ND junior dies in video tower accident

By SARAH MERVOSH and LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Editors

Junior Declan Sullivan died Wednesday when a film tower fell over during football practice. He was 20.

Those who knew him well remembered Sullivan, a resident of Fisher Hall, as fun-loving and outgoing. His rector, Fr. Robert Moss, said he remembers Sullivan “mostly just for his enthusiasm for everything he was involved in.”

Originally from Long Grove, Ill., Sullivan was double majoring in marketing and Film, Television & Theatre. Sullivan was a contributor to The Observer’s Scene section. He was filming practice from a hydraulic scissorlift at the LaBar Practice Complex on the southeast side of campus when the tower fell around 4:50 p.m., according to a University press release. He worked as a videographer for the Department of Athletics.

Sullivan was transported to Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where he later died. Junior Marc Anthony Rosa, who was a friend of Sullivan, said describing Sullivan was an “impossible task.”

“He’s an unbelievably unique soul that, when you meet him, he’s completely addicting to be around. He’s nonstop energy. He’s the soul that, when you meet him, his rector, said. “Although he may not be here, his soul is impossible to leave this campus and the people who’ve known him.”

Moss said he arrived at the hospital after Sullivan died, and he anointed and blessed the body. "I was glad to be able to anoint the body," he said.

When Moss left the hospital, he said a University representative stayed with the body until family members arrived. Sullivan’s sister is a freshman Lewis Hall resident. Moss said he met with hall staff and gathered Fisher residents in the hall’s chapel at 8 p.m. to make the announcement.

“Every chair was full,” he said. “He’ll be greatly missed.”

Sullivan’s resident assistant Teddy Schafer, a senior, said Sullivan was a “fun-loving guy, just a happy person. I’m in shock right now.”

Moss presided over a standing-room-only Mass for Sullivan Wednesday night at 10:30 p.m. About 200 people attended the service in Fisher’s St. Paul Chapel.

The Mass opened with the song

Walorski looks to partner with ND

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a two-part series featuring two candidates vying to represent Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District.

Across the country, Republicans are challenging Democratic incumbents to gain control of the U.S. House of Representatives. The race for Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District is no different.

Republican candidate Jackie Walorski is running against Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly in Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District.

Walorski sits in a coffee shop. Walorski is challenging Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly in Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District.

‘The Hub’ sparks academic dialogue

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Notre Dame students recently launched the Hub, a new online academic networking site created to facilitate intellectual discussion across various disciplines.

The Hub is completely user-generated, depending on contributions from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff. The site consists of three main areas: Commons, which is a place for users to share personal experiences and get involved, “Think Tank, which acts as a platform for discussion on local, national and global issues and “Showcase,” which allows users to post some of their best research or artwork.

Notre Dame is one of the first universities in the country to support such a site. Co-Editor-in-Chiefs Kirsten Adam and Paul Baranay, both juniors, said.

Adam and Baranay said with the Hub, they hope to redirect some of the energy that students exhibit on the Internet to a more professional, intellectual arena.

“Students are already used to talking about their lives online. “It’s a very professional environment. It’s something you tell future employers about,” Adam said. “You can update your profile to be a

‘Pizza, Pop and Politics’ discussion centers on health care

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Heading into the 2010 midterm elections, health care is a front and center issue, said Kathy Saile, director of Domestic Policy for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Saile said Wednesday that the USCCB believes the health care bill should be passed. She spoke during the fourth installment of the “Pizza, Pop and Politics” series.

“There have been a lot of cries for repeal, but the Bishops’ believe we need to support this bill now more than ever,” she said. “However, there are some things that need to be fixed so that it becomes a more moral bill.”

USCCB has focused on three
**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

Michelle Gaseau
senior
Howard

Nick Pagani
freshman
Krenan

Dianna Bartone
sophomore
Panbrough

Stephanie Walz
junior
off campus

Connor Barth
freshman
Krenan

Alexa Craig
freshman
Panbrough

*"Mrs. Claus."*  
*"NDSR."*  
*"Buzz Lightyear."*  
*"The Little Mermaid."*  
*"NDSR."*  
*A ninja."*

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**OFFBEAT**

Candidate mails scratch and sniff attack ad

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Something stinks in Orange County. It’s an attack ad mailed by Republican Congressional candidate Van Tran that paints a picture of incumbent Democratic lawmaker Loretta Sanchez as an insider politician. Tran’s campaign manager George Andrews told The Orange County Register the mailer looks like a perfume ad and features a scratch-and-sniff patch that is supposed to smell like trash.

The ad says: “It’s the stench of Washington.” Sanchez’s campaign manager Caroline Hogan said the mailer is a gimmick in poor taste and the congresswoman has been campaigning on issues of importance to local families.

Sanchez is facing the first serious challenge to her seat since she was elected in 1996.

Thieves trim tail hair from horses in Montana

BOZEMAN, Mont. - At least two southwest Montana horse owners are reporting thieves trestled off with tail hair from their horses. Such hair can be valuable to makers of handcrafted horse bridles or other items. Sandy O’Rourke reported someone entered a Three Forks corral on Oct. 17 and cut off the tail hair of two horses and part of the mane of a third horse. The hair was cut off below the bony section of the tail. The horses were not injured.

In Dillon, Bob and Connie Riley are offering a $500 reward for information leading to whoever snipped the tail off their horses about a month ago. Horses use their tails to communicate with one another and to swat flies. Bob Riley told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle that it takes four to five years for the tail to grow back.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

The lecture “U.S. Foreign Policy and the Bilateral Peace” will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for Notre Dame Dame. J. Lisa Morie Howard, assistant professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, will speak. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The First Year of Studies will sponsor a ReWorks Workshop today at 2 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. First Year students enrolled in the FYS program are encouraged to register.

The seminar “Assessing the Impact of Future Sea-level Rise and Climate Change on Hurricane Flood-level Statistics” will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall Room 138. Jennifer Irish, assistant professor of coastal and ocean engineering at Texas A&M University, will present.

The Annual Blue Mass will take place today at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Mass is offered for police officers, firefighters, rescue workers and their families. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Coleman-Morse Center.

The Notre Dame Last Lecture Series kicks off today at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Mendoza College of Business Professor Edward Bums will deliver his last lecture to students, providing words of wisdom regarding his series of teaching and life experience. It is free and 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.nd@gmail.com.
Moreau fellows adjust to life on Notre Dame campus

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Sekou Remy said he feels like a freshman again on campus, even though he has a Ph.D. Remy, one of the 11 inaugural fellows of the Moreau Academic Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, said he is still learning his way around campus since his, and the other fellows', arrival on Aug. 1.

"I like what I've seen," he said. "There are really cool things around. It's really a nice campus and nice people."

Remy comes from Trinidad and Tobago and works in electrical and chemical engineering. On campus, he is working with the computer science and engineering departments.

"I'm not teaching this semester, but next semester I'll be teaching," he said. He is called "Assisted Robotics," he said. "I hope it will be fun class."

Remy is familiar with the fellows selected for the program, especially as the committee is now preparing for the second year of the program.

"When I think about them, I am bursting with pride," she said. "They are fantastic in their fields and I'm really proud of them."

The deadline for applicants for next year's slots is Nov. 1, and Karamol said she noticed a few changes from last year.

There are around 110 applications in so far, compared to the 300 applications they had last year, she said. However, she said she is not worried because the number could double in a week's time.

She said there is also a possibility of selecting fewer than 11 applicants.

"The word is out there," she said. "There's quite a buzz about it and it's popular. We have a number of international applicants."

