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Georgia couple finds escaped buffalo in pool

CLEVELAND, Ga. — A north Georgia man said he and his wife found a neighbor’s buffalo in their swimming pool. Chris Nonnemaker said he and his wife noticed two holes in the pool’s cover and went outside to take a look Saturday morning in White County. Nonnemaker said they noticed something moving. When he pulled the pool cover back, Nonnemaker said a buffalo that had escaped from a neighbor’s home.

Nonnemaker called police and videotaped the animal’s rescue, which involved ropes to help coax the buffalo out near the shallow end. Deputies said the buffalo belonged to a neighbor and escaped with two others weeks ago. They said those two were caught shortly after they got away.

Man rides lawn mower to free dog from county pound

HYDRO, Okla. — An elderly Hydro man landed in jail after spraying his prized poodle from the town kennel. Instead of paying a $100 fine for not having his dog on a leash, 73-year-old Edwin Fry decided to hustle Buffalo Tug, driving his lawn mower to the city pound Oct. 13 and breaking into the cage with bolt cutters. As the pair escaped, police officer Chris Chancellor intercepted them.

Chancellor told The Oklahoma affidavit received numerous complaints about Buffalo Tough, who had been in the pound before. He said Fry had been told he could retrieve the dog and sort out the fine in court. “I’ve been in law enforcement more than 10 years, and this is the first time I’ve known of anyone that has baited a dog out of jail,” Chancellor told The Oklahoman.

Fry spent several days in jail, and faces a municipal charge of allowing an animal to run at-large. Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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In Brief

The seminar “Theoretical and Numerical Modeling of Two-phase Flows of Environmental Importance” will be held today at 11 a.m. in Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering Room 258. Fabian Bombardelli, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of California at Davis, will present.

The lecture “Reflections on the Multiple Faces of the State” will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Room C-103. Guillermo O’Donnell, professor emeritus of Political Science at Notre Dame, will speak.

The lecture “A History of Violence? Realism and International Politics” will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Sebastian Rosato, assistant professor of Political Science at Notre Dame, will speak.

Notre Dame’s first “Rosary for Life” will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A scriptural Rosary will be led by University President Rev. John Jenkins, with scripture passages and meditations read by students, faculty and staff before each of the five decades of the Rosary.

The eND Hunger Kick-Off Forum will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Auditorium. It is the inaugural forum in a year-long series to spread awareness on campus regarding food scarcity in South Bend. The CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will speak.

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Thomas L. Friedman, the influential Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist from The New York Times, will speak on the title topic. Friedman has examined a wide range of subjects in his work, including globalization and worldwide economic issues, religious fundamentalism and terrorism, and the Middle East conflict. He is the author of four best-selling books, most recently The World is Flat and Hot, Flat, and Crowded, both currently best-sellers.

Free but ticketed event:
Tickets for the Nov. 3 Forum event featuring Thomas Friedman are free to Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, and will be available at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office beginning Wednesday, Oct. 27, during regular ticket office hours (noon–6 p.m.) You must present a valid Notre Dame ID. Two tickets per ID on a first come, first-served basis. Limit one ID per person.

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Students can best protect themselves while shopping online by paying attention to who they are purchasing from, said David Seidl, Information Security Program Manager for Notre Dame's Office of Information Technology (OIT).

As part of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, OIT is working to inform students of the dangers that can come from breaches in cyber security, including online shopping.

Seidl said the two biggest areas where online shoppers neglect to protect themselves are in checking the credibility of the site they purchase from and the form of payment they use to buy their merchandise.

“People will go to one website and get linked over to some fly-by-night site that’s not something like an Amazon,” he said.

In order to prevent being scammed, Seidl said students can visit resellerratings.com, a website with ratings on different online retailers.

“Resellerratings.com generally gives you a star-based rating scheme. If you see it has 500 and has been in business for 10 years, then the website is probably okay,” he said.

Another general rule of thumb to keep in mind is to think about the type of deal the website is offering.

“One of the giveaways is that if something is too good to be true, it probably isn’t (true),” Seidl said.

Another area where online shoppers run into problems is in the way they chose to pay for their purchases.

Seidl said the best way to pay for merchandise purchased online is with a one-time use credit card number.

“The basic concept is that you are able to go to a credit card companies website and click on a function that can generate a one-time use number,” he said. “The number is no longer valid after the purchase.”

As opposed to giving a credit card number, where there is the possibility for someone to steal it and use it until the card expires, a one-time use number will be invalid after the transaction is completed, Seidl said.

If, however, an online purchaser must choose between using a credit card or a debit card, Seidl said to opt for the credit card.

Aside from potentially giving a website complete access to one’s checking account, there are also more safeguards put into place for credit card theft.

“Credit cards have more protections by law so potential issues if you are much smaller,” he said.

In addition to offering advice about online shopping, OIT is also hosting a number of speakers Tuesday at the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall to advise on different topics related to cyber security.

The first portion of the day features two speakers, who will address topics aimed at technologically oriented students and professionals.

During the afternoon, events will be geared toward a wider audience, with speakers focusing on securing one’s mobile phone and tips for parents to protect their students online. A complete listing of the day’s events can be found on OIT’s website.

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SMC offers safety education program

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

For the first time this semester, the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) and the Saint Mary's Security Department are collaborating to offer a special safety education program for students.

The program, created by the National Self-Defense Institute, is not a self-defense class, but rather an educational session focusing on risk-reduction. In a two-hour session, called Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.), students learn general self-defense information and five basic techniques for risk-reduction.

"S.A.F.E. teaches some excellent techniques and the time-commitment is easier to fit into a hectic schedule — making it a great introduction for college students," Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said.

"Participants have found the sessions fun and valuable," Adams said.

The program, offered as a direct result of student interest, is one of the most commonly requested BAVO programs by students, Adams said.

Staff from both BAVO and the Security Department work together as instructors for each session, Adams said. Members of both groups completed training through the National Self-Defense Institute. Adams said the sessions offered through this program would be beneficial and practical for Saint Mary's students.

"I believe that all women can receive a benefit from participating in self-defense classes. Physical self-defense techniques are one small portion of risk reduction, many women feel empowered when they develop this skill set," he said.

Though the sessions are not self-defense classes, Adams notes that the information they offer is a step toward self-protection.

"It is not possible to entirely eliminate one's risk of experiencing violence," Adams said. "However, every step we take to promote personal safety and reinforce the fact that violence is not a community value aids in our movement to eliminate violence and abuse."

The program's free sessions are offered about once a month through the academic year. The first session was held Sept. 16.

The subsequent sessions for this semester will be held Tuesday and Dec. 1 at 6:45 p.m. in conference rooms D, E and F in the Student Center. Sessions are also scheduled for next semester, and advance registration is required.

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"It was a really great orientation to the life of the man we had come to see," Townsend said, "and nearly everyone was tearing up hearing the testimonies of the people he had cured of some illness or disability."

The Center for Social Concerns also organized service projects for the students to participate in the day before the canonization, Carey said. The activities helped the students truly understand the services Bessette performed throughout his life.

"I went with a group that helped organize and sort medicine for the St. Egidio community, a service group that offers aid and assistance to the homeless and elderly in Rome and around the world," Townsend said. "It really homered home the theme of selflessness that Saint André exemplified."

For Kimball, the most powerful experience was being surrounded by thousands of people who were all connected by their faith during the canonization in Saint Peter’s Square, Kimball said.

"I always heard about how being Catholic meant you were part of a larger community that spans the world, and we are all connected by being Catholic," Kimball said. "However, it was hard for me to really grasp that concept until I went to Rome and just saw the sheer number of people from all around the globe."

The canonization was an important one for not only the Congregation of Holy Cross, but also Canadian Catholics, as Bessette is the first Canadian saint.

Pope Benedict XVI also canonized five other saints at the same time as Bessette. Excerpts about each saint were read in his or her native language, Townsend said, and after each name was announced, it was easy to tell where each saint’s following was located.

Townsend said the fact that the ceremony connected so many people made it an even more incredible experience.

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Group debates potential off-campus policies

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

In order to improve off-camp-
us student life at Notre Dame, Campus Life Council (CLC) examined other universities’ policies regarding off-campus parties and city police during its Monday meeting.

It seems that a lot of these programs grew out of situations like we found ourselves in,” student body president Catherine Soler said, referring to the spike in off-campus arrests earlier this semester. “Things were getting really bad and they had to do something.”

One of the schools CLC studied is Colorado State University, where the University collaborated with local law enforcement through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a system for registering parties. Hosts of registered parties benefit from a warning and opportunity to correct the noise violation before police intervention. Soler said this program would be difficult to adapt to Notre Dame.

