Donnelly wins seat over Walorski

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly, a Democrat, retained his seat in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District Tuesday, narrowly defeating Republican Jackie Walorski in one of the country's key congressional races.

Donnelly won 48.2 percent of the vote, while Walorski had 46.8 percent.

In a statement released to the South Bend Tribune, Donnelly thanked Northern Indiana voters for the opportunity to re-assert his focus on improving the job market in his district.

"What’s at the forefront of all of our minds is the economy, and I won’t stop until every Hoosier who wants a job, has a job," he said.

Adjunct professor of American Studies and South Bend Tribune columnist Jack Colwell said with Indiana polls being among the first to close nationally, the early results of this particular race would set the tone for the 2010 midterm elections. He noted an article in Tuesday's edition of The New York Times, which listed the race as one to watch.

"Everyone knows there will be a big Republican tide," he said. "It’s a bellwether race that everyone will be watching."

Eileen Flanagan, president of Notre Dame College Democrats, said she is extremely pleased with what the victory represents, not only for Indiana's 2nd District but for the nation.

College Republicans watch the election results in the LaFortune Student Center Tuesday night.

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Friedman to address recent book at Forum’s signature event

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and New York Times columnist Tom Friedman will speak tonight about the global economy’s relationship to the common good at the Notre Dame Forum’s signature event.

The event, which features a lecture given by Friedman about issues he addressed in his most recent book “Hot, Flat, and Crowded,” has been highly anticipated by students and others involved in this year’s Forum.

“We’ve had a lot of positive feedback,” said senior Shanna Gast, a member of the working committee for the Forum and a panelist at tonight’s event. "The tickets for the Forum event with Friedman sold out in an hour and fifteen minutes so it’s clear students are looking forward to what’s to come."

A roundtable discussion will follow Friedman’s talk and will feature Dr. Carolyn Woo, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business; Gary Anderson, Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Theology and Gast; Andrea Mitchell, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent for NBC News, will moderate the discussion.

“The panel is there to ask more informed questions and to probe a bit more into what Friedman will talk about," Gast said.

Friedman was selected as the speaker for this year’s signature event because of his writings on the marketplace and his critique of certain economic practices.

"Friedman is very vocal on topics of globalization, income gaps and issues that arise when discussing the common good," Gast said. "He brings a more informed perspective to the topic and he’s a really big name which brings more awareness."

Other students who have been involved in the development of the Forum throughout the year hope Friedman’s lecture and the issues he addresses will resonate with students.

"I hope that students will be able to take away concrete, realistic ways that we can be more responsible as global citizens." see FORUM/page 4

Drive to be held at Rolfs

By LAUREN KELLY
News Writer

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Survivor discusses past abuse

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Victimologist and educator Tena Dellaca-Hedrick delivered her speech, “Turning Passion into Opportunity to Save Lives through a Blood Drive run by RecSports in coordination with the South Bend Medical Foundation. The drive will run today and Thursday at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

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Flowers lay at the LaBar Practice Complex Tuesday in memory of junior Declan Sullivan, who died in an accident at the site Oct. 27.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU CREATED A POLITICAL PARTY, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?

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Superheroes brawl in Conn. parking garage
STAMFORD, Conn. — It is assault charges for Spider-Man and Captain America, and breach of peace for Poison Ivy. Police in Connecticut said a man dressed as Captain America and another as Spider-Man have been arrested after getting into a fight in Stamford over the Halloween weekend. Stamford Police Lt. Elizabeth Erickson said officers found 25-year-old Michael DeJaegher, sporting a Spider-Man costume, in a parking garage Sunday morning.

The Stamford Advocate reported that DeJaegher allegedly punched Sanchez of Stamford as police tried to break up the scuffle. Sanchez and DeJaegher face assault charges.