Karamol said they won't be making any major changes to the program because it has been successful as is.

The program was designed to help celebrate diversity in all venues of life, not just diversity of racial background on Boston College's campus, seven of the fellows work in the College of Arts and Letters, while four work in science and engineering. With funding help from the President's Office, several deans and the Lilly Foundation, the program was a success in its first year of the program.

"We work with the idea of diversity," Karamol said. "The way these fellows exemplify diversity is either from under-represented groups or their research focuses on diversity."

We have some women from fields with fewer women in them. Remy said he can apply diversity to his field of study—though not many attempts to do so.

"One of the things about engineering is that there are not many ways the traditional views of diversity fit in, like skin color and culture difference," he said. "It works in different ways. How are you familiar with different ways to solve a problem? I can see that from going to a Catholic school and a secular school, from going to an engineering school and a non-engineering school. In my work I can see similar problems across various disciplines."

Anne Garcia-Romero, another Moreau fellow and working in the Film, Television and Theatre Department, said her ideas on diversity stem from her cultural background.

Born from a Spanish father and an American mother, Garcia-Romero works as a playwright and a theatre professor.

"I write about diversity in my plays," she said. "In my playwriting, I address the Latin and American cultures colliding."

Part of Garcia-Romero's fellowship is to write a new play. She said she is focusing on Martin Ramirez, an artist, and his play will be structured around his life and work.

She is also working on a book about Latina playwrights.

"(The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center) is a phenomenal facility," she said. "The whole thing is incredibly impressive. The facility just blows everyone else out of the water."

The fellowship has offered her a chance to practice her craft and teach, she said. The fellows are required to teach one course a semester while working in their fields of study.

"As a scholar-artist, I was keenly interested in working in an institution which championed research excellence, intellectual rigor and artistic achievement and Notre Dame clearly offered all of this and more," Garcia-Romero said. "As a bi-cultural Latina, I was encouraged by Notre Dame's commitment to cultural diversity. As a Catholic, I was also really interested in the opportunity to engage in a dialogue about issues connected to education in the Catholic tradition."

Remy's only complaint is he is hoping to discover more unique and interesting campus events.

"I get the sense there is so much more to experience," he said. "Like the midnight drum circle — that's not in the orientation, I look forward to experiencing things like that."

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"On Eagle's Wings" and closed with the congregation singing the Alma Mater.

Following the Mass, attendees processed to the Grotto, where about 150 students gathered and recited a decade of the rosary.

Junior Kathryn Greenfield, a friend of Sullivan's who was among the students at the Grotto, said Sullivan was the first male student she became friends with at Notre Dame.

"He is the nicest, most easy-going (person), always has a smile on his face, always wants to have a good time," she said. "Sweet person."

Junior Alex Karamol agreed and called Sullivan "a total sweetheart."

Greenfield and Karamol said they spent time sitting together in silence after hearing the news of Sullivan's death, but also spent time telling stories about their friend.

They recalled his signature facial expressions and phrases, and laughed while mimicking them for each other.

Karamol said his favorite memory of Sullivan was when she was in a film he made his freshman year because she was his easy-going friend being serious about his passion.

"We were different side of him," she said.

The University notified students of the death at 9 p.m. Wednesday in an e-mail signed by University President Fr. John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle.

"No words can convey the shock and grief we all are experiencing," the e-mail said. "Declan was a well-liked, bright and enthusiastic film and marketing student and a valued member of the Notre Dame family. His death is a tremendous loss that will be felt very deeply and we share in your grief during this incredibly difficult time."

Head football coach Brian Kelly also released a statement Wednesday night.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Declan's family and friends," he said. "Declan was a diligent student worker in our video department and had a tremendous personality and great sense of humor. He brightened the days for all that had the privilege to work with him, and the Notre Dame football family will dearly miss him."

Moos, who has been rector of Fisher Hall for 12 years and in education for almost 40 years, has faced student death in the past, and said it is always difficult.

"It's always a tragedy when a young person is called home to God," he said. "A Mass of Remembrance will be held in honor of Sullivan today at 10 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The entire Notre Dame community is invited to attend, according to the e-mail sent to the student body."
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district she would serve. The research dollars, the things that have happened in this place, not only produce a great community for us, but a great alum community around the world,” she said. Walorski previously worked as a local reporter, and she said this exposed her to various research initiatives that are now coming to life at the University.

“Things that they were looking for are now a reality. So this is the paramount issue for me,” she said. Walorski said in terms of her economic platform, the country must control spending, which will especially impact recent college graduates in search of employment. She said her time serving the Indiana state legislature has prepared her to do it on a more national platform. She said one of the most popular aspects crossing party lines particularly applies to college graduates. “I think the issue of being able to carry kids until they are 26 is probably the most popular part of the whole program,” she said. “I’ve heard from Republicans and Democrats and Independents alike that because the job market is so tight they like the security of being able to carry college graduates until they are 26.” Walorski did say that despite that particular aspect of the health care bill, more steps are needed to control medical litigation and damages, otherwise known as tort reform. Walorski also said education represents an extremely important part of her political platform. She said one thing that needs to be changed is how much responsibility teachers are being charged with. “We are shoving an unbelievable burden on teachers because of the breakdown of the family [and] because of our culture changing,” Walorski said.

“Teachers are responsible for, in many cases, the kids more than the parents are and they are responsible for an unbelievable amount of teaching, not just curriculum.” Walorski also said the No Child Left Behind Act has created problems in the educational system by complicating funding for schools, which is controlled by each state. She said rectifying this issue is extremely important. “The money needs to be driven into the classrooms, not the administrators,” Walorski said.

Walorski also said she has taken a strong stance on the issue of abortion, which is of particular importance to the Notre Dame community, noting in the past she has worked to de-fund pro-choice institutions. “The battle that is raging, the reason that people are so angry, is because we are talking about a tax supported industry. I’ve stood up to Planned Parenthood to de-fund them,” she said. “I don’t believe we should force anyone who does not believe in it, to pay for it.”

On the issue of the United States’ military presence in the Middle East, Walorski said the safety of the troops and the decision making of military personnel should guide government decisions in respect to the area. “I think that one of the biggest mistakes that happens in this country is that we as adult voters have allowed this government to evolve into this thing where bureaucrats make military calls,” she said. “Military calls need to come from the generals on the ground that we trust the president to put into place.” Walorski said she felt military presence in the area impacts the everyday safety of American citizens, and therefore an issue that must be addressed in an appropriate manner.

“The number one job of the president of the United States is to protect the United States of America from foreign invasion and threat of domestic assault inside,” she said. “I don’t see how it’s going to work unless you have generals on the ground saying we are still not able to walk away from Afghanistan.”

Overall, Walorski said the progress of her campaign so far makes her confident for the results Nov. 2. She said the unique nature of her campaign has allowed her to communicate her platforms successfully. “As blue collar as they come. I’m self funding, it’s a real grass-roots race,” she said. “We have done a good job of getting our message out.” Despite any political differences Walorski and Donnelly may hold, she said this campaign has allowed her a devotion to the Fighting Irish football team. “I’m a Notre Dame fan, and very, very grateful that Kelly is here as a coach,” she said.

The second part of this series will feature Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly. It will run in tomorrow’s Observer.
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Declan Sullivan
Class of 2012
Mendoza College of Business
Fisher Hall

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Thursday, October 28, 2010
10:00 p.m.

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Presider
said they wanted more emphasis on midterms week.

"Midterms are usually as much as or about five percent less of my grade than my final exams," chief of staff Nick Baud said. "But midterms week seems the same as any other week in the semester."