“The immediate problem with that is it’s very high cost, and the area they live in is very low in crime,” she said.

Other universities, such as Ball State and Duke, have used MOUs and appeals to state legislatures to enable campus police to patrol the surrounding off-campus community. Andrew Bell, student body vice president, thought using Notre Dame Security Police or another third party to handle off-campus student incidents could be promising.

“When we met with [South Bend Police], several officers communicated to us that they’d rather not have to deal with student parties,” Bell said. “We hope to set up a program where the response is still immediate, like the police, but in another form ... that could effectively do the same thing as the police without straining [South Bend Police] and without legal consequences if they’re not necessary.”

Based on the example of Boston College, which uses off-campus Residents to patrol and deal with problematic parties, CLC discussed the possibility of instating similar positions as well as developing an administration position to deal with off-campus life exclusively.

“A lot of other schools have an office or administrator or someone to deal with things like this,” Soler said. “Is it the responsibility of Notre Dame to create an assistant ... to deal with making sure off-campus students’ needs are being met?”

Alex Kasparie, Knott Hall senator, said a third-party solution would be appealing to students.

“I think any student is going to tell you they’d rather have someone else knocking on their door than SBPD,” Kasparie said. “I think that’s definitely an appealing thing for most students.”

Keough Hall rector Fr. Pete McCormick said that, regardless of University or community cooperation, students would have to contribute to the effort. “Third party programs would probably have to trade off some privacy through registering houses and people to benefit from warnings or non-policies,” McCormick said. “There’s got to be some level of cooperation.”

Bell reminded members that it would require a specialized staff member to fit the unique Notre Dame community. “We understand no solution is going to be perfect at another school or perfect for us at Notre Dame.”

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Woo travels to promote ethics

Special to The Observer

As the new school year started, Carolyn Y. Woo had logged more than 62,000 air travel miles during the summer. That’s four major continents — with repeat visits to several — in less than 100 days.

From Uganda to Shanghai, New York, Hong Kong and Australia, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business talked with more than a dozen business and alumni groups about a topic she finds increasingly urgent in shaping the global marketplace: business ethics and corporate social responsibility.

“When we see the recent cases of corporate misconduct, we can easily agree that ethics and values are sorely needed as foundational leadership principles,” Woo said. “But there’s so much more to it, too, that goes beyond business ethics as the answer is irresponsible behavior. On the global level, business can be a force for good in solving society’s problems, such as poverty, violence and disease. This is the conversation that should be taking place in classrooms, boardrooms, suites and government offices.”

Woo, who has traveled extensively to some of the world’s most trouble-some hotspots, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, often works with the United Nations and other NGOs, such as the nonprofit Catholic Relief Services, to study and work with groups involved with social responsibility efforts.

During her visit to Uganda in June, Woo conducted a needs-assessment workshop for a group of 40 African bishops and religious leaders from 10 countries of Eastern Africa; namely, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Rwanda and Burundi. The workshop, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), was intended to help these leaders develop human and resource capacity in an effort to meet the increasingly complex demands of their congregations as they faced HIV/AIDS, violence and the rise of radical Islam.
The community coalition met for the first time Oct. 15 to dis-
cuss the needs on the west side of South Bend.

“We are capitalizing on the community leaders and asking them to articulate the vision they have for the area,” Simpson said. “Notre Dame student government is one member at the table to con-
tribute to this larger commun-
ity effort.”

The coalition will decide a specific direction for its efforts during the next meeting. Options include forming a food cooperative, bringing another grocery store to the area, working to bring fresh pro-
duce to corner markets and advocating for transportation c h a n g e s , Simpson said.

The second branch of the campaign is c a m p u s engagement to in-
form Notre Dame students and faculty about food scarcity in the local commun-
ity.

“Tonight’s forum in Geddes Hall will feature the CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana Lisa Jaworski and senior Laura Beverly, who will speak about local hunger. Later forums will also host leaders from the community to speak to Notre Dame students and faculty. We are hoping the forums can be a conversation between the community and the stu-
dents,” Simpson said.

Notre Dame students can be liaisons between the community, farmers and entrepreneurs, Simpson said. This part of the campaign can help us all to realize there are individuals living ten min-
utes from campus who do not know from where their next meal comes or how they might provide food for their children each evening,” Simpson said.

CSC community partnerships director Annie Cahill Kelly par-
ticipated in the community meeting several weeks ago.

“My main hope is for sustain-
ability for the project,” Cahill Kelly said. “I hope the good work they are doing will serve as a foundation for involve-
m ent on student’s behalf for many years to come.”

Ensuring a long-standing connection the community needs to be a focus, Cahill Kelly said. Simpson said the challenge for the “cND Hunger” vision is creating a connection to the community that will last beyond this year.

“I think hopefully that when our term comes to an end the efforts and commitments people have made to the local community will con-
续,” Cahill Kelly said.

Ongoing events include a food drive lasting until Nov. 19 and Donor Dollar collections in LaFortune Student Center in mid-November. Cahill Kelly said this collaboration between groups, along with the variety of events, is key to making a dif-
fERENCE in the South Bend community.

“Any time that groups on campus collaborate, we further the goal of creating the king-
dom of God together,” Cahill Kelly said. “It is tough work to do solely.”

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“I think they have come up with a pretty good team so every-
thing’s been running smooth since then,” Conley said.

Colin Parker said keeps in touch with students on a regu-
lar basis. For example, Campus Apartments delivered free HotBox Pizza to student resi-
dents earlier this semester.

“They’ve been really good about timely r e s p o n s e s ,” Conley said.

“Notre Dame students are a tight-knit community, so we just want to make sure that we are helping them in any way possible.”

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The second installment of this series will feature how Kramer Properties has experi-
enced since taking over its homes to Campus Apartments. It will run in tomorrow’s Observer.

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Inside Column

Oh ‘Glee’

When ‘Glee’ premiered on Fox in May of 2009, it was the talk of the town. It showed a high school glee club in Ohio, was clever, witty, featured great musical numbers by talented young performers and really captured the highs and lows of growing up high school. However, now in its second season, ‘Glee’ has veered off the path of popular music and tribute episodes to draw in audiences. Though still successful, I think ‘Glee’ has lost everything that once made it great. But all hope is not lost. Though I am increasingly disappointed with where the show is going, I have hope that ‘Glee’ can regain its status as one of the smartest shows on television.

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Absence of toughness

I am writing this with 11 minutes to go in the third quarter, but this game is over. OVER. Perhaps we should rename ourselves the Gentle Irish. Or the Fighting Amish. Because we show no visible evidence of toughness, mental or physical. We are plucky, but we are devoid of heart. We win three games in a row and think we’re really something. We didn’t want to play Michael Floyd “unless it was an emergency.” Talk about not respecting your opponent. And we’ve been working on the option “since last summer???” If that’s true, the entire defensive staff needs to be fired today. We do not need more talent. We need a complete attitude overhaul.

Mike Schafer
Junior
Class of 1982
Oct. 23

Celebrate seniors

The senior class is on the brink of an achievement that has never been accomplished. Assuming (and this is a big assumption) that the football team beats Tulsa this weekend, the game against Utah will be our chance to break the record of most losses in a four-year period, previously owned by the Class of 1964. When we get steamrolled by Utah on Nov. 13, we will officially be the losingest class in Notre Dame History. That day will also be Senior Day, a day that the senior class is allowed on the field at the end of the game. The senior class should not walk onto the field, but storm the field in celebration of its four seasons as spectators in the student section. The senior class should show its thanks and appreciation for a record-breaking season. The senior class should not get steamrolled by Utah on Nov. 13, we will officially be the losingest class in Notre Dame History. That day will also be Senior Day, a day that the senior class is allowed on the field at the end of the game. The senior class should show its thanks and appreciation for a record-breaking season.

Matthew McManus
Senior
Off-campus
Oct. 25

Letters to the Editor

Of the people, by the people and for the people

Dear Ryan Williams,

In your letter on Oct. 14 (“Hats off to Judge Philips”), you praised judicial activism while, remarkably, providing a much stronger argument against it. Judicial activism is exactly the sort of thing people make it out to be! Our Constitution represents a contract between the people and their government. The cornerstone of this contract is that laws can only be made with the consent of the governed through their elected officials. Every time a judge substitutes their own opinion rather than adhering to the laws as written, it violates the contract and calls into question what rights we truly have if a judge can so easily ignore the will of the people.

I note that you referenced one unsalvageable landmark case, Brown v. The Board of Education, perhaps to gloss over the incredible weakness of the others you mentioned. In Brown v. Board there was no disagreement that Brown was entitled to an equal education, the question was merely the criteria for equality, which fits well within the scope of the courts. The same cannot be said for the other cases.