N.C. man pursues world record for kidney tumor
PIKEVILLE, N.C. — A North Carolina man is celebrating successful cancer surgery in an unusual way: by seeking world record status for the tumor doctors removed from his abdomen. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported that Eugene Tyner of Pikeville has applied to the Guinness Book of World Records for the status of heaviest cancerous kidney ever removed.

In a four-hour surgery, doctors removed the kidney, which had grown to the size of a cantaloupe because of a huge malignant tumor. At 332 grams, the tumor weighed more than twice the normal weight of a kidney.

The 31-year-old former North Carolina man is celebrating his victory over the cancer that nearly killed him.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss role of Off-Campus Council

By JOHN CAMERON

At this week's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting, members discussed the role of the Off-Campus Council and how possible improvements could increase effectiveness and take more of the burden of handling off-campus concerns from other groups, leaving more resources for other issues.

“So much of the focus of on-campus bodies has been off-campus issues,” student body president Catherine Soler said. “We think one of the things we can do is to really bolster the power of the Off-Campus Council.”

Referencing the group's constitution, Soler said the Off-Campus Council's purpose is to “sponsor functions and disseminate information to off-campus students, which has been the goal of student government this whole year.”

Hoping to reduce ambiguity about electing members to the council and better express the group's intended purpose, Soler raised a discussion about potential constitutional amendments.

One of the unclear clauses pertains to eligibility to run and vote for off-campus positions. Under the current rules, only current off-campus students can vote for the following year, and in practice, only off-campus juniors have tended to run for these offices.

“I guess it’s just been implied that you have to live off campus junior year to run for these positions,” off-campus president Ryan Hawley said. “It doesn’t really make sense. What we’re thinking is having people who are going to live off campus be able to run and vote so it’s much more representative of off-campus students.”

Soler said expanding eligibility for participation could attract more applicants and ensure the most capable students are given the opportunity to fill the positions.

“We think we can really up the quality and get more people to apply for this if we could get on-campus students who are living off next year to run,” she said.

After it was suggested that the Off-Campus Council's level of activity has been lacking, Hawley said the problem was figuring out how to get interested off-campus students involved and maintaining a consistent meeting schedule.

“We don’t really have meetings which is part of the problem,” he said. “It’s been hard. People want to get involved and help but actually getting them involved has been difficult.”

Hawley introduced the idea of off-campus ambassadors, whose role would be to facilitate the flow of information between off-campus students and the on-campus president, as well as maintaining positive relationships with members of the community.

“We were thinking about having neighborhood ambassadors who would go around neighborhoods introducing themselves,” he said. “They would report directly to the on-campus president.”

Soler said she felt redefining the purpose of the Council could also help with the group’s current funding problems.

“The focus was thought to be that it was a programming board,” she said. “But if we decide that it’s disseminating information then it’s probably something that could be taken more seriously, if this is a more legitimate need for funds.”

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Knight reviews author’s life

By MIRANDA PERETTI

Author and Historian Louise W. Knight spoke about her newest book, “Jane Addams: Spirit in Action,” at Saint Mary's Tuesday. She led an engaging discussion on the life of Addams and her accomplishments in Stapleton Lounge.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, head of the Center for Spirituality, introduced Knight.

“She engages the general reader,” Dolphin said. “This is not an easy task. However, she does it well.”

Knight's second book on Addams includes a full biography as well as her secret side growing up in Cedar Town, Ill., and being the youngest of five. Addams co-founded the Hull House in Chicago and is the author of 10 books. Knight said.

“She knew she wanted to be a medical doctor and live among the poor,” Knight said.

Addams attended Rockford College in Illinois — a small women’s college for girls of wealthy families — in hopes of becoming a doctor.

According to Knight, two months after graduation, her father died leaving her in a haze. After one year of medical school she had a nervous breakdown partly due to her father’s death and the realization that the medical career was not for her.

The images of joy among the catacombs in Rome “took her breath away.”

Knight said.