Most senators said the schedule for midterms was too staggered to limit help everyone.

"Most clubs also recognized that it was time for midterms and everyone was busy," Cavanagh senator Tegan Chapman said. "Nothing needs to be mandated."

Soler concluded the meeting by reminding the senators to save their costumes for the Harry Potter dinner to be held on Nov. 17.

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A mini resume online — it becomes a living document.

Adam said the Hub is also about getting advice from others in the Notre Dame community and addressing communication issues between students in different colleges.

"It's been a really interdisciplinary project," she said. "We're sponsored by CUSE, and pulling in money from [various] academic departments."

Baranay said other universities have networking sites similar to the Hub, but theirs are based more on a social model. The Hub's focus is much more academic.

"CUNY [The City University of New York] has a site called the CUNY Commons, which is not as specific as the Hub," she said. "In terms of prestigious universities, Notre Dame is the first one pushing towards this [kind of thing]."

Adam and Baranay began actively working on the Hub last May. They met with senior Cristin O' Connor over the summer, who was developing the site's layout and design.

"In terms of the architecture — that was mostly done by OIT-affiliated students," Baranay said.

Baranay said former professor of Anthropology Daniel Lende originally came up with the idea for blogs spotlighting research and academic engagements at Notre Dame. Lende then contacted Cecilia Lucero, assistant director of Undergraduate Research in the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE). Lucero got in touch with Adam and Baranay, who have been working on the project ever since.

Lucero is the current advisor for the Hub.

"We have a big mix of people on the editorial team," Baranay said. "Everyone has different interests, which is (what we wanted)."

Besides Adam, Baranay and Lucero, the Hub team includes freshman Chris Moore, sophomore Elyne Huang, juniors Rosie Conover and Amanda Jonovski, and seniors Annette Ruth, Cristin O'Connor and Dan Jacobs, who is also the photo editor at The Observer.

The Hub itself is public, but in order to post entries or comments, a Notre Dame ID is required. Baranay said right now they are focusing on reaching out to undergraduate, faculty and staff but including alumni is a long-term goal.

"We've had a really positive response," Adam said. "It's a new way to engage in the discussions we're already engaging in, but in a more public way."

Baranay agreed.

"The Hub is about pushing yourself beyond what your familiar with, doing something more," he said.

A launch party will take place today from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Dooly Room of LaFortune Student Center. Free Jimmy John's sandwichs, T-shirts and books will be provided.

Check out the newly launched website at thehub.nd.edu

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**STUDENT SENATE**

Costumed members discuss communication

By MEGAN DOYLE

News Writer

Student Senate was filled with Harry Potter characters Wednesday as its members discussed the to communicate more effectively with students across campus.

In anticipation for Halloween, the members of Senate, the Hub, Harry Potter characters, and the student leaders became Ron Weasley, the golden snitch, Lord Voldemort, Hedwig, a demon, and Hermione Whomping Willow and other characters from the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell led the meeting as Hermione Granger and Harry Potter.

Moving to more serious topics, Soler and Bell discussed campus-wide e-mails, table tents in dining halls and poster displays around campus.

Student government will host “Whine Week” in November to take suggestions and complaints from students in the dining halls, Soler said.

Students can also join the Notre Dame Student Government fan page on Facebook to stay updated on student government events and submit comments to campus leaders.

“We really want to encourage students to send their feedback and their complaints through our Facebook page,” campus technology chair Casey Cockerham said. “Students live on Facebook anyways so it is a great discussion page.”

Senators gave differing reports from their dorms on the effectiveness of “The Week” e-mails that are sent out to all students Sunday night with campus events to be held during the week ahead.

“In dorm girls said they really liked ‘The Week,’” Welsh Family Hall senator Elizabeth Jen said. “They just wished it was organized by date.”

Some senators said members of their dorms disregard “The Week” because the information is not concise.

“A lot of guys in Singfried do not like ‘The Week,’” Siegfried senator Kevin McDermott said. “They preferred bullet points or links.”

Lyons Hall senator Erin Riley said a more localized version of “The Week” e-mails sent out within the dorm rather than across the whole campus might be more successful.

Senators also discussed posters and other information displays on campus.

“A lot of people in my dorm like the table tents in dining halls as they are quick and easy,” McDermott said. “But many people overlooked posters because there are so many.”

Student Senate also discussed possible changes to midterms week.

“During finals week there are limitations on what activities are available so there will not be a ton of distractions,” Bell said. “During midterms week all those commitments are still there.”

Some members of Senate
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

A Student Government Association (SGA) initiative to help prevent domestic violence was launched this week. The initiative, called the “Green Dot,” is a program that aims to create a culture where all students feel safe and valued.

The Green Dot program is a nationwide initiative that provides training and resources to help students recognize domestic violence and know how to respond appropriately. At Saint Mary’s, the program is being led by Connie Adams, director of the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO).

Adams presented a workshop to the SGA about the program on Wednesday, and the group decided to launch the initiative on campus. The goal is to raise awareness about domestic violence and provide resources for students who may be affected.

“I think it’s really important to have this kind of education on campus,” said Adams. “It’s not something that we can just leave up to the students themselves. We need to have a system in place to support them.”

The Green Dot comes to Saint Mary’s at a time when the issue of domestic violence is receiving increased attention on campus. In recent years, the College has made efforts to address the problem, including the creation of the BAVO office and the implementation of policies to support survivors.

Adams noted that the Green Dot program is designed to be inclusive and to recognize that violence can take many forms. The initiative is open to all students, regardless of gender identity.

“The Green Dot is for everyone,” said Adams. “It’s important for all students to feel safe and supported.”

Adams encouraged students to participate in the program and to seek help if they or someone they know is experiencing domestic violence. She noted that the BAVO office is available to provide resources and support.

“Everyone deserves to feel safe and respected,” said Adams. “We need to work together to create a community where everyone feels valued.”

The Green Dot initiative is just one part of the College’s ongoing efforts to address issues of domestic violence. As Adams noted, the College remains committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all students.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Honoring Declan

The entire Notre Dame family was deeply shocked and saddened by the news that 20-year-old Declan Owens, a senior, was taken by a tragic accident. Those who knew Declan best remember him as a warm, personable young man. No one had a smile on his face. Declan was a valued contributor to The Observer. As we worked Scene section, and while I didn’t know him as well as some others on staff, I have fond memories of several of the stories he wrote for us. He was never afraid to approach an intimidating interview, and he consistently delivered. He always wrote compelling articles that demonstrated his enthusiasm for music and film while showcasing the personality loved by those closest to him.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jelly-bean."

Ronald Reagan

Former United States president

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never think that God’s delays are God’s denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius."

Comte de Buffon

French mathematician
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kate Barrett
Fullpoint

I couldn't help but overhear two of my classmates commiserating the other day about the miserable state of this year's World Series. Perhaps they miss the presence of their own beloved Phillies and Red Sox, or possibly they feel genuine concern for the financial straits they have predicted for FOX, stuck with two such underwhelming potential champions. And maybe they forecast of doom will prove correct—unless you're from San Francisco, or you're one of the few people in Texas who has realized they have a real baseball team, weren't you hoping for a series played by big-name players from big-name teams?