Karen Ingram
Kansas State Collegian

Drug abuse is a serious problem, not just in the United States, but all over the world. Among the worst victims of this global plague are the children born to drug-addled parents. A woman named Barbara Harris could tell you all about this, as she adopted and raised two children born to the same crack-addicted woman.

“My husband and I had to take shifts with him,” Harris said of her second child.

Taylor, in a Feb. 8 BBC News article, “He would sleep 10 minutes, wake up screaming. I was angry at my mom, I thought could somebody do this to a baby?”

Harris’ innovative solution to the problem became Project Prevention, an organization that pays drug-addicted parents $300 apiece for long-term birth control, which includes anything from Depo-Provera shots to more permanent methods of tubal ligations and vasectomies — in short, sterilization.

According to Project Prevention’s latest statistics, which were updated on their website Oct. 17, they have paid a total of 3,600 “clients” in all 50 states. Of those clients, 1,319 had tubal ligations and 54 had vasectomies, which means the number of clients who became sterile is about 1 in 3.

Project Prevention has also recently gone global. BBC news reported in an Oct. 17 article that Project Prevention is offering 200 pounds, or $318, to addicts in various UK cities, including London and Glasgow, if they agree to the aforementioned birth control.

Harris and Project Prevention have been attacked by critics who argue that the charity organization to Nazi programs in the 1930s that sterilized or killed groups of people deemed to be unsuitable for procreation, including Jews and mentally handicapped people. Harris has also been accused of being a racist and targeting poor and drug-addicted minorities.

I wouldn’t go so far as to accuse Harris of practicing eugenics, and I don’t think she’s racist, either. Harris is white, but her four adopted children are black or of mixed ethnicity and her husband is black. Also, the statistics on her website show that more than half of her “clients” are white. Also, I cover the downside of things, as many babies born to drug-addicted mothers suffer from withdrawals, premature birth, physical and mental problems, among other things. I understand her desire to end the suffering of children.

That being said, Project Prevention leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth because I can see such a “charitable project” being carried out on other groups of people someone might deem “unsuitable” for procreating.

There are many children born into less than ideal conditions all the time, and although I empathize with the struggle of parents trying to get a chill at the thought of people being paid to get sterilized because they are deemed unworthy breeding stock. There are millions of children in the U.S. who suffer without drugs coming into the picture. According to Project Prevention’s 13 million children in the U.S. are hungry. Should poor people be sterilized to spare their children from pain and suffering? Should people be sterilized because they have Down syndrome? Or because schizophrenia runs in their family? Or diabetes? What about people who are HIV positive?

What about the children of people who are “suffering” because their livelihoods conflict with someone else’s belief system? Should gays be sterilized? Or illegal immigrants?

When you target one group of people because of the harm they could do to their children, you run the risk of declaring open season on anyone who might be “undesirable.” As I’ve already stated, I believe the population is dangerously high on this planet. I also meet people every day who annoy me to the point of thinking “Gee, I hope this idiot never breeds,” but I am not arrogant enough to believe I can choose who should or should not have children. I don’t believe any individual — or charity — should be given the power to make that call.

This is a choice that should be left up to the individual. I choose not to have children, because, whether I raised them or not, they would be genetically predisposed to depression, thyroid disorders, anxiety, high blood pressure, diabetes and my less-than-charming personality traits. The choice not to procreate is mine, as it should be for anybody else, whether they’re an addict or just a jerk.

The world does not need charities that prevent people from procreating. There is already an award out there given to people who find amazingly stupid ways of preventing themselves from contributing to the gene pool. It’s called the Darwin Awards. Support that, instead.

This column first appeared in the Oct. 20 edition of the Kansas State Collegian, the daily publication serving Kansas State University.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

In Roe v. Wade the Supreme Court infamously made up a right that was never mentioned in the Constitution, while simultaneously claiming federal jurisdiction over something that was clearly the domain of the states. Likewise, in Citizens United it seems like the justices were handed an outcome they wanted and then found a way to interpret the First Amendment to support it.

Regarding the issue at hand, I have not made my mind up yet. On one hand, I am generally opposed to the possibility of any sort of romantic relationship on the very front lines of a war. At the same time, I recognize that there are other regulations that could be enacted to prevent this, and members of the military are not even on the front lines. Either way, I want this decision to come through the proper channels and not by some judge running an end around on the legal system.

Rory Murphy
Alumnus
Class of 2004
Oct. 22

UWIRE

Immoral charity pays drug addicts to become sterile

Karen Ingram

What is your horoscope today?

Find out on page 23.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Heartland Rocker and Indiana native John Mellencamp will play Nov. 13 at South Bend’s Morris Performing Arts Center, as the Grammy Award winning artist embarks on his “No Better Than This” tour. Tickets that were previ-ously on hold have recently been made available.

Mellencamp is best known for ’80s hits like “Jack and Diane” and “Small Town,” and was part of a wave of back-to-basics rockers that include Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty. Mellencamp has put his rock star days behind him but has remained active in recording and touring with the likes of John Fogerty, Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson. His roots rock sound and his stories about everyday folks won him a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2008.

His South Bend show will feature old favorites as well as cuts from his latest album, “No Better Than This,” which was produced by famed artist and producer T Bone Burnett and released to positive critical reception. The album, which Mellencamp has described as “folk,” was recorded at a num-ber of historic locations on his last tour, including Sun Studios in Memphis and San Antonio’s Gunter Hotel, where famed blues musician Robert Johnson recorded.

As a special treat for this tour, audiences will get to view the doc-umentary film “It’s About You” before the show, which chronicles Mellencamp’s baseball stadium tour with Bob Dylan as well as the recording ses-sions for the “No Better Than This” album. The film, made by famed photographer Kurt Markus, offers a unique behind-the-scenes glimpse into Mellencamp’s writing and recording.

Mellencamp at the Morris

By ROSS FINNEY
Scene Writer

Around the Bend

What: John Mellencamp, “No Better Than This” Tour
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Saturday, Nov. 13, 6:45 p.m.
How much: Tickets start at $39.50
Learn more: morriscenter.org
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By BRANDY CERNE
Scene Writer

After hearing that a sequel was in the works for last year’s surprise horror hit “Paranormal Activity,” expectations of many were low. After all, part of the appeal of the original film was the fact that it was made on a shoestring bud-get of $11,000, yet still managed to scare audi-ences more than most horror films in recent years. A sequel with amped-up funding, studio supervision and a different director could not possibly live up to its predecessor, right?

Well, yes, but that doesn’t mean that “Paranormal Activity 2” isn’t full of frightening moments that will stay with you long after you leave the theater. The chilly scenes just don’t have the full impact or originality of those in the first film.

More of a prequel than a sequel, “Paranormal Activity 2” takes place a few weeks before the happenings of the first film. The story follows the unusual occurrences at the original main character Katie’s sister’s house. After a sup-posed robbery, Kristi (Sprague Graydon) and her husband Dan (Brian Bolden) set up a sur-veillance system in different rooms around the house. Without giving too much away, since both films are best enjoyed with a spoiler-free mind, Kristi starts to get spooked. Dan is reluct-tant to believe anything paranormal is going on, but when his teenage daughter, Ali (Molly Ephraim), starts to investigate, the signs become too large to ignore. Adding to the stakes are a new baby, Hunter, and a pet dog.

Directed by Tod Williams, the story unfolds through the combination of surveillance footage and handheld family video, which is similar to the first film but allows the audience to see even more of the house from inside and seemingly without reason. “Paranormal Activity 2” provides some expla-nation, which may have seemed like a good idea in moving the plot forward, but actually makes it less scary for the audience and takes away the idea that this could happen in any home. The thought of being home alone becomes much more frightening, as the danger comes from inside and seemingly without reason.

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The Katherine Heigl-starring “Life as We Know It” really isn’t that terrible. But don’t get your hopes up. It’s not great, either. It’s exhaustingly predictable and features just about every romantic comedy trope that exists. It is exactly the kind of un-clever and cheesy movie that is killing the romantic comedy genre and yet brings in millions of dollars at the box office nonetheless.

However, it does have a few redeeming qualities. Katherine Heigl as Holly is not nearly as annoying as she usually is. Though far from charming, she doesn’t reach the depths of grating irritability that she has mastered in some of her other performances. She’s still hard to like, but she at least makes an effort in “Life As We Know It.” It helps that she’s a chef and makes really delicious-looking cakes.