Visiting Rome instilled a new drive in Addams and inspired her to develop the Hull House in Chicago, she said. After convincing a friend to help, the two acquired a property in an immigration neighborhood.

“The settlement house was a social effort to take college educated men and women and place them in a working class neighborhood,” Knight said.

The idea was to cross class lines, as well as to fulfill her lifelong dream of living among the poor, she said. The settlement house transformed her life.

According to Knight, she learned that poverty affects the soul just as much as materialism. She herself was ferociously anti-materi alistic, even though she came from a wealthy family, she said.

A d d a m s wrote, “The best teacher of life is life itself.” She was committed to social action and embraced union reforms, Knight said. Jane Addams can be described as a “visionary and profit,” according to Knight. She was hated by many but loved by many more.

This was Knight’s third and final lecture at Saint Mary’s.

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Student body president Catherine Soler leads the Council of Representatives (COR) at its meeting Tuesday.

Photo by John Cameron

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“It validates us as a club because we knocked on hundreds of doors and made thousands of calls,” she said.

President of Notre Dame College Republicans Josh Varanelli said Valorski’s loss was not a shock for the club. “We’re not terribly surprised. Joe Donnelly has been an incumbent for a while,” he said. “We didn’t expect him to pull this off, but she definitely came quite close, closer than we expected.”

Colwell said Republicans had targeted this race as one to make a statement, as indicated by the amount of money spent by independent groups on negative advertisements directed at Donnelly. “They [had] picked this race as a target,” he said. “He raised more than Walorski, but she had more money from independent groups.”

Varanelli said despite the local congressional loss, on a national scale his club is extremely excited with the Republican results, which indicate that the party will gain a majority in the House of Representatives. “It was a relief to take the House,” he said. “As of now our expectations have been fulfilled. We’re just waiting to see what else falls in our lap.”

Flanagan said the disappoint-ment of losing the House is coupled with the political challenges this change will present. “We’re obviously disappointed we lost the House but we did what we could,” she said. “I think the Democrats will have to re-evaluate their priorities because in order to get legislation passed, they must compromise.”

Varanelli said while legislative change may not be swift, what is important is the statement Americans have made with their voting choices this election. “It’s not like we’re going to see instantaneous change,” he said. “I think Americans have spoken, and Democrats will not take voters for granted as they have. This proves the lack of substance behind some of the promises of 2008.”

Flanagan said now that Election Day is over, her group can appreciate all the hard work they put into the campaign. She said such efforts have defied the notion that young Americans are unconcerned with the election process. “People really stigmatize young people as being apathetic, but our club defied these stereotypes,” Flanagan said.
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Among his students was University President Emeritus Fr. Edward “Munk” Malloy, who was an English major as an undergrad and took two courses with Brennan. In his autobiography ‘Munk’s Tale,’ Malloy called Brennan “one of the most articulate people I have ever met,” the press release said. A native of Providence, R.I., Brennan graduated from Providence College, earned a master’s degree in English from Brown University and then obtained his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Before coming to Notre Dame to teach, Brennan was a Fulbright scholar and did post-doctoral work at the Universita degli Studi in Florence and the University of Gottingen in Germany.

His wife, Sheila, associate professor emerita of philosophy at Notre Dame, survives Brennan. He is also survived by his sons, Giaran and Kevin, his brothers, James and William, and five grandchildren.

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Foundation put together each year.

Jennie Phillips, assistant director of Fitness Facilities, describes past drives at Notre Dame as “very successful.” She said that the South Bend Medical Foundation staff has been “helpful and are good people to work with.”

“Giving blood is an easy way for people to contribute to their local community,” Phillips said. “It’s free and doesn’t take a lot of time.”

So far in 2010, there have been 252 donors from the Notre Dame community, Phillips said. The result of this is 226 lives saved.

There is one pint of blood that can save three lives,” Phillips said. The success of these drives would not be possible without the contributions of students and faculty, she said. “I am always so impressed by the response of Notre Dame. Everyone is so service-minded,” Phillips said.