Well I say, let's hear it for the little guy. The history of Christianity is filled with unexpected people receiving unexpected events. Jesus, the famous little guy in the gospels, both the incredible amount of stress players already are negative towards the players only adds up to lack of motivation starts from the ground up not motivational, but rather insulting to the professional player here at Notre Dame and on a competitive level sports. Unless you had to memorize their stories, unless you had heard of them before, unless you had ever heard of them. You'd think those credentials would normally make you immune from terrorist attacks, considering it is widely held that such extremists believe in other down. Who knows where that suicide vest is hiding? But we will come out alive from their shrines. The army, places of worships were attacked. What used to be more of a charade lost its drama. The wait, much longer, was than we are? Is it possible that perhaps they have confused when the war started. Many soldiers would imagine how their lives were transformed for simplification. We Pakistanis make jokes about everything (albeit, you perhaps have witnessed now, and understand if you've ever talked to me, not very good ones). We learn ways of being a terrorist on around the world. Does that make an innocent bystander? Or does that make you guilty of ignorance? I've lived in Pakistan for 20 years now. The last few have been turbulent, perhaps dangerous. But I've never witnessed an attack from behind. Does that mean I'm not from the Pakistani most people imagine? Does that mean I'm elitist (or elitist) or just plain lucky?

A few days ago my father's colleagues were gunned down because of his continued public criticism of the extremist ideology that has spread. He wanted to know what he knew was coming, but he kept going, trying to get his words across. This was a great loss to the ordinary cause and to humanity in general. This man was a fellow student which would celebrate the life of Simon and Judas eventual- ly suffered martyrdom for their beliefs and their willingness to preach the message of the risen Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Because what Mary, an unexpected hero if ever there was one, said to Elizabeth regarding her potential status as single—mom-to-be (surely not a desirable demographic in ancient Israel). My soul magnifies the Lord — and 2,000 years later we still read the story of little Zacchaeus in the context of our own salvation history.

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By LAUREN HENDERSON
Scene Writer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to enroll as an MFA student here at Notre Dame? Or are you just curious to find out more about the art that is created here on campus? If so, you can learn more about both the MFA program and the arts from current MFA students Friday at the Fall Walkthrough event. The Fall Walkthrough, which will run for most of the day on Friday (9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3:30 p.m.), presents an opportunity to see the MFA students’ artwork in person, and to discuss their work and the program in general. Represented concentrations will include ceramics, design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Kamilah Campbell, a first-year sculpture student, explains that the MFA Walkthrough program was started to give professors from different areas in the department a chance to become familiar with all of the students’ work before the final review.

Campbell, who graduated from Clemson University with a BFA in Sculpture, will be showing her representational forms created from melding chitlins with fabric. She explained that her work "navigates my family relationships and religious upbringing" and, in the end, intends to "reconcile the two." In general, these sculptures comment on the human condition, as the chitlins act as a substitute for the human form.

Another first-year student, Nick Roudebush, came to Notre Dame after graduating from Wabash College with a BA in Art, concentrating in Ceramics. Roudebush’s work investigates landscapes through clay, while retaining some influences from his earlier work, such as his "interest in collecting" and "Eastern aesthetic sensibilities." At the Walkthrough, he will be "showing some work about the poetry of collecting and the effect of agriculture on landscape. With this work, I intend to spur discussion on contemporary agriculture issues like food storage, government subsidies and reformed landscape."

Both Campbell and Roudebush strongly encourage all undergraduate students interested in the MFA program to attend the event on Friday. According to Campbell, "Seeing other students’ work and letting them tell you their thoughts behind it encourages you to do something that you may not have thought possible before." Roudebush adds that the Walkthrough allows undergraduates to "not only see some interesting and challenging work, but also some of the obstacles and challenges that current artists are working through. This event really uncovers the process of making, and I believe a lot can be learned from understanding some of these challenges in the contemporary art world."

Their work is just a sampling of what will be shown this Friday; 20 students in total will be presenting. The 2010 Fall Walkthrough will take place in Riley Hall, with the following schedule:

Friday, October 29: 9-11 a.m.
Ceramics: Jessica Zekus Room 120E
Design: Marie Bourgeois Room 210

Stephen Pennington Room 210
Julia Shin Room 210
Painting: Jason Cypack Room 317
Jackson Zorn Room 315
Photography: Matt Bean Room 216
Printmaking: Virginia Hungate-Hawley Room 322
Sculpture:

Benjamin Funke Room 100

Friday, October 29: 1-3:30 p.m.
Ceramics: Chad Hartwig Room 119W
Design: Mayra Duarte Room 210
Aaron Huffman Room 210
Charlotte Lux Room 210
Painting: Amanda Joseph Room 315
Photography: Christine Lenzen Room 216
Printmaking: Justin Barfield Room 322
Sculpture: Kamilah Campbell Room 100
Walter Early Room 100

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By MAIJAS GUSTIN
Scene Writer

"Red" is, at its most basic, exactly what you expect it to be — an excuse for a bunch of aging (but still great) movie stars to wield big guns and prove they’re still got it. And is there anything wrong with that? "Red" isn’t likely to be on anyone’s Top 10 list this year, but it’s the type of cheesy cinematic thrill that deserves a little appreciation. It’s a fun movie. It’s fun to watch Bruce Willis, Mary-Louise Parker, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, and Helen Mirren.

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The comedy draws primarily on geriatric jokes and strange accents, but both hands of the season’s pros, even the cheesiest joke is still funny. The cast really is superb, bringing their best to the table and clearly having a ball in the process. Helen Mirren and John Malkovich, though, are certainly the most memorable. There’s something about the image of Malkovich in a coat of dynamite running like a madman or Mirren in a regal white gown with combat boots on that is hard to forget. Karl Urban, in one of the bigger roles of his career, does a great job as the CIA is-he-good-or-bad agent. His fight scene with Bruce Willis is a definite “Red” highlight.

With a lesser cast, ‘Red’ probably would have been horrible. It’s unique because it’s an action movie starring an over-50 cast. But that’s where the movie’s distinctiveness ends. However, director Robert Schwentke (“The Time Traveler’s Wife”) seems keenly aware of the material and plays up the shtick. He empha-

izes all the right moments for a film that is a great blend of comedy, action, and Hollywood superstardom.

Ultimately, "Red" is entirely reliant on its fantastic cast to hold it together. Without them, specifically Willis, Freeman, Malkovich and Mirren, "Red" would be far below par. Even with them, it’s more an enjoyable cinematic romp than a good movie. But there is exuberance in the performances that make "Red" worth seeing.

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“Dinner for Schmucks”
DeBartolo 101
10 p.m.
$3

Laugh with your friends at DeBartolo while watching “Dinner for Schmucks,” starring Steve Carell and Paul Rudd. Take a break from studying and enjoy this hilarious movie along with candy and great company. Don’t miss it!

Salsaween
Legends Nightclub
Midnight
Free entrance with student ID

If you thought Salsa dancing was fun, just wait until you dance this Friday in your Halloween costumes! Sing and dance the night away with a variety of Latin rhythms that will get this Halloween party started. Salsaween only happens once a year and you won’t want to miss it!

A Nightmare on Eddy Street
Hot Box Pizza in Eddy Street Commons
10:00 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Free entrance

Hot Box Pizza is throwing a party for you to enjoy and have fun during your Halloween weekend! There will be live music featuring the bands VIG and the Power Plus Crew and The B.E.A.T. Get a group of friends together and enjoy the great location, delicious food and entertaining music.

ND Women’s Soccer Big East Quarterfinals
Alumni Stadium
1 p.m.
Free entrance

Before heading out for some Halloween fun, don’t miss the Women’s Soccer Quarterfinals. Go and support our team on Sunday before heading back to study for next week or before getting ready for a great Halloween night. Go Irish!