On the other hand, Josh Duhamel really is charming. His perpetual-bachelor character has been seen a million times over in all sorts of movies, but Duhamel has enough charisma and swagger to make Eric Messer endearing and sympathetic. And the baby at the heart of the movie, Sophie, is too cute to not love. Played by triplets, Sophie steals the movie from her first scene on.

Alison and Peter are married, and Holly and Eric are their respective best friends. Alison and Peter once had the noble intention to set their best friends up. The date, however, went horribly and they didn’t even make it to the restaurant. Several years later, they are godparents to Sophie, though they still conveniently hate each other.

When Sophie’s parents die in a car accident, Holly and Eric must move in and raise Sophie together. The ending is predictable, but “Life” hits some bumps and wins some laughs on the way. Most notably, Holly and Eric find themselves surrounded by a group of neighbors trying to help out. Led by Melissa McCarthy (“Gilmore Girls”) as a Southern housewife, the neighbors bring more laughs than either of the stars. Josh Lucas as Sam, Sophie’s attractive pediatrician, enters the picture for the necessary love triangle.

So yes, “Life as We Know It” is cheesy, formulaic and doesn’t pack any clever surprises. But, to its credit, it’s still entertaining. Director Greg Berlanti, known for work with television shows like “Everwood” and “Brothers & Sisters,” knows how to create romantic and domestic comedy, drawing on everything from poop to pot to generate laughs.

For those who enjoy romantic comedies about mismatched lovers, “Life as We Know It” will probably fit the bill completely — it’s cute, it’s funny and baby Sophie is adorable. Putting a baby into the middle of a romantic comedy at least makes it feel like the generic plot line has changed a little. Or maybe the baby just distracts from it.

For those who don’t tear up at corny happy endings, stay away. Katherine Heigl may not be as annoying as she is from charming, she doesn’t reach the depths of grating irritability that she has mastered in some of her other performances. She’s still hard to like, and even an adorable baby couldn’t save this movie. The ending is sweet and will please the right audience. So if your stomach can handle cheesy one-liners, make-ups and break-ups and dramatic chases to the airport, then have no fear. It really isn’t terrible.

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Associate Scene Editor

‘Life As We Know It’

Director: Greg Berlanti
Starring: Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel and Josh Lucas

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Saints try to pinpoint issue as Brees struggles

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Drew Brees will smell greatness in the New Orleans Saints’ locker room, even though the defending champs stalked up the Louisiana Superdome during their most recent performance against Cleveland.

“We’re all in the midst of trying to put our finger on what exactly is going on,” Brees said Monday, a day after the Saints dropped to 3-4 with a stunning 30-17 loss to the Browns. “We know the type of team we have. We know the type of work ethic we have. They’re just quick to win. Guys want to be great.”

Last season, the Saints wore T-shirts around the locker room that read, “smell greatness,” a motto derived from a motivational speech they got from former Saints’ great and honoree of Fame Ronnie Lott. They won their first 13 games in a row and only three all season and won their first Super Bowl.

In 2010, the Saints have vacillated from super (a 31-6 win at Tampa Bay), to so-so (close wins over struggling Carolina and San Francisco) to plain sloppy (turnover-filled losses at Cleveland and Arizona).

Injuries and even a pair of surgeries to ailing Favre’s biggest problem will become one-dimensional, it can be tricky. It only gets harder this week, against the Packers (5-1).

“It’s open to reporters on Monday to practice facility on Monday to make him more comfortable. He refused to rule Favre out of this week’s game, which would likely mean a start against Tarvaris Jackson. But he also insisted that the streak won’t influence the decision on whether to play him against the Patriots (5-1).

“We have to do what is right for the Minnesota Vikings,” Childress said. “That’s what I will charge with at the end of the day. I’m not worried about someone getting one more start or one more yard to equal 300.”

His teammates will have to believe it when they see it. “Unless they cut his leg off, it’s going to be hard to keep him off the field,” defensive tackle Kevin Williams said.

Childress said he was wearing a walking boot around the practice facility on Monday to make him more comfortable. "I don’t go to Gumnut Cottage your Dicktatoriship. I love your bins they’re so random. Wife beaters and rapists are nearly English!” “Save me a seat

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kyle Wilson scored his first NHL goal and Mathieu Garon stopped 28 shots to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets past the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 on Monday night.

Wilson, playing in his fifth career game, put the Blue Jackets ahead 1-0 in the first. Derick Brassard converted a nice pass from Rick Nash for a 2-0 lead and Garon made the lead stand during a wild onslaught by the Flyers in the third period.

They outshot Columbus 12-4 in the final 20 minutes, even though the Blue Jackets had three power plays. Ville Leino scored his second goal of the year for the Flyers, who have lost four of five.

Midway through the first period, Chris Clark carried the puck down the left wing, fought off Philadelphia defenseman Chris Pronger and pivoted to get off a shot from the left dot in front of defenseman Matt Carle. Boucher made a blocker save, but the rebound came back toward Clark. At almost the same time he got to the puck, Wilson, who was waiting by the net, one-timed it for the goal.

After a penalty-free first period, Columbus took advantage of the Flyers’ first trip to the box. With Danny Briere in for hooking, the Blue Jackets kept the puck in the offensive zone for a minute and a half before Nash, stationed at the right goal line, slipped a pass under a diving Kimmo Timonen that went tape-to-tape to Brassard for the one-knee, one-timer from the left dourstep.
NFL

Romo breaks collarbone

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys’ miserable season just got a whole lot worse. Tony Romo broke his left collarbone in the second quarter against the New York Giants on Monday night, then his teammates let a 13-point lead turn into a 38-20 deficit through three quarters.

Eli Manning rebounded from interceptions on his first two drives to match his career best with four touchdown passes. Brandon Jacobs ran 30 yards for a touchdown and Lawrence Tynes kicked a career-best 53-yard field goal. Lawrence Tynes kicked a 30-yard field goal for a touchdown. A loss would have made them off to their worst start since going 1-15 in 1989, the first year Jerry Jones owned the club.

As if that wasn’t bad enough, the prospects for recovery aren’t very good.”

His first pass was tipped. So sure looked rusty.

His second quarter, with Romo throwing a pass to Miles Austin, then taking a hard hit from blitzing Michael Boley. The linebacker came in unblocked and running at him practically full speed. Romo landed on the shoulder and remained flat on his back until being helped by trainers. He was taken into the locker room for X-rays and replaced by backup Jon Kitna.

The injury could end his season. Recovery time is generally 8 to 10 weeks. With the Cowboys at 1-4 — and headed to 1-5 — there may not be any reason to rush back.

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Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo walks off the field Monday after suffering a broken collarbone during Dallas’ 41-35 loss to the Giants.

NBA

Miami’s ‘Big Three’ ready to go for opener

Associated Press

MIAMI — Before leaving for the airport Monday and catching the flight to Boston, Dwyane Wade had a conversation with the friend he calls Larry.

As in, the Larry O’Brien Trophy. The one they give out for winning an NBA championship.

“I asked him where he’s been,” Wade said. “He’s eluded me. He’s been missing for a while.”

Larry will be waiting for someone in June, and on Tuesday night the Miami Heat will take what they hope is their first step toward winning him when a season of title expectations finally opens in Boston. Miami squares off against the reigning Eastern Conference champion Celtics in a matchup loaded with story lines.

LeBron James’ opener with Miami after seven seasons in Cleveland. Wade’s first time with James and Chris Bosh as his Heat running mates. Shaquille O’Neal — once a teammate to both Wade and James — playing his first game in Celtics’ colors. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett motivated by a Game 7 loss to the Lakers in last season’s finals. Miami’s new Big 3 vs. Boston’s not-so-new Big 3.

“Once LeBron took his talents to South Beach, I think everyone got excited,” Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

The Heat practiced one last time in Miami on Monday morning, followed by coach Erik Spoelstra gathering his team in the locker room for a quick meeting.

“Don’t have to say much,” Spoelstra brought Miami’s 2006 championship trophy and reminded everyone of that season’s lone goal.

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Belles fall to Adrian College

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The offensive troubles con-
tinued for the Belles this
weekend, as Saint Mary’s fell
to another MIAA opponent.
Saint Mary’s (2-16-0, 0-7-0
MIAA) struggled to a 2-0
defeat at the hands of Adrian
College. The Belles had
chances throughout the
game, but were unable to
capitalize on their opportuni-
ties.

Saint Mary’s coach Michael
Joyce said the game could
have gone either way, as the
squad just could not put the
ball in the net.

“It was a fairly even
game,” Joyce said. “We had
some great chances to score
— the ball just didn’t fall for
us. We pushed hard for a
goal in the second half and
 gambled a bit defensively,
which created some great
chances for us, but also gave
Adrian some good looks at
our goal, so it was back and
forth.”