The actual process of donating “takes about 45 minutes with 10 minutes to eat and drink to make sure you’re not queasy or lightheaded,” Phillips said.

According to Phillips, there are some requirements to keep in mind if you are planning to donate. You must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. You must be in over all good health. Also, all first time donors need to bring a photo ID with them.

Students can donate at a station set up in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center today from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Phillips said.

There are call ahead reservations but walk-ins are also welcome.

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develop a sense of self. However, by helping the audience find themselves, Della-cca-Hedrick also helped them discover the power of life experiences and the empowering nature of community.

As a victimologist, Della-cca-Hedrick deals with patients of domestic and sexual abuse. While Della-cca-Hedrick works with victims as part of her job, she herself was also a victim of sexual abuse.

However, she said she decided not to dwell on her own victim stories. Rather, she discussed how stories of victimization can change into empowering ones of survival.

With one exercise showcasing how ‘victim’ and ‘survivor’ are defined by different terms, Della-cca-Hedrick demonstrated even with good intentions, we view victims in a negative way. “Victims of sexual assault die the day they are victimized... then they are reborn,” Della-cca-Hedrick pointed out.

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Tena Della-cca-Hedrick victimologist

“Academia is the icing on the cake, but the cake — is meaningful.” Della-cca-Hedrick said. As part of enriching that cake, she asked the audience to create personal goals and put them into action.

As her last activity, she made audience members change positions in the room and actually go through another person’s purse. She then asked for volunteers to tell how they felt. ‘Nervous’, ‘exposed’, ‘exploited’ and ‘uncomfortable’ were all words used to describe the experience.

Those were all the emotions she said victims feel when telling their story. By recognizing that everyone has felt this way at some point in their lives, she said they can better relate to our peers.

Tena Dellaca-Hedrick, a victimologist, said she felt a sense of empowerment with one exercise showing how people can hurt us even with good intentions. “I now know that I’m not alone,” Zupančič said. “People over and over again will face the same things I’m going through.”

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We will win more

According to the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, “everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” That Moynihan was a politician is ironic, as politics seems to be the one sphere where different parties actually do have their own facts. Social security, tax rates, charter schools — statistics are constantly produced by both sides, think tanks and used by political journalists. It’s easy to get turned off or confused by the arid numerical data.

The most polarizing issues are those over values that involve significant cultural elements and beliefs. Interestingly, science is inextricably involved in many of these hot-button topics. Some of the major cultural debates of the past decades have involved the role of science in determining priorities. The teaching of evolution versus intelligent design and the global warming debate are two examples of such issues. The handling of the two subjects by the scientific community affords larger insights about the interaction between science and politics.

The evolution debate is an example in which science clearly can and should be marshaled to support a specific viewpoint. Part of the reason for this is the accessibility of the scientific evidence to everyone — even a cursory study of evolution is incredibly persuasive. The simplistic arguments used to quell debate and those of yeast and bacteria can easily be displayed. Simply going on a walk or to the zoo can remind us of our striking similarity to other creatures. The incredible richness of research on evolution for more than a century speaks firmly in favor of the Darwinian view. We can see for ourselves in living things that could not have feasibility without evolution. Simply going on a walk can reinforce our Darwinian interpretation.

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As the weeks went by, the Notre Dame community mourned her loss. Her Lyons Hall roommates and her family and friends experienced the deepest grief as their loved one was taken from them. Those of us who had met her in our first three months on campus mourned the bright light we lost too soon. Our counseling center — someone who can help you reflect on your own experiences of loss. For those of us who have lost friends and family members, the grief in our hearts responds to the suffering of Declan’s family and together we mourn the loss of a member of our community. Our compassion opens us up to emotions and questions we have struggled with before. “Why did this have to happen? Who is to blame? Where is God in all of this?” I believe that God is in the midst of the community that mourns, weeping with us. I believe that we are stronger together when we come together to share our suffering than when we try to go it alone. And I believe that everyone responds to grief in their own way. Listen to your friends who want to talk about other people they have lost, do not judge other people for the ways they respond to the death of a loved one — we all grieve in our own ways.