By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Twenty minutes into the new viral-sensation documentary film “Catfish,” I had shivers running up and down my back as I sat on the edge of my seat. It was enthranced by the film’s intriguing story and a shocking revelation I could feel coming. Twenty minutes after the movie ended, I felt a bottomless pit in my stomach — the kind you get after you see something very unsettling.

Only “Catfish” wasn’t unsettling, per se, but rather frustrating in that it builds to a roaring climax that has such incredible promise, but then falls flat not because it’s a “bad” movie, but because it chooses to devalue into the wrong themes.

Without giving away too much, “Catfish” is like a half of mirrors film that answers what’s real and what’s fake while barely scratching the surface of what it all means. That may work for some films which beg for an inner deconstruction of the plot in order to figure out what’s really going on and what are the implications, but it lends to the seemingly unfinished, unsavory feel of the film.

If there has ever been a movie that ought to be spoiled with a plot summary it is “Catfish.” The film starts off when Nev Schulman, a photog-raper from New York, receives a series of paintings from Abby, an eight-year-old girl from Michigan. The two forge an online correspondence over Facebook, which prompts Nev’s brother Ariel and his best friend Henry, to make a documentary about the friendship. What ensues is a cat-and-mouse game of love and deception when Nev starts talking to Abby’s mother, Angela, and her older sister, Megan, whom Nev strikes a romantic connection with.

What starts off as an unassuming project that could have ended up anywhere between the lines of “My Kid Could Paint That” to just another recycled, sappy love story ends as anything but “Catfish” is, after all, a story of love and deception in the internet age. It is inherently a product of its time, yet the film turns its back on the most intriguing route it could have taken: an exploration of how we desire that “connection” and how online deception fits into the equation. Instead, “Catfish” falls short of being the social critique it could and should have been, and rolls up into a state of mediocrity.

Somewhere between the time when the audience is clamping to those sticky minutes before the “big reveal” and the time when it’s safe to say that the film fades into that aforementioned state of mediocrity, “Catfish” takes a wrong turn was made that could have been avoided. By the film’s end, when the “protagonist” and “antagonist” sit in a children’s room staring eye-to-eye for the last time as they face the reality of their respective realities, it’s near impossible to tell just who wins and who loses, and most of all, who’s who in this story. Who is the hero, and who is the villain, if there is one at all?

And most importantly, just what does it all mean?

Juxtaposing the pathetic, yet human image of Mark Zuckerberg sitting at his computer waiting for his ex-girlfriend to accept his friend request in “The Social Network,” with the themes at the heart of “Catfish,” it becomes clear that social networking is about “connecting.” It’s about simply connecting and establishing a form of closeness and openness that we so rarely achieve, regardless of how many friends we have on Facebook.

The characters at the heart of the film, both coming from different worlds, desired the highest level of connection, and achieved so much more — before the truth set in and reality washed over them like a bucket of ice water. Somewhere along the line that was lost, and that’s where the film becomes too jumbled and gets lost in itself before the end credits roll and the opportunity is wasted.

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‘Catfish’

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NBA

New look Cavaliers win season opener against Boston

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh have their first win with Miami and the Big Three got help from some big 3s in the Heat's 97-87 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Playing with purpose after a 88-80 loss in a hyped showdown with Boston, the three looked as if they still need some games to get used to playing with each other. Only Wade, with 30 points, looked particularly sharp against the Sixers. The Heat hit three straight 3-pointers in the third quarter to bust open an eight-point halftime lead.

James scored 16 points and Bosh had 15.

James and the Heat just couldn't squash the Sixers, who won on a 15-3 run late in the fourth to make it surprisingly competitive. Wade has been doing something his new, super team in sunny Miami couldn't.

Playing its first game in seven years without LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers stumbled the Celtics 92-87 in their season opener Wednesday night, a win that at least for one night gave fans hope to believe that life will be OK minus the two-time MVP.

J.J. Hickson scored 21 points, Daniel Gibson added 16, all in the second half — and the Cavaliers made several big, clutch plays to hold off the Sixers, who defeated James and the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

Rajon Rondo scored 18, Paul Pierce 13, Raj Allen 12 and Kevin Garnett had 15 rebounds for Boston, which led by 11 points in the third quarter and was outscored 27-14 in the fourth.

Gibson, who missed his first eight shots, made four free throws in the final 17.2 seconds for Cleveland, dealt a devastating blow in July when James and Antawn Jamison were leaving as a free agent. The loss rocked a city that hasn’t been to the playoffs for 16 years and which plans to help the Cavaliers slide back among the NBA’s bottom dwellers.

Not just yet.

As the final seconds ticked off, Cleveland coach Mike Brown emerged from the dugout and grabbed the shots beside him, first-year coach Byron Scott smiled and confetti fell from the ceiling like it did so many times during his 17 years while James was around.

With the score tied 86-all, Cleveland’s Anthony Parker drilled a 3-pointer with one tick left on the 24-second shot clock. Boston got a tip-in from Glen Davis, and during a timeout, the officials reviewed Parker’s shot and determined it was in fact a 3.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers disagreed, shaking his head and saying “No way.” Rivers seemed to be contesting if Parker got the shot off in time. It did appear to take seven seconds for the ball to get to the marquee man in the NBA.

“I’ve been a friend of that hell-for-eye for a long time,” said James.

Boston was one point up.

He hit four 3s during a 16-2 run in the second quarter that gave the Heat a 49-41 lead at the break. For most of the first half, the first-up Miami Heat were playing harder with a bit of a run. In Doug Collins’ first game as coach, the Sixers led 26-24 until James sparked a 10-0 run with the first 3 of his spurt.

The Heat kept rolling from long distance in the third quarter. James hit two around one from Eddie House and the lead was 76-51. Miami was up 80-54 after three.

For the Sixers, Collins said before the game his pieces didn’t all fit. It showed when he started Jason Kapono—one of the team leaders in DNP-CF’s last season. Kapono and starters Spencer Hawes and Jrue Holiday combined for eight points.

Miami’s Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, and LeBron James earned their first win this season against Philadelphia Wednesday.

“Thank you,” I thought it was pretty funny.”

Before the game, Gilbert said he did not regret recruiting James in the hours after the superstar announced he was leaving as a free agent.

Gilbert sent out a scathing letter to Cleveland fans, calling James “narcissistic” and “cowardly.” Later that night, James told The Associated Press that he felt James quit on the Cavs in Game 5 last season.

Gilbert didn’t back off in his scathing remarks, and obriged the team playoff without James.

“This team can certainly make the playoffs and maybe beyond that,” he said. “I’m like anybody else. I can’t wait to see it. We have some very good players and some very good players coming off the bench. Not a lot of teams have the quality of Antawn Jamison and Daniel Gibson coming off the bench. When you think of it in that sense, and thinking the kind of quality coach we have, anything can happen.”

It already has.

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If you or someone you care about has been sexually assaulted, you can help. For more information, visit Notre Dame’s website: http://safety.nd.edu.

I would never have called my husband Michael Jordan and Larry and suggested taking tennis lessons because I wanted to beat those guys!”

Michael Jordan

If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you will never change the outcome.

— Michael Jordan
NBA to move draft to new location in Newark

NEWARK, N.J. — The NBA will hold its 2011 draft in Newark, N.J., while Madison Square Garden undergoes renovations.

Commissioner David Stern said Wednesday the event might keep moving around even after the work on the Garden is completed.

The draft will take place at the Prudential Center on June 23. Stern said before the New Jersey Nets’ season opener against the Detroit Pistons. The Nets will play their home games at the arena for the next two years before a planned move to Brooklyn.