The Bulldogs scored both of
their goals in the first half.
The first one came in the
seventh minute off of the foot
of freshman McKenzie Doda.
Sophomore Patti Vaassen
scored the second goal was
scored in the 18th minute.

The Belles’ last game of the
season will be Wednesday at
Trine College. Joyce said he
knows how important it is to
finish this season off strong
and gain some momentum
going into the 2011 cam-
paign.

“We’re looking for a win
against Trine,” he said.
“They are much better than
they have been in the past,
so we’ll have to be on our
game. Finishing our chances
has been a challenge all sea-
son, so it is something we’re
concentrating on this week.
We’re looking at it as a setup
for next year and want a
positive result.”

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Irish swept by LSU, Auburn at dual meet

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

The Irish fell to two elite
NCAA swimming and diving
squads Friday. The squad lost a
double dual meet, falling to
host Auburn 197-101 and to
LSU 155.33-141.66.

Irish highlights during the
meet included top place finish-
es by senior Samantha Maxwell
in the 100-meter breaststroke
and senior Katie Casey in the
200-meter butterfly.

Senior Amywren Miller took
second in the 50-meter
freestyle, just 0.3 seconds
behind LSU’s first-place finish-
er. Senior Lauren Sylvester
took silver in the 1,000-meter
freestyle, as Notre Dame’s first
squad also took second in the
400-meter Medley Relay.

Going into the season, the
Irish had dominated their con-
ference, winning 14 consecu-
tive Big East titles. Barnes said
that the goal is to rank among
the top 15 NCAA teams in the
country and would like to see
the program “be more dialed
into an NCAA championship
effort.”

Although the squad wound
up losing to Auburn and LSU,
the close finish showed that the
Irish could still compete at the
highest level.

The Irish return to action
Friday when they take on
Michigan State.

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Despite strong individual performances, the Irish fell to a
pair of SEC squads over the weekend.
**MLB**

**Lincecum to start Game 1 of World Series**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Tim Lincecum is the Game 1 guy for the Giants again.

Lincecum will start Wednesday night’s World Series opener for San Francisco against the Texas Rangers. Following right-hander Matt Cain will follow in Game 2 on Thursday, Giants manager Bruce Bochy said Monday.

While the Giants considered going to Cain for the opener, Bochy said Lincecum will be well rested despite briefly pitching in relief Saturday night in the NL championship series clincher at Philadelphia.

"We kept things in order and let Timmy have the first one," Bochy said before his team’s workout Monday night at AT&T Park. "Matt hasn’t pitched in a while. He didn’t have to pitch in that seventh game, so he’s ready. Jonny just threw Matt’s one of our guys, too."

When the series shifts to Arlington, Jonathan Sanchez will start Game 3 on Saturday and Mast and Bumgarner will be on the mound for Game 4 on Sunday. In the NLCS, Bochy broke up his righties and lefties — going with Lincecum, lefty Sanchez and then Cain and the left-handed Bumgarner.

Cliff Lee starts the opener for Texas, making it a matchup of Cy Young Award winners. Lee won the 2008 AL Cy Young for Cleveland. Lincecum has won the last two NL awards.

"We’re feeling good about it. We’ll start it out with Timmy against Cliff," Cain said. "This is what we’ve all dreamed of doing."

The 26-year-old Lincecum will be the first Giants pitcher to start a World Series opener at home since Billy O’Neill lost to the Yankees’ Whitey Ford at Candlestick Park in 1962.

Lincecum, who wasn’t available for interviews until Tuesday without day, has never faced Texas.

As much as was made of Phillies star Roy Halladay in the last series, the Giants will be ready for the hype surrounding Lee. The lefty is 3-0 during this playoff run and 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA for his career in the postseason, covering eight starts in five series with the Phillies and Texas.

"It was the Halladay show a week ago after he threw the no-hitter against the Reds," Giants right fielder Cody Ross said. "We’re not surprising anybody, believe me. Everybody knows how good your pitching staff is. But I think we prefer for everyone to talk about everybody else."

Cain has pitched against the Rangers once, allowing one run and three hits over eight innings and getting a no-decision in the Giants’ 2-1, 11-inning win on June 20 last year.

Sanchez has faced the Rangers just once, winning with two-thirds of an inning of relief on June 29, 2009, when he got Mark Teixeira to hit into a double-play grounder. Sanchez threw all three pitches.

Like Lincecum, Bumgarner hasn’t faced Texas.

Even though Sanchez didn’t have his best stuff Saturday, Barry Zito isn’t expected to be added to the Series roster. The struggling $126 million lefty was left off for the first two rounds.

"A guy will have a hiccup now and then. We’re here because of what Jonathan did down the stretch," Bochy said. "Center fielder Andruw Jones is improving after injuring his left hip and groin area running out a bunt single and diving into the bag in the ninth inning of Game 6 against the Phillies."

"He is doing much better," Bochy said. "He should be good to go."

Torres expects to be fine by Game 1. "I have a little bit of soreness, but I’ll be all right," he said after going through the walkout. "I was running to first base and I felt something there but I hope to be OK."

**NHL**

**Canadiens take down Coyotes**

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Each member of the Montreal Canadiens’ top line scored, Carey Price made the key saves, and the Phoenix Coyotes were once again denied a win at the Bell Centre.

Andrei Kostitsyn scored 1:25 into overtime after linemates Tomas Plekanec and Michael Cammalleri scored in regulation to give Montreal a 3-2 win over Phoenix on Monday night.

Kostitsyn, who assisted on Plekanec’s goal in the second, put a rebound past Ilya Bryzgalov for his third goal in two games as the Canadiens improved to 3-2-1. Cammalleri also had a goal and an assist.

“Almost all three guys, I think, are in top shape and we feel good with each other," Kostitsyn said.

The line has combined to score 11 of Montreal’s 20 goals.

I was excited coming into this year about our line," Cammalleri said. "I thought that as a group we played with a lot of different combinations last year, not knowing one another, and by the end of the year I thought we were a really good line. We’ll do our best to try to build the chemistry so we can build the strong chemistry that we can build the model chemistry you can be offensive."

"We’ve both been good friends (Vancouver’s Henrik and Daniel). These guys have played every shift of their lives together and they just seem to know where each other is a second ahead of the defender and the puck ends up in the net more often than not, so that’s kind of the idea."

Carey Price, who has started each of the Canadiens’ games, made 27 saves for his second straight win, including his first shutout in nearly two years Saturday in a 3-0 win in Ottawa. Kyle Turris and Derek Morris scored for Phoenix, which opened a three-game road trip.

Bryzgalov made 26 shots. The Coyotes have lost in Montreal since a 5-4 victory on Oct. 28, 1996.

"Well, you know what? It’s a good rink, good fans," said Morris, who scored on a power play 1:01 into the third to draw Phoenix even at 2. "They probably have the best fans in the league. They do a real good job of creating momentum for their team. Even if the team doesn’t really have a good play they’re always oohing and ahhing on a play that’s a close play and I think that they feed off of that.

The team plays really well at home and they played well tonight."

Price stuck out his glove to get a piece of Adrian Aucoin’s slap shot from the right faceoff circle on another Coyotes power play late in the third.

"He was seeing pucks well, obviously," Aucoin said. "I think on a few of our chances we screened him pretty good and he still made the saves. A couple of hits just hit him without him seeing them and that’s when you know that your goalie is playing the way you want him to, he’s just in the right spot. On my chance, there was a guy diving in front of me so I’m pretty sure he knew I was going upstairs and made the right saves.

Turris gave the Coyotes a 1-0 lead 2:49 into the second with his third goal in two games. He scored his first two goals of the season in a 4-3 overtime loss to Carolina on Saturday night.

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ND Women’s Golf

Irish finish sixth in North Carolina

By MEGAN FINNERAN  Sports Writer

Although the Irish didn’t emerge with a first-place finish, they turned in a solid performance over the break at the Landfall Tradition on the Dye Golf Course in Wilmington, N.C., on Sunday. The Irish rose from seventh place on the second day of play to sixth on the final day, marking the lowest score by any team during the final round of golf.

“Although it wasn’t our best performance, we managed to play through until the last shot,” senior So-Hyun Park said. “We beat Duke, who is ranked fourth, by twenty strokes on the final day.”

Junior Becca Huffer led the team throughout the tournament, finishing sixth out of 90 competitors with a final total of 224 strokes, progressing from 75 on the first day of play to 73 and 76 the following two days respectively. Nhim tied for 26th, and 76 the following two days.