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Oct. 29

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PEMCO puts on show-within-a-show in ‘The Drowsy Chaperone’

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Associate Scene Editor

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) opens up its run of the hit Broadway musical ‘The Drowsy Chaperone’ Thursday. The show is, at its heart, a musical for and about people who love musicals. In it, the Man in Chair decides to turn on his recording of the fictional 1920s musical ‘The Drowsy Chaperone,’ and the show comes to life in his kitchen. The musical-within-a-musical proceeds as the Man in the Chair interjects with his thoughts, opinions and explanations on the story and the songs. Though the Man in Chair openly criticizes many of the tropes of musical theatre, ‘Drowsy’ is ultimately an ode to the musical and its iconic place in American culture.

The Man in Chair, played by sophomore Charlie O’Leary, serves as the musical’s narrator, often addressing the audience directly.

“It’s interesting, and oftentimes hilarious, to see the contrast between the exaggerated world of the musical ‘The Drowsy Chaperone’ and the more realistic world in which the Man in Chair lives,” O’Leary told The Observer in an e-mail.

The Man in Chair’s chosen musical is named for the character of the Drowsy Chaperone, who has perhaps had a few too many drinks this evening. The title character is played by senior and Observer Scene writer Stephanie DePrez.

“The ‘Chaperone’ is drowsy because she’s an aging woman seeking love in her life while watching the young bride she is supposed to be chaperoning question her love,” said sophomore John Kemnetz, the show’s musical director, in an e-mail. “More than anything though, she’s drowsy because it’s a 1920s show-within-a-show, and nothing says the 1920s like the token drunk.”

Senior Joe Augustinsky, who plays George, said, “She could put Don Draper to shame.”

Director Tyler Kaplan said Notre Dame students are in for a treat with ‘The Drowsy Chaperone,’ even if they don’t know it.

“The Drowsy Chaperone” is one of the most original and hilarious musicals ever written,” Kaplan said in an interview with The Observer. “Its premise and style is so original I cannot really compare it to any other musical. Its mockumentary style is similar to the movies ‘This is Spinal Tap’ and ‘Waiting for Guffman.’

Junior Brian Scully, who plays Robert Martin, said of the show, “It’s a send-up of all the stereotypical musicals of days past; not only is it fun to watch for the over-the-top kitschiness of the genre, but the protagonist’s ‘critique’ of the play has a distinctly modern sense of humor to it.”

“The Drowsy Chaperone” is unlike anything PEMCo. — or any other musical theater group — has done in some time at Notre Dame,” Kemnetz said.

“It’s a big show with huge, beautifully-choreographed song and dance numbers, fancy costumes and pretty much everything else you expect from a large-scale production while hiding pretty much all of that under the guise of a small-scale show.” Kemnetz said.

“There’s something that everyone can enjoy in ‘Drowsy,’ whether it’s the more serious theater of the exterior plot or the fun-loving, upbeat pace of the sub-plots,” Augustinsky agreed.

“It’s really about more than just old musicals,” he said. “It’s about something that brings about comfort. It’s about something that we hold close to our heart. Throughout the show, we learn more and more about this old man who is narrating the show for us and throughout all of the hardships he’s gone through, the one constant has been this musical that he’s been able to turn on and find solace in. I think that this idea of having one escape, being it our favorite book or a song that puts us in a good place, is something we can all relate to.”

The cast and production crew had nothing but praise for each other.

“The best part about being a part of this production has been the enthusiasm that I have seen from my entire cast and crew,” Kaplan said. “We have been enjoying this show so much. We are still laughing at the same parts that we have done dozens of times and can’t wait for everyone else to have a chance to enjoy this show.”