“The NBA hasn’t decided where to hold the 2012 and 2013 drafts while the Garden is under construction — and it may keep the road show going beyond that. Stern said the NBA had been thinking about moving the draft around again even before it learned the Garden wouldn’t be available.

“...the fact that it wasn’t, it gave us the capacity to begin talking to a lot of other cities,” he said. “I think it may have changed our perspective a little bit, because the draft has become a really culturally different event and a source of great popularity and publicity.”

The draft was held in New York from 1979, when it became a public event, through 1991, and from 2001 until this past summer. In between, though, it bounced around North America for nine years, including a stop in the Nets’ former home in East Rutherford, N.J., in 1996.

With Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov about to watch a game as Nets owner for the first time, Stern joked that the NBA could hold the draft in Moscow.

The Prudential Center, which opened in 2007, is home to the NHL’s New Jersey Devils and Seton Hall basketball. The WNBA’s New York Liberty announced last month they’d play the next three seasons at the Prudential Center while the Garden is renovated.

“We considered other cities. We had some relatively attractive offers,” Stern said. “But we thought that with the Nets coming here and the excitement that’s going to be generated for Newark, it was really the time to put the draft here.”

Newark Mayor Cory Booker suggested that future cities should be picked through 1-on-1 basketball games between their mayors — as long as Sacramento’s Kevin Johnson, the former Phoenix Suns All-Star, is disqualified. But Booker said he’d take on Detroit’s mayor, 66-year-old Hall-of-Famer Dave Bing.
Barry Bonds still influential in San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The statue out front says Willie. The cow past right field belongs to McCovey.

But the place still feels an awful lot like Barry.

Not in the Giants' locker room, where the leather recliner Barry Bonds liked to sit in and watch his own personal big screen TV is gone. Tim Linecum has the corner spot now, and has plenty of room since the massive ego of baseball's greatest — and most suspect — slugger no longer resides at AT&T Park.

And maybe not over the right field fence, where Barry Bonds is often followed by his crabby, comical, former catcher, Mike Matheny, and where Barry's .734 lifetime batting average is marked with a plaque.

But if this isn't the park Bonds built, it is the park he owned. He played in a World Series here, and made baseball history here in front of cheering fans who found a way to ignore what seemed obvious.

"This ballpark will always be synonymous with Barry Bonds," said retired manager Bruce Bochy, who had the locker next to Bonds'. "He's the greatest player ever to play the game."

Bonds doesn't play the game anymore, even though he still hasn't officially retired. Unassigned after failing to break Henry Aaron's record in 2007, his only real connection with the team he dominated for 15 years has been a few perfunctory appearances at games.

The slugger who nearly carried San Francisco to its first World Series title in 2002 with home runs in the first two games had to sit on the bench in Game 3, though in an official capacity. He wasn't asked to join six Giants greats of the past — minus Willie Mays, who wasn't feeling well — in throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

It's not hard to figure out why.

The Giants have a date with destiny. He has one in a federal courtroom.

The stigma of the steroid years refuses to fade, especially for the guy who hit 73 home runs in 2001 while playing in a pitcher-friendly park. Bonds is scheduled to go on trial next March in San Francisco on charges of lying to a grand jury about taking steroids, and prosecutors have put together a list of former players who will testify against him.

Look around AT&T Park and it's hard to find any evidence the backbone of the franchise for all those years even played here. The huge banners in center field that featured his likeness during the historic home run chase are gone, and there are no "756" signs they installed to mark the historic home run that put him on top all the time.

What Giants have a statue outside the main entrance and McCovey has his, all Bonds is a plaque embedded in the sidewalk outside the right field wall where he hit his milestone home run. The Giants' history are also duly noted.

The team he once played for has changed, too. These Giants are the anti-Barrys, a team of singles hitters who struggle to score more than a few runs a game but somehow have enough faith in each other to have made it to the World Series.

They have guys with cute nicknames like The Freak and Kung Fu Panda. There are no oversized heads, though there is one very bizarre beard.

"I think it's kind of a lesson in baseball 101. In some cases, humility, in that A, we don't have a superstar and B, we really don't have a team of stars and C, we've got enough talent, whether young or old or experienced with people who have won the World Series, and also depth," general manager Brian Sabean said recently. "It's truly a team that knows that on each given day they each got to do their job and somebody will step up and help us win a game. For that very reason the fans are endeared by it."

Bonds was hardly an endearing figure, his personality more odorous than the scent of garlic fries that permeate this stadium. He rarely signed autographs and seemed contemptuous of the people who paid his salary.

Still, they hung chickens over the wall in right field every time an opposing pitcher gave him a free pass and cheered wildly when one of his mammoth blasts cleared the walls. The splash count on the right field wall — Bonds has 35 of the 55 balls the team hit there in 10 years — is still a reminder of the great- ness fans witnessed at the plate.

It's been three years now since Bonds last splashed one in McCovey Cove, three seasons since he launched the home run that passed Henry Aaron. The Giants have moved on, declining to offer Bonds another contract.

He visited the clubhouse Wednesday and talked vaguely of helping to coach the Giants someday. Before that happens, though, there's the upcoming trial and the possibility Bonds could spend some time in a place other than on a field.

"I have a gift and sooner or later I have to give it away. I have to share it," Bonds said in a hallway before the game. "Hopefully, I'll get the opportunity here. This is where I want to be when the time is right."

The time certainly isn't right now, not with the current team of overachievers that has a chance to give fans something equally special by winning the World Series for the first time since the Giants moved west in 1958.

With Bonds, fans often had to offer an explanation to go along with their cheers. With this group, no explanation needed.

Four more wins, and the Giants could cap the most improbable of seasons with a championship trophy.

Four more wins, and the place may not feel so much like Barry anymore.
Kenny Britt begins to shine in role with Titans

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Start ticking off the NFL’s biggest and best wide receivers, and names include Andre Johnson, Larry Fitzgerald, Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens.

Kenny Britt’s name doesn’t come to mind.

Not yet, anyway.

The Titans receiver has the size, weight and speed to be one of the NFL’s top pass catchers. He put together the NFL’s best performance by a receiver this season with seven catches for 225 yards and three touchdowns — all after spending the first quarter on the bench as punishment for his role in a bar fight.

Tennessee plays San Diego Sunday, and Britt certainly has coaches charger Norv Turner’s attention.

“There are just a few guys that have that rare, explosive speed and quickness,” Turner said Wednesday. “When he gets going, he gets his head down and you’re not denied the football, that you put your foot on a man, that you put your foot on and the game happens and come to work.”

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**NBA**

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**NFC**

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Associated Press

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**Young QBs look to Favre as example**

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Aaron Rodgers and Mark Sanchez have followed the same set of imposing footprints to starting jobs in the NFL. They’re both from California, played in the Pac-10 in college, share the same agent and were first-round draft picks a few years apart. They’re also the only quarterbacks — for now — who can say they replaced Brett Favre.

That’s a unique bond that ties them together, even if they don’t know each other all that well.

“I’ve just seen him at a few events and watched him play quite a bit in the Pac-10,” said Sanchez, the New York Jets’ quarterback. “He’s a great guy, from what I know hanging out with him a couple of times. He’s definitely, I think, one of the most underrated quarterbacks in the league.”

Rodgers took over in Green Bay in 2008 — three years after being the 24th overall draft pick — following Favre’s retirement and then bitter divorce from the Packers. Sanchez became the Jets’ quarterback a year later, after Favre stopped in New York for one disappointing season before briefly retiring again and then signing with Minnesota.