Two freshmen stepped up to the plate, as Nicole Zhang and Kristina Nhim followed Huffer’s lead. Despite being sick through the previous two days, Zhang finished tied for 17th with a total of 224 strokes, progressing from 75 on the first day of play to 73 and 76 the following two days respectively. Nhim tied for 26th, just two strokes behind, carding scores of 75, 77 and 74 strokes during the three-day tournament.

Park and senior Katie Conway rounded out the scoring, finishing tied for 40th place with 230 total strokes. Park improved her game on the final day to boost the Irish, improving on her 77 stroke score from the first round to 73 on the third. Conway finished tied for 74th place with 240 strokes.

The Irish finished with 896 total strokes, good enough for 32 over par. However, the team’s determination was clear on the final round of play, as they collectively carded a score of 296, just eight strokes over par.

“We had a team meeting the night before (the final round) just to go through our mistakes and what we needed to focus on going into the last day,” Park said. “We all seemed to have troubles around the greens, so we talked about how to place ourselves better on the greens and to be especially careful with the green speed.”

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SMC Cross Country

Belles set new personal records

By MAIJA GUSTIN  Sports Writer

The Belles set 12 new personal records for a close second-place finish at the Manchester Invitational on Oct. 16. The squad was narrowly defeated by host Manchester College, which finished with 38 points to the Belles’ 45.

“I was very pleased with the team’s performance at Manchester,” Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. “I would put this as one of our best races so far — based on pure performance.”

Bauters was especially impressed with the Belles’ top eight runners.

“We did a much better job of packing up in small groups this week and finishing together,” Bauters said. “I’d still like to see our top five place a little decrease, but our six through eight were right there which could be key at Championships.”

Julia Kenney finished third overall with a time of 23:09, followed closely by Joanne Almond, who finished sixth at 23:34. Kenney and Almond were joined in the top 10 by Emma Baker and Catie Salyer. Baker finished ninth with a time of 24:08, and Salyer earned 10th with a time of 24:09.

“Our top four all had solid races, but I was particularly impressed with Julia and Catie’s performances,” Bauters said. “Catie, Emma and [senior Samantha Wassell] have been working together all season, and Catie has done a remarkable job helping to lead that trio.”

Grace College’s Marijean Wegert finished first at 22:43, while Manchester’s Meredith Cors placed second with a time of 22:43. Manchester had two more runners in the top five, as well as runners finishing 12th and 15th to help secure the win.

“It would have been great to get the win over Manchester, but their top three were just too close for us unfortunately,” Bauters said. Bauters also would have liked to see a little more competition in the nine-school meet.

“The field was a little smaller than in recent years,” Bauters said. “I think it would have been nice to have a few more teams show up to create a more competitive field and possibly even better times.”

The Belles will next run at the MIAA Championships, hosted by Calvin College, on Saturday.

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fun. They are a group of guys, I was pleased with the trip.”

Senior right wing Calle Ridderwall scored both goals Saturday. Notre Dame over- came a 1-0 first-period deficit to earn their first win over a top- five opponent since 2002, when the Irish beat then-No. 1 Michigan in overtime in the national semifinals. Ridderwall also scored the game-winner in the victory over the Wolverines.

“He’s a goal scorer, that’s where he’s got to elevate and show that he can score when it matters the most,” Jackson said. “He’s had a history of playing well in some of those situations.”

In net, sophomore Mike Johnson stopped 28 of 29 Eagle shots, including 18 over the final two periods to hold the high-powered Boston College offense to just one goal.

“[Johnson] played outstanding,” Jackson said. “If he found a way to bring that level of play on a nightly basis, he could be one of the best goalies in college hockey. The key is consistency.”

The Eagles got on the board first with a power-play goal from senior Brian Gibbons. With 10.6 seconds left in the period, Benishek made a bad play, giving the Eagles an easy tap-in goal. Gibbons redirected the puck past Johnson to tie the game.

“My guys were ready to go,” Jackson said. “I think R.C. is just a tremendously talented team, and I think it took us half a period at least, maybe a little longer, to adjust to their speed.”

The Irish rallied back in the second period, and broke through on Ridderwall’s first goal at 6:44 of the stanza. Johnson forced a turnover deep in the Eagles’ zone and found Ridderwall in the slot, where the senior fired a wrister into an open net to even up the score.

Later in the period, Ridderwall again found himself in the right place at the right time. With Notre Dame on a 5- on-3 advantage, senior Ryan Johnson energetically moved the puck to Ridderwall, who drilled a shot past Boston College goalie John Muse for his fourth goal of the year. Guentzel earned his team- leading seventh assist of the season on the goal.

“I thought [Ridderwall] played a great game,” Jackson said. “It wasn’t just the fact that he scored two goals. I thought he did a great job on our penalty kill. He was real solid at the end of the game when they pulled their goalie.”

From that point, it was up to Johnson and the Irish defense to shut the door. Notre Dame held Boston College without a shot in the final period, including only one on three Eagle power-play attempts.

“It wasn’t a matter of sitting on that lead. It was a matter of continuing to play our game, but maybe with a little more discipline.” Jackson said.

Johnson improved his record to a perfect 4-0-0 on the season, with a 2.00 goals against average and a .933 save percentage.

“The key thing is that he be a great goalie, you’ve got to be kind of like a closer in baseball,” Jackson said. “You’ve got to finish the game. That means sometimes you stand on your head and make a great save to take the game home and he did that on Saturday.”

The Irish play five of their next six games away from the Joyce Center, with a home-and- home series against Western Michigan next weekend followed by road trips to Bowling Green and Michigan.

“It’s not just a matter of winning one big game,” Jackson said. “You’ve got to take care of business during the season. If you just focus on the successes against good teams, it doesn’t have that much value if you turn around and don’t play well the rest of the time.”

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Sophomore left wing Nick Larson reaches for the puck against Lake Superior State Oct. 14.

By CORY BERNARD

The Belles return from Fall Break having competed in their first league meet of the year, the MIAA Relays, hosted by Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Saturday. While the races were not scored, they served as an important team bonding experience for the upcoming season.

New head coach Mark Benishek may have benefited the most from the preview, as he had a few still learning about the competition in the MIAA.

“I’m new to our conference,” Benishek said. “There seems to be some stronger schools. Calvin, Hope and Kalamazoo seem to be the bigger schools.”

Despite facing these challenges, Benishek thought his team raced well overall.

“They have some strong swimmers,” Benishek said.

One such strong swim came from the 3X500 freestyle relay team of sophomore Liz Palmer and juniors Audrey Dauphine and Megan Price. The trio recorded the best finish for Saint Mary’s, finishing fourth with a time of 17:15.15.

Benishek said an intense training camp may have worn down his swimmers more than he thought, leading to a lower going into Saturday’s meet.

“Coming off of this break we had some pretty hard training,” Benishek said. “The intensity of things got set too high.” In addition, Benishek said

SMMC SWIMMING

Belles compete in first MIAA meet of season

The team played very well against Seton Hall,” Clark said. “They did a lot of good things, and they were able to get a nice result. They won four of the five relays and King getting goals.”

Smith continued to get assists for us, which is really impressive from a freshman.”

The final contest of the break was the most closely contested. In a match that saw 48 total shots on goal, the Irish were able to pull out a draw against Connecticut.

Both teams had excellent opportu-

tunities to score, and Clark thought that his team was the better one despite the tie, especially late in the game.

“We started the Connecticut game well, but we lost our grip for about the first 20 minutes of the first half,” Clark said. “I thought we edged them in the second half, and we controlled the ball better in overtime, but we just couldn’t get one in the net.”

Overall, Clark was pleased by his team’s performance and in particular the attitude of the reserves who made the trip, along the rest of the Irish squad.

“We had some good team perfor-
mances overall,” Clark said.

“The feedback I got earlier this season was that competitive edge,” Benishek said. “There were positives in all the events.

It was a fast meet and it went well overall. We’re happy to go,” Clark said. “We’re not posting in all the events. We bought back the team along, and the backup swimmers did a great job at the swim meets. They compete every day at practice, and they were fabulous on the back end of the 17.15.15 that I have. We had a big shot put on the back for that. It was a great bonding experience.”

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ND CROSS COUNTRY
Notre Dame takes seventh

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish took part in the Pre-
National Meet Saturday in Terre
Haute, Ind., competing against 19
of the top 30 teams in the country.
The Notre Dame men took seventh
place, while the women took 23rd
in an invitational that served as
a preview for the National
Championships coming up next
month.

“At the beginning of the season
we were not ranked at all by the
NCAA — no one thought we
would have any sort of presence
on the cross country course,” sen-
or Dan Jackson said.