O’Leary also spoke highly of his fellow cast members. “I feel really lucky to be working with such talented people,” he said.

Kemnetz said he believes their hard work will show in the final product.

“They’re a great group to work with and everything you see on Thursday, Friday or Saturday is a result of their hard work,” he said. “Students are in for a fun night at the theatre with ‘The Drowsy Chaperone.’”

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Giants to maintain strong young pitching staff

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — No arguing the World Series champions Giants have dominant pitching. General manager Brian Sabean isn’t about to break up that talented, homegrown bunch.

He knows full well more hitting might be needed to make another deep October run. As is the case most winters for this club, San Francisco will go searching for a big bat that fits the budget. And it’s not supposed to be a great free-agent market this off-season.

At least now Sabean and company know they can win without that marquee slugger.

The Giants are on top again, securing their first World Series crown since the franchise moved West in 1958 with a 3-1 victory over the Tigers in Game 5 on Monday night.

The first question that always comes up afterward: Can they do it again?

“You’re going to celebrate for a while. We’ll go to our organization meetings not this week but next and we’ll sort it out as best we can,” said Bill Neukom, the Giants’ bowtie-wearing second-year managing partner. “As we did this year, we will burn the midnight oil. We will not go to bed any night without having figured out who we are, where we want to get, how we get there, who we need to get us there.”

The Giants headed home late Monday on festive charter flight. The victory parade is Wednesday, pushed back because of Tuesday’s elections.

Neukom himself let loose for a little while. Soaked with beer in the winning clubhouse, he bounced up and down with his arm around infielder Juan Uribe. “Juan, Juan, Juan, U-rib!” he hollered.

For all the near misses by generations of Giants greats — Willie Mays, Willie McCovey, Barry Bonds — anyone with a connection to the orange and black had reason to cheer this long-awaited title.

“A day does not go by until today that I don’t think about the ’02 Series,” former owner Peter Magowan said, fighting tears.

“Now I don’t have to worry about that anymore. I know how much the people of San Francisco ache for this. There are a lot of happy families in San Francisco.”

Sabean creatively turned the Giants into a contender — and then a champion. His roster of castoffs and misfits, including in-season acquisitions Pat Burrell and Cody Ross, and rookie Buster Posey after a late May callup, came through with surprises in every round.

The Giants got by Atlanta, then stunned the heavily favored two-time defending NL champion Phillies. They took care of the Rangers deep in the heart of Texas.

Young Award winner Tim Lincecum against Rangers ace Cliff Lee — unbeaten in the post-season before this — and a loaded Rangers lineup. San Francisco received spectacular defense from second baseman Freddy Sanchez, who also delivered with four hits and three RBIs in the 11-7 World Series-opening win last Wednesday.

“There’s just so much tradition and history,” Sanchez said. “For us to be able to do this, that’s why it was truly a team effort.”

Series MVP Edgar Renteria produced two game-winning hits, including a three-run homer in the seventh inning Monday, all while playing with a torn biceps.

The Giants hit .337 in the post-season but had a 2.47 ERA. Their postseason batting average was the lowest for a World Series champion since the 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers batted .277, according to STATS LLC.

Their pitching carried them just as it had all year for a team that clinched the NL West on the season’s final day — and in its third try San Francisco won the close games with an unimpressive offense.

With Lincecum, Matt Cain, Jonathan Sanchez and rookie Madison Bumgarner, Sabean has quite a formidable rotation set for 2011. One of the first big tasks this winter is deciding whether to re-sign first baseman Aubrey Huff.

The Giants will be counting on more from $126 million pitcher Barry Zito, who was left off the roster for all three rounds in the playoffs but handled it with class all year.

The 2002 AL Cy Young Award winner with the Oakland Athletics failed to reach 10 wins for the first time since his rookie season in 2000. His 4.15 ERA is the highest of his career.