Both have become franchise quarterbacks with bright futures, far removed from Favre’s huge shadow. Rodgers is one of the league’s most dangerous passers, while Sanchez has improved greatly following a shaky rookie season.

The two will play against each other for the first time Sunday, when the Packers come to the New Meadowlands Stadium.

“He’s always been a great guy,” Sanchez said of Rodgers. “So, I’m excited to see him play.”

They first met six years ago when Sanchez was a senior in high school and Rodgers was entering his junior season at the University of California.

“We were at a quarterback camp in Southern California and when I saw him then,” Rodgers said, “I knew he had a lot of talent.”

Rodgers was drafted by the Packers that spring as the successor to Favre, but had to wait patiently on the sideline for a few years. The two weren’t particularly close, and Rodgers had the challenge of replacing a player who had established a legacy as a winner and fan favorite.

He helped everyone move on from Favre by becoming the first player in NFL history to throw for 4,000 yards in each of his first two seasons as a starter. Rodgers also joined San Francisco’s Steve Young (1998) last season as the only quarterbacks to throw for 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns and rush for 300 yards and five scores in the same season.

“He’s definitely one of the best and he’s doing a heck of a job,” Sanchez said. “He gets the ball to his receivers quick, is very accurate on the run and he’s a really good leader for that team.”

**Duncan and Ginobili lead Spurs past Pacers**

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Indiana Pacers 122-109 on Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Manu Ginobili scored 22 points for the Spurs, who blew an early double-digit lead and nearly their goal of starting strong in what could be the last season for their Big Three.

Roy Hibbert led Indiana with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

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that make it a special place to coach. Among those is the ability to maintain relationships with his players beyond graduation.

“Being at Notre Dame I am able to see a lot of my former players in the fall when they come back to football games,” Louderback said. “It is always exciting to see them and their families.”

He also tries to instill a certain degree of fervor the game that both he and his players love.

“I have always tried to show the passion I have for my job and hope the [players] can find their passion,” Louderback said.

Although Louderback has had a career loaded with success, he says the highlight of his career is a 2003 victory over then Big East rival Miami.

“We had lost to them the week before 6-1 and beat them 4-3 in the final,” Louderback said.

This year’s team, Louderback said, has its own uniqueness as well as similarities to teams he has coached in the past.

“This year is the first year that half of our team is our freshman class,” Louderback said. “With that many freshmen we are going a little slower in how we practice and the concept of how we play as a team in an individual sport.”

But, like Louderback’s teams in the past, the Irish are looking to build on their success in the past and surpass those marks.

“We do have a bunch of competitors who like to play which has helped us do well in the past,” Louderback said. “We are excited about such a young team and think we can continue to compete for a national championship.”

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles finish season with win**

By MAJA GUSTIN

Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s closed the book on a tough season with a win over Trine.

The Belles (3-16, 1-7 MAIA) traveled to Trine University (3-15-1, 0-8) for a 3-1 victory. Trine got on the board first less than five minutes into the game with a goal from senior Jen Wall. The Belles responded in the 24th minute with an unassisted goal from junior Katelyn Tondo-Steele. Two minutes later, sophomore Maddie Mecks knocked in a header off a pass from freshman Mollie Valencia for a 2-1 lead.

In the 35th minute, Tondo-Steele scored the Belles’ third goal off an assist from sophomore Ashley Morfin. Sophomore goalkeeper Caitlin Walsh had two saves in goal on the night to hold Saint Mary’s lead.

The Belles fired 11 shots overall, seven of which were on goal, while the Thunder got 10 shots off. The shots on goal came from senior Corissa Hart, junior Keely N o o n a n, Tondo-Steele and Mecks.

Belles coach Michael Joyce credits the tenacity of his players with their success.

“I think our work rate is second to none in the league,” Joyce said. “Our players will give everything they have until the final whistle.”

The Belles have faced a season of tough competitors but are excited to head into the off-season with a win.

“We’re looking at the game as a setup for next year. We want to finish our season out on a positive note so we’re motivated in the off-season,” Joyce said.

“We’ve competed this year but need to get a little hotter and are just missing one or two more quality players to really make a leap in the conference. With only one senior this year, I’m hopeful that recruiting will go well and we’ll be in the win column more next year.”

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strength of mine.”

Lex is no stranger to diving success with the Irish. As a freshman, Lex finished ninth at the Big East championships in the three-meter event and earned third the following year in the same event as a sophomore. The Irish won the conference title both years.

“It is a great feeling having the team come together and accomplish something like this for Notre Dame,” Lex said. “I take immense pride in being a part of something so great, and the lessons I have learned from the coaching staff as well as my teammates have been very special to me.”

Lex has seen much improvement in his diving so far this season and credits his fellow swimmers and rigorous training schedules as keys to his success.

“Although there is absolutely room for improvement, I believe that the training schedule this year and the overall team atmosphere has had an extremely positive influence on my performances thus far,” Lex said.

Lex also holds the support of his teammates as necessary for what he considers his best performance of the year at the Oakland/Michigan meet.

“I felt that everything really came together and my level of focus was great,” Lex said. “My teammates were extremely supportive and I don’t see myself having been able to perform that well without the support and competitive spirit they provide everyday at practice as well as in the meet atmosphere.”

Notre Dame’s next challenge will come when it hosts Purdue on Nov. 6. Irish head coach Tim Welsh is preparing the team for a very tough meet. The diving competition should be especially exciting.

“Purdue’s diving is outstanding. They have one of the best programs in the country, led by Olympic diver Adam Soldati,” Welsh said.

After his wins against Michigan and Oakland, Lex is ready to take on Purdue.

“I feel confident going into a very competitive Purdue meet,” Lex said. “I’m hoping to use these meets as a stepping stone for the meets to come.”

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stuck to playing good soccer and you felt it was a matter of time. We certainly took awhile, but it was great that Brendan was able to get the goal. From our point of view, it was one of those wins we had to have.”

The Irish opened the game controlling possession, with sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers and senior defender Greg Klauzura leading a smothering Notre Dame defensive effort and a clean crisp passing display. The Irish held the ball for the majority of the first half, holding the Panthers to just three shots in the period.

Whenever we lost the ball, we had a tremendous appetite to get back and get the ball. We held the ball for long periods of time,” Clark said. “When they took it away we immediately got on it and got the ball back.”

A number of missed chances early on in the contest caused up to Notre Dame when the Panthers got on the board first from a header off a free kick by freshman defender Alex Harrison in the 23rd minute. The Irish answered right back, storming down the field as a shot from Klauzura hit the post and caromed to Perry, who buried the equalizer for the second goal in a minute of action.

“It was a good shot from Greg,” Clark said. “Of course Perry picks it up, that’s his tenth goal of the season. But it was a great response.”

The Irish grabbed a second goal four minutes later when Perry was taken down by Panthers freshman goalie Matt Brovsky after a penalty box and senior midfielder Jeb Kuchar converted the penalty kick.

“I thought we could have had a few more penalties, it seemed to be a couple handballs that weren’t called, a few tackles that were,” Clark said. “Anyways, we got one more out of the net. That’s what’s important. Considering the conditions, it was a really well executed game up top.”

Just before the half, the Panthers equalized when a deflected shot off a Notre Dame defender and followed the net on what was scored an own goal. Both teams missed a number of opportunities to score the go-ahead goal in the second half. The Irish outshot the Panthers 27 to 11 on the night, with their 27th and final shot coming on King’s game winner. Clark said he is pleased with the exciting game’s result, as well as where it leaves the Irish heading into the final regular season contest.