Since their first meet, the Irish
have turned that perception
around. Coming in first for the
men was Jackson, who finished
the eight-kilometer race 19th
overall in 24:11.3.

“I was moderately pleased with
my finish,” Jackson said. “I was
definitely going to surprise some
people at the Big East next week-
end.”

The top 20 while still training hard
in the weeks leading up to the
Pre-National race is one of the
most competitive races in the
entire country, and to finish inside
the top 30 teams in the country.

“That was last year,” Jackson
said. “Our guys that were at the
meet, but we know we have a lot left
in the tank and have the potential
to perform much better than we
did,” Carlson said. “We are defi-
nitely going to surprise some peo-
ple at the Big East next week-
end.”

For the women, senior Erica
Watson took 64th place overall,
finishing the six-kilometer race in
21:23.1. Freshman Meg Ryan
took 69th in 21:38.5, and junior
Rachel Velarde 21:23.1. Freshman
Meg Ryan finished 59th in 24:39.9.

Sophomore Jeremy Shawel, who
took 55th in 24:19.1, and
Dame juniors Jordan Carlson,
and a team this year has been the
small spread we have between
our second to fifth guy,” Carlson
said. “We feed off each other and
work together as a group as
much as we can and for as long
as we can during the race. Some-
times it’s just whoever is feeling
better that day.”

Completing the team finishes
were freshmen Martin Grady at
61st in 24:40.7, senior Mat
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to perform much better than we
did,” Carlson said. “We are defi-
nitely going to surprise some peo-
ple at the Big East next week-
end.”

For the women, senior Erica
Watson took 64th place overall,
finishing the six-kilometer race in
21:23.1. Freshman Meg Ryan
took 69th in 21:38.5, and junior
Rachel Velarde 21:23.1. Freshman
Meg Ryan finished 59th in 24:39.9.

Sophomore Jeremy Rae runs amid the pack during the Notre Dame
Invitational Oct. 2. Rae finished 59th Saturday.

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MEN’S SWIMMING
Irish split dual meets, move to 2-1 on season

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Notre Dame split a pair of
dual meets Saturday as it
defeated Oakland University
166-132, but fell to Michigan by
a count of 172-120. The Irish
move to 2-1 on the season.

The Irish received some key
contributions from freshmen, as
Frank Dyer came in second in
the 200- and 500-meter freestyle
and Joshua Choi came in
second in the 200 breast-
stroke. Senior captain Michael
Sullivan said freshmen contri-
butions will be critical to the
team’s success.

“Seeing freshmen contribute
is always exciting, especially as
an upperclassman,” he said.
“Having been on the team for a
few years, it is no secret that
freshmen need to contribute in
order to have a successful year.”

Senior Eric Lex also stood out
at the 1-meter and 3-meter
boards at Saturday’s meet. Lex
was one of five Irish divers to
finish in the top six in the 1-
minute event by compiling
236.60 points. Sullivan said for
the team to be a whole to have
success in meets, the squad
needs solid contributions from
the diving team.

“Eric and the other divers are
guys that we love having on our
team,” Sullivan said. “They are
awesome at what they do and
make up some of the best divers
not only in the Big East, but in
the country. Having them on our
side is awesome because you
know they are going to consis-
tently place high in every meet.”

Sullivan himself came in sec-
ond in the 200 backstroke and
the 200 individual medley. He
credited his strong performance
to better preparation.

“In my events, I just focused
on going out and swimming my
own race from the start,”
Sullivan said. “With a hard
week of training under my belt,
I knew I was prepared and just
had to do what I was used to.”

Sullivan said that there are a
lot of aspects of the meet that
the team can build upon.

“At our team, I think we
did a good job of rebounding
from a slower start to the meet,”
he said. “The first few events
were tough, and Oakland and
Michigan were pretty deep in
them. But we made some
improvements throughout the
second half of the meet and
ended up with some solid swims
from a lot of different guys.”

“Notre Dame’s next meet is on
Nov. 6 at home against Purdue.”

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MEN’S
BASKETBALL

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Irish their second tie of the season.

"[Sunday] honestly was a great game," Waldrum said. "Georgetown is very good. They’re a very good attacking team, and it was probably from a spectator’s point of view a great game to watch. Both teams had great chances. [Senior goalkeeper] Nikki Weiss was outstanding having clinched a bye to the quarterfinals of the Big East Championships, the Irish will

take on the winner of a Thursday matchup between Connecticut and Louisville Sunday at Alumni Stadium. The Huskies were the only other team to hand the Irish a tie this season. "Selfishly in a lot of ways I’d kind of like to get UConn since we tied them a couple of weeks ago," Waldrum said. "Whichever one we get, we know we’re going to get a good team. We’ll probably give the players that have played a lot of minutes a day off. However, this doesn’t change the fact that we still want to finish strong and earn a high seed for the conference tournament." The Irish continue their season this Saturday at Purcell Pavilion against St. John’s.

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back to school or turn professional, so that puts his win in perspective." Wurt took on Matt Allare of Ohio State in the semifinals, but was unable to advance after falling to Allare in straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

Three Irish doubles teams also made it to the quarterfinals of the tournament before losing tough matches. The team of senior captain Tyler Davis and senior Stephen Havens was met with success before falling to Devin McCarthy and Balazs Novak of Ohio State 8-6 in the quarterfinals.

Wurt and senior David Anderson made up the second doubles team, advancing to the quarterfinals before losing to Allare and Peter Kobelt of Ohio State.

"I was very encouraged at our performance against Marquette," Waldrum said. "However, this doesn’t change the fact that we still want to finish strong and earn a high seed for the conference tournament.

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Tamadge and Niall Fitzgerald have talented hands and have become a pretty good team. We have shown that we are able to play with anyone, but we need to find a way to close the door better in doubles when we get a lead.

Another standout match for the weekend was a contest between senior Dan Stahl and Michigan’s Evan King. Stahl fell between senior Dan Stahl and Michigan’s Evan King. Stahl fell to King in a tough three-setter, 1-6, 7-6 (7), 4-6.

“The Stahl-King match was a good game—very high level,” Bayliss said. “Dan tried to take away King’s time by playing pretty far up in the court and it worked, but most impressive was his discipline and ability to stay in consistent patterns throughout the match, forcing King to blink first much of the time. He showed great poise much of the match and forced King to break the pattern first.

The Irish will take this weekend off before rounding out their fall schedule at the Alabama Invitational beginning Nov. 5.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame tops No. 1 Boston College
By SAM WERNER

Notre Dame took down the defending national champions for a third straight season Saturday, handing No. 1 Boston College a 2-1 loss in front of a sellout crowd at the Joyce Center.

“We played a great team and we held our own,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I thought we played well as the game progressed and it wasn’t like a freebie, we had to earn that one. I’m sure that they’re feeling better about themselves knowing that they could play with a team of that caliber.”

The No. 17 Irish (4-1-0, 2-0-0 CCHA) hadn’t beaten the Eagles since 2008 — the last time Boston College was defending a national championship. Last year, Notre Dame downed Boston College a 2-1 loss in front of a sellout crowd at the Joyce Center.

Irish senior left wing Calle Ridderwall skates during Notre Dame’s victory over Lake Superior State on Friday before concluding the season with a 1-1 draw at Georgetown on Sunday.

Freshman forward Adriana Leon’s goal in the 23rd minute proved to be the game-winner on Friday, as the No. 4/5 Irish (15-1-2, 9-0-2 Big East) kept the Wildcats (7-12-2, 2-9-0) in check while battling the adverse weather conditions.

“Friday was one of those games against Villanova where I thought we played really well, we just didn’t finish enough of our chances,” Waldrum said. “We weren’t really in much danger. They didn’t cause us much problems offensively.”

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Undefeated Big East season ends with win over Villanova
By CHRIS MASoud

The Irish wrapped up conference play this weekend with a regular season championship after remaining unbeaten through 11 contests — just another typical season for Irish coach Randy Waldrum. Notre Dame earned a 1-0 victory over Villanova on Friday before concluding the season with a 1-1 draw at Georgetown on Sunday.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Notre Dame beats Seton Hall
By ERIC PRISTER

In a week filled with difficult competition, the Irish achieved moderate success on the field while improving off the field as well.

Notre Dame (7-4-4, 4-2-1 Big East) began the week losing to No. 2 Louisville (12-0-2, 7-0-0) 2-1 before traveling to South Orange, N.J., where it defeated Seton Hall (3-11-1, 1-6-0) 2-1. The Irish capped off the week against No. 5 Connecticut (10-1-4, 4-0-3), fighting the Huskies to a 0-0 draw in overtime.