He went 1-8 with a 6.72 ERA over his last 11 outings and 10 starts and only had one victory in his last 15 appearances. The stretch included a career-worst nine-game losing streak from July 21 to Sept. 14.

Zito was right there rooting even when he wasn’t pitching.

“Zito’s been huge for us. It’s the least I can do for him. 53 seasons or 52 years — however you want to add it up — teams have been going out there every year trying to bring this thing home,” Zito said. “And they haven’t been able to do it. To be able to be a part of a team to bring something so special to the city of San Francisco, where my heart personality is because I’ve been in the Bay Area for 10 years as a professional.”
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Bend, she became motivated to do everything in her power to contribute immediately and help out her team. “I had not fully realized how incredibly talented this team was until I was a part of it,” she said. “Nothing compares to training and racing with them on a daily basis. I can already tell they are some of the greatest role models I will ever come in contact with. This alone makes me want to work my hardest to not only score points for them at meets, but also to achieve some of the things they have during their time on the team.”

Dotzel’s selfless attitude was on display during the team’s meet in East Lansing, she found out after coming to the States that this place was a good fit.”

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“I knew my pick was going to be a guess and so I wanted to show the team that I believed they were going to win,” he said with a laugh. “I was half-serious, yes, but I believed they would win.”

That style of leadership and belief in Notre Dame is Ridderwall’s defining characteristic and one that he will need as alternate captain of a great Irish team.

“It’s a great example for a lot of players as far as his commitment.” Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said.

The Stockholm native understands how important his leadership will be in his final year playing in the Joyce Center.

“Being an older guy on a young team like this, you’ve got to lead by example probably more than talking,” Ridderwall said. “Stay positive, have a good attitude, and try to keep everyone happy.”

Ridderwall, the first Notre Dame player from the land of IKEA, moved to Chicago to play for the Chicago Chill, where he was a teammate of current Irish junior Billy Maday. After graduating high school he played one season in the United States Hockey League, leading the Tri-City Storm in scoring and making the all-rookie team. Throughout it all, however, Ridderwall had his eye on the Golden Dome.

“Living in Chicago, people build up Notre Dame to be something out of this world. I think I know right from the beginning after coming to the States that this place was unbelievable,” he said. “I really believed in the direction the program was headed, and with the business school, I think it was a good fit.”

Sarah Dotzel
Irish swimmer

“I had not fully realized how incredibly talented this team was until I was a part of it.”

Ridderwall’s first season with the Irish started slowly. He didn’t notch his first goal until his tenth contest, and only had one more goal in the regular season. When the playoffs started, however, Ridderwall found his stride. He peaked in the Frozen Four semifinal game against Michigan, scoring twice, including the game-winner in overtime.

“That run we had to the Frozen Four was definitely the greatest hockey experience I’ve had with any team. Playing on that level in front of that kind of crowd is something you don’t do too often,” he said. “Now when I look back at it I only wish we could make it happen again.”

The Irish squads of the past two years were not up to the level that Frozen Four squad, but Ridderwall continued to improve. He led the team in scoring his sophomore year, finding the back of the net 17 times and earning a selection to the CCHA all-tournament team. His junior year was more of the same, scoring 19 times including two hat tricks. That most recent season, however, was a struggle for Notre Dame — a trend Ridderwall wants to reverse.

“We all believe that we can get back to the Frozen Four and do some damage,” he said. “I think obviously the ultimate goal is to win a national championship but short-term we want to do better in the CCHA.”

The Swedish striker has done his part to improve on his play from 2009-2010.

“I think I’ve gotten a little bit bigger and stronger,” he said. “This year especially I’ve improved my defensive game and awareness of the system we play.”

Looking back on his time in South Bend, the finance major is satisfied with his decision to play for Jackson.

“Hockey-wise, we played in the Frozen Four, we won the CCHA regular season and the playoffs — we’ve continued to build off of that and make this program great,” he said. “I’ve definitely liked the experience I’ve had here.”
McGaffigan adjusts to sophomore season

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Before she came to Notre Dame, sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan was playing three varsity sports as a senior in Davenport, Iowa. But none of those sports was tennis.