“It was a funny game, because I think we clearly dominated the game. It was a very windy and difficult night and I thought we put on a great performance tonight,” Clark said. “This is when you have to stick runs together. We’ve got ourselves in a great position. We’ve got a great RPI for the NCAA’s and we’ve got ourselves in great position for the Big East.”

The Irish will wrap up the regular season Saturday against Georgetown.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles sneak past Adrian in five sets

By KATHERINE MACK

Spor Winter

The Belles’ season-long quest to establish themselves as a consistent team manifested itself in a close victory over Adrian Wednesday. Saint Mary’s (5-19, 3-11 MIAA) defeated Adrian (9-17, 3-11) in five games (16-25, 23-25, 20-27, 25-15, 15-12).

“We just fought really hard. The whole team had this enthusiasm and energy that had been missing many times in the past,” Belles coach Toni Kuchel said.

The Belles found themselves down early, but rallied back to come from a one-set deficit. Kuchel said her team got back to fundamentals in order to complete the comeback.

“Our hitting just really came around tonight. I think that’s the Kuchel. “We also had phenom- nal team defense and team effort,” said Saint Mary’s. While Kuchel’s team won Thursday against Adrian, the Belles believe the last two regular season matches this weekend could be huge.

“Every time we step out on the court, we just try to play better as a team,” Kuchel said. “Win or lose, we’re just trying to find our way to our best and that’s what we did tonight.”

Saint Mary’s will take on opponent Trine at 7 p.m. Friday in its last home match of the season.

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ence unbehaven streak into the match in addition to a 13-game overall unbeaten streak. After Sunday’s regular season finale, in which Notre Dame tied Georgetown, Waldrum said he believed his team was ready to shift its focus to the next phase of the schedule.

“This phase of our season is now done and over with, and we did accomplish what we set out to do, which was win our division,” Waldrum said to USD news. “Now we move on to the Big East tournament and look forward to being back home the next weekend.”

On their road to three straight College Cup Final Four appearances, the Irish have used the Big East tournament as a step- ping stone to prepare for their run. Notre Dame’s NCAA- record conference unbeaten streak includes the past two conference titles.

The Irish narrowly missed a five-year streak as conference champions, but lost to West Virginia in a shootout in 2007 Big East championship game. Overall, Notre Dame has won 11 out of 15 conference turnaments since joining the Big East.

The Big East tournament will likely impact Notre Dame’s seeding in the NCAA tournament, as the Irish would like to see a No. 1 seed in the tournament. Notre Dame currently ranks fifth in the latest RPI standings.

Notre Dame will likely earn a berth in the NCAA tournament despite a 13-4-1 record. The Irish are a top seed, however, they must each game that they play in leading up to the Final Four in Cary, N.C.

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MLB

Giants defeat Rangers in first game of series

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Bumbling on his bases and tumbling on the field did in the Texas Rangers. Their manager didn’t help, either.

That’s what a first World Series game will do to a team.

In Wednesday night’s dismal 11-7 loss to the San Francisco Giants, Texas resembled the woeful Washington Senators of its expansion roots far more than the exciting team that won a surprise American League pennant.

“We have to find ourselves the next game,” Bengie Molina said.

Cliff Floyd looked nothing like the ace who had gone 7-0 in eight postseason starts. Meanwhile, Texas became the first team in six years to make four errors in a World Series game.

Ian Kinsler got tagged out when trying to turn past first base on a ball he thought rolled away but didn’t. Michael Young lost Edgar Renteria’s leadoff grounder to third kick and was late with the error that led to San Francisco tying the score in a two-run third inning.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus mis- played Tim Lincecum’s grounder in the fifth, and Vladimir Guerrero — inserted into right field in the NL park rather than his usual design- nated hitter slot — let two hits and two errors in a three- run eighth.

“Usually, a team makes errors, you’re going to find a way to score off them,” Young said. “But we’ve been a great defensive team to all season long, so this isn’t really some- thing we’re going to lose sleep over.”

By the time Lee labored through 32 pitches in the third it was clear he wasn’t nearly the unhittable, domi- nant pitcher who went 3-0 in the AL playoffs against Tampa Bay and the Yankees. The one who allowed two runs in 24 innings.

“We’ll see how the manager Ron Washington couldn’t believe his eyes, either. The bullpen was empty until the Giants were ahead 3-2 on consecu- tive doubles by Casey Kotchman and Freddy Sanchez off the fadding Lee. Not until Lee went full count did Yorvit Torrealba do any damage, and the hard-luck pitcher had Warren Day drill out of the way. Burrell walked and Cody Ross and Aubrey Huff followed before two wild pitches by Hogue.

Washington insisted he didn’t have O’Day get up too late. He thought Lee would get through the third inning.

“He was still in control,” he said.
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Jenny Howard, 1965 A.L. MVP

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**A minute to spare**

King nets winning goal in frantic final minute

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Though Notre Dame dominated possession for the first 89 minutes of their Alumni Stadium clash against Pittsburgh Wednesday, a set-piece goal for the Panthers and a freak deflection on an own goal had the teams even at 2-2 with a minute left in the game. With the Irish headed for a disappointing tie, junior midfielder Brendan King headed home a cross in the final minute from senior forward Steven Perry to give Notre Dame a thrilling 3-2 win.

“We showed a lot of character, because we were dominating the way we were dominating and then you give up two goals, on their first corner and one on a deflection,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “They put a lot of pressure on us to grab a goal.”

*Junior midfielder Brendan King runs the ball upfield against Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Pittsburgh Wednesday. King scored the game-winning goal in the final minute.*

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**ND coach reflects on team’s past**

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

In 1989, Notre Dame had been playing Division I tennis for four years, had never been to the NCAA Tournament, and never earned a spot in the national rankings. That all changed when head coach Jay Louderback arrived. Since he was hired to lead the Irish program, Louderback has led Notre Dame to 16 NCAA Tournament appearances and 15 conference titles. A year ago, the Irish finished with their best performance ever with an appearance in the semifinals. This year, the Irish want to compete for a national championship again and win the program’s first ACC title.

Louderback says there are: “The program is still to come, despite all of the accolades he has earned up to this point. His legacy is still to come,” he said. “He hasn’t been consistent as he wants to be. He has some unfinished business. He is determined to be a superstar and get an All-American banner on the wall.”

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Irish plan for postseason**

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

After claiming the Big East National Division title, No. 4 Notre Dame is shifting its focus to the postseason, which the Irish have become intimately familiar with during coach Randy Waldrum’s tenure.

While Notre Dame’s ultimate goal is to win the program’s third NCAA title, the Irish will open up the postseason at home in the Big East tournament on Sunday. With their strong play in the regular season, Notre Dame earned a first-round bye in the conference tournament and will play the winner of the game between Connecticut and Louisville. The Irish carry a 7-0-1 conference record into postseason play.

*Junior midfielder Melissa Henderson goes up for a header during Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Rutgers on Oct. 10.*

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**LEX**

**Lex looks to finish strong in senior season**

By MAJA JUSTIN
Sports Writer

Senior diver Eric Lex could be on his way to his best season ever with Notre Dame after two big victories against Michigan and Oakland.

Lex led his opponents by over 15 points in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events at last weekend’s dual meet against Michigan and Oakland for a sweep. He scored 336.60 points for Michigan, 328.32 points, and 324.40 points in the three-meter dive easily put him ahead of Allen, who placed second once again with 307.85 points.

“Having a solid base to build upon makes learning more difficult dives much easier. I also believe that my competitive attitude during practice as well as in meets is another factor in my progress,” Lex said.

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