“It was a great eight days together,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We drove lots of miles, so for a road warrior, but it was
By DOUGLAS FARMER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — When Notre Dame marched 71 yards down the field on its opening possession Saturday, the Irish sideline simply wished it hadn’t been a 72-yard drive.

Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist could not gain the last yard of the drive. At the drive, as the Midshipmen stopped his fourth-down dive inside the one-yard line to prevent Notre Dame from scoring first during Navy’s 35-17 victory.

“We outman them by 70 pounds on average up front,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said, summarizing his postgame press conference.

“If you can’t get a foot on the one-half yard line, you get what you deserve.”

If you can’t punch it in to start the game from the foot-line with the big guys we have up front and a 230-pound quarterback, that says something right there.”

Navy took that opportunity to run the ball. navy sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o said. “No answer for them today.”

“Te’o’s a player of the game today,” Crist said of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of his two interceptions of 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Irish lose battle in the trenches

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After a performance as abysmal as the one the Irish turned in Saturday, there is an incredible amount of criticism directed at, and blame to be shared among, both players and coaches.

You can point to any number of missed blocks, dropped balls, errant throws and whiffed tackles that contributed to Navy’s thrashing of Notre Dame. The defense continued to run the ball and the defense’s game plan — whatever it was — were equally as maddening.

We could continue like this, breaking down the best down ad nauseam, but I’m not convinced it would get us anywhere. Can we define whether this loss was the fault of the coaches or the players? Can we pinpoint one adjustment or one play, if made, that would have meant an Irish victory?

Navy so thoroughly dominated this game that I believe the answer is no, we can’t. I certainly recognize there were some key plays — the failed 4th-and-goal from the 1, Navy’s screen-pass touchdown, the two Irish interceptions — and critical adjustments — to stop Navy’s fullback dive, to run the football with Notre Dame’s three best pass-catchers out — that simply weren’t made. On the surface, it would seem the plays are the players’ fault, and the adjustments are the coaches’ fault. They are so connected, however, that there’s no way around the fact that this was a total team failure.

The 4th-and-goal play, for example, would have worked if the offensive line fired off and blew the defense off the ball — but would a hand-off to Armando Allen or a play-action pass have been a better bet? Similarly, perhaps the defense would have stopped Navy’s inside run if the coaches would have called for the safeties to crowd the line of scrimmage — but if the Irish defensive linemen and linebackers would have played their keys and beat their blocks, would the original scheme have worked?

Regardless of to whom you attribute Saturday’s debacle, at the root of Notre Dame’s biggest issues is the fact that the Irish consistently fail to win the battle at the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

To me, one of Kelly’s postgame quotes said it all, “We outman them by 70 pounds on average up front. If you can’t get a foot on the one-half yard line, you get what you deserve.”

No matter the scheme, to win games, you need to win individual plays. To win those plays, your players need to beat the man, and sometimes men, in front of them. These matchups are most critical up front, as we saw yet again on Saturday. On offense, if you lose up front, there’s nowhere for your running back to run, or your quarterback gets hurried, sacked or has his pass deflected. Losing that same battle defensively not only gives the defense room to run or time to throw, but also creates a mess of bodies that limits the angles your linebackers can take to see, and then tackle, the ball carrier.

That’s exactly what happened Saturday. In truth, it’s happened far too often over the past several years, and it’s a major reason the Irish have a new coaching staff in place. And while it’s the staff’s job to prepare their guys to win those battles, through weight training and on-field repetition, at some point, the players have to go play.

Now, there are ways coaches can try to scheme around matchups their players can’t or won’t win, and it’s the staff’s job to understand where those mismatches are. But could the staff have expected that its players, arguably more physically gifted with size and speed at nearly every position, could have lost such an overwhelming number of those matchups? I’m not sure, but if you’d have asked me for mismatches going into the game, I would have offered several in Notre Dame’s favor, and none for Navy. So what was there to scheme around?

You’d be hard-pressed to find a good, let alone championship-caliber, team that can scheme around an inability to win the battles up front. You might win a game or two with a trick play or by catching an opponent off guard, but at some point, you’ve got to play the game of football, and that means beating teams at the point of attack. It’s why Notre Dame hired a coach who talked “schematic advantage” and hired one who wants “tough gentlemen.”

That doesn’t mean teams can’t win championships by favoring the pass or by spreading out the defense — those systems still demand the big guys do their jobs. It’s just a different job.

Kelly’s No. 1 task as the Irish coach is to find guys who will win those matchups up front especially in critical situations — near the goal line and on 3rd- and 4th-downs. I’m not sure how he does it, and it’ll probably take a mix of approaches that include weight training, motivation, repetition and recruiting.

In any case, it’s not an overnight fix — again, that’s why Notre Dame hired Kelly. Now it’s time for him, along with his players and coaches, to go to work.

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Injuries slow but don’t stop Irish

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With tight end Kyle Rudolph and receivers Michael Floyd and Theo Riddick out for Saturday’s game against Navy, the Irish called on the likes of Tyler Eifert, Duval Kamara and TJ Jones in primary roles where they hadn’t played much in live action this season.

While the result certainly wasn’t pretty in the 35-17 loss, junior quarterback Dayne Crist said his new targets weren’t the reason why. “All those guys played well and I have great confidence in them,” Crist said after the game. “All week in practice we continued to develop the chemistry that was already there, so really it was just fine-tuning and preparing for your opponent like you do every week.”

The passing attack, however, did not look as crisp as it has at times this season. Crist threw two costly interceptions, with one leading to a Navy touchdown to end the first half and the other halting an Irish drive in Midshipmen territory in the second half.

Just trying to do too much, but at the end of the day it falls on me,” Crist said of the turnovers. “I can’t get those.”

Crist added: “We didn’t put the ball down is him getting into the end zone, to bring Notre Dame’s 10-25 inside the 1-yard line on the game’s opening possession, but Crist’s attempt was stufled. That play gave Navy the momentum and the ball, and the Midshipmen promptly drove 99 yards to take a lead they never relinquished.

“I don’t know what happened, we just didn’t execute,” Martin said of the play. “We didn’t get the job done.”

Crist added: “We didn’t put the ball in the end zone. It’s pretty plain and simple, looking back on it. It falls on our shoulders for not scoring, and really mine for not finding a way in.”

Despite the disappointing performance, Martin said he and his linemen would continue to seek improvement as the Irish look to improve the ground game.

“There’s always things you can work on,” he said. “We’re not going to be content — keep working in practice to try and establish that run game. Running the ball will make it a lot easier on Dayne and on the line, too.”

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Irish Insider Extra live blog highlights

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sports writers Douglas Farmer and Matt Gamber blogged live from the press box at the New Meadowlands Stadium during Notre Dame’s 35-17 loss to Navy Saturday. Following are some of the highlights from their blog.

After Navy drove 99 yards down the field in only six plays, Douglas and Matt received some input from the stands.

Douglas, the Observer’s Assistant Managing Editor Sam Werner, in the stands today, has texted me that he would like to ban the entire defense from team meetings this week after that drive.

Matt: It took a PA announcement to remind that the last Navy drive was 99 yards. Man did they make it look easy.

Douglas: Sam references the banning of Ian Williams from meetings last season’s Navy game, of which he said, “We were out-schemed.” Doesn’t look like a whole lot has changed as of now.

Irish freshman receiver TJ Jones pulled in a 16-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Dayne Crist, breaking two tackles on his way into the end zone, to bring Notre Dame within 14-10 in the second quarter.

Matt: That’s a big-time catch by TJ Jones. Even bigger than just hauling it in and getting the first down is him getting into the end zone — not sure anybody would want to watch the circus that is Notre Dame’s goal line offense.

Douglas: Comment from Tyler, a reader: This TJ Jones is the same as Tail-ler Jones that was recruited, right? Not sure why anyone would want to get rid of their byphenated name!

Matt: Print is expensive these days, so he’s saving us some money. I’m sure he knew how often we’d be typing his name. Thanks for thinking of us, TJ.

Carlo Calabrese, were injured on the same play, Notre Dame’s lack of depth started to show on the field.

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After snapping a 43-year losing streak in the series against Notre Dame in 2007, Navy has now won three of the last four matchups between the two schools. Midshipmen fullback Alexander Teich and quarterback Ricky Dobbs led the way in the 35-17 Navy victory, combining 300 rushing yards and three touchdowns on the ground.

Dobbs and Teich also connected for the Midshipmen's first score of the game, a 31-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist threw for 178 yards for Notre Dame, on 19 completions, including a 16-yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver TJ Jones in the second quarter.

Three out of four