles (2-12-3, 3-8-1 MAAC) have lost their last four games, including a tough 6-2 defeat at Hope College on Sunday.

Although they were outplayed in the first half, the Belles outscored Marian 2-1 in the second half, and SMC coach Michael Joyce said that he thinks his squad can carry some of that into Wednesday’s game against Hope.

“There is some consolation in a good second half,” Joyce said. “That gives you to have take advantage of game opportunities to build chemistry and improve as a team. We’re also a team that new guys working, which I’m very proud of.”

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FOOTBALL

Rudolph out for season with hamstring injury

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph will have surgery this week and will miss the rest of the football season, Irish coach Brian Kelly announced Tuesday.

“There was an evulsion of both tendons on his hamstring, in other words, they came off the bone, so that’s going to require surgery,” Kelly said in his weekly press conference. “And right now, his family is putting together, really, you know, the doctor, who is going to do the surgery, the rehab, all of those things.”

Rudolph had struggled with hamstring since injuring it during a one-on-one drill over the summer, and said he never felt 100 percent after that.

“It’s definitely frustrating, especially when you deal with something for so long,” Rudolph said. “You know, you’re just trying to get better.”

Rudolph will miss the rest of the football season.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Senior libero Angela Puente puts leadership on display

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Leading the team isn’t always about having the highest number of kills or digs. It’s not about who can block the most or who can set up the best play. But it is always about heart, and that’s where senior libero Angela Puente is at the top.

“Angela has demonstrated strong leadership skills from the first day she stepped on campus at Notre Dame,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “As a freshman, she wasn’t hesitant to speak up in team meetings when she felt strongly about something. She has the ability to have a strong opinion, but at the same time be open to hearing others’ views and accepting them.”

Puente’s leadership skills earned her the title of Notre Dame’s co-captain this season, a role she has been preparing for since day one.

Puente’s sophomore season was highlighted by another year of strong performances, as she played a key role on a squad that made it to the final round of the Big East Championships against Louisville. The season also included Puente and classmate Megan Dunne sharing the libero role with junior French Silva, contributing to a highly successful Irish defense.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles hold fundraiser for cancer

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Tonight will be a special opportunity for Saint Mary’s, both on and off the court. The Belles will be holding their annual “Dig for the Cure Event” during their home match against Olivet this evening.

The team, along with other participants, will be going around the stands asking for donations throughout the evening. They are asking fans to pledge an amount of money for each dig they pick up during the match. Also, pink shirts and desserts will be sold. All proceeds will go towards breast cancer research and awareness.

This is a very special night for us as we will be playing not only for a win but also for cancer.

MEN’S SOCCER

Irish face tough schedule

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish will take to the familiar pitch of Alumni Stadium Wednesday night face off against Marquette in the only home match of a difficult four-game stretch that takes the Irish to three different locations.

“I think the players will be fine,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “The road trips last week were tough because the players were in the middle of midterms. Next week during fall break, it’s almost like going on a trip with the team, so that’ll be okay.”

Before embarking on a three-game road trip over fall break,