Regardless, McGaffigan joined the Irish squad as the Tennisrecruiting.net’s No. 32 national recruit and made an immediate impact during her freshman season. This year, her immediate impact during her freshman season. This year, her immediate impact during her freshman season.

“Having played four sports, Chrissie knows what it is like to play on a team.”

Jay Louderback
Irish coach

She hasn’t played as much tennis as most of her teammates, but is getting more experience every semester,” Louderback said. “You can always count on Chrissie to work hard in practice.”

As far as mechanics go, McGaffigan’s natural athleticism has facilitated her efforts to become a better all-around tennis player, as well as create a unique style of play.

“She is very athletic and moves well.” Louderback said. “Chrissie plays a bigger game and is working on being more aggressive by coming to the net more after her big forehand. She also uses her serve well to set up easier shots.”

Although she has not played tennis as much as she has other sports, McGaffigan’s extensive experience as an athlete has contributed to her ability to lead and motivate her teammates. As a sophomore, she is already in a position of leadership due to the Notre Dame team’s youth. Half of the roster is freshmen, and McGaffigan’s role as a leader with the other returning Irish players has been and will continue to be essential to the team’s development.

“Having played four sports, Chrissie knows what it is like to play on a team.”

Louderback said.

Chrissie to work hard in practice.

Teammates.

Irish coach Jay Louderback praised the effort and drive on the court.

“Regardless, McGaffigan joined the Irish squad as the Notre Dame’s youth. Half of the roster is freshmen, and McGaffigan’s role as a leader with the other returning Irish players has been and will continue to be essential to the team’s development. The Irish will have a break in the rankings, was the highlight of the tournament.” Park said.

The improvement Louderback speaks of has already been visible in Notre Dame’s fall season where she has gone 4-2 in singles and 2-2 in doubles with freshman Julie Sabacinski. At the Eck Tennis Classic, hosted by the Irish, McGaffigan advanced to the semifinals in the blue singles draw and the quarterfinals of the blue doubles bracket with Sabacinski.

McGaffigan will be looked to once more when the Irish travel to Champaign, Ill., next week to compete in the Illinois Blast tournament.

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stroke total, coming in one under par. Zhang improved on the final day of play, cutting her individual strokes from 73 the previous day to 70 in the final round. She finished only three strokes behind the first place finisher, TCU’s Brooke Beeler.

Two strokes behind Zhang was Notre Dame senior So-Hyun Park, who tied for fourth with Colorado’s Emily Talley at 217 strokes, ending one over par. Park trimmed her score of 73 in the first round to a pair of 72s in the second and third rounds, an accomplishment considering the difficulties with both the course and weather.

“The hardest part was placing the ball in the right spot on the greens.” Park said. “The weather today was very windy which made the course tougher to play, but we managed to play pretty well and we shot the lowest team score for the day.”

Nhim concluded the tournament tied for ninth with a total of 220 strokes and four over par. The tournament marked her best score on a 54-hole course during the fall season of her rookie year.

“I’m happy I got a top 10, but as always, individual performance can always be improved.” Nhim said.

Rounding out the top five Irish scorers were juniors Becca Huffer and Allare. Huffer took 43rd with 231 strokes and Allare tied for 54th with 234 strokes.

Notre Dame’s 18-over-par finish was its second best of the season, which aided in its victory over No. 13 Colorado and No. 17 Tulane.

“Beating two teams that were ranked ahead of us, which will help us move up in the rankings, was the highlight of the tournament.” Park said.

The Irish will have a break from competition for a few months, coming back to the tee with the spring season beginning on Feb. 21 at the Central District Invitational, hosted at the River Wilderness Course in Parrish, Fla.

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The team that will be on the court tonight is very different from last year’s, so the exhibition will give the team a chance to see just how well they can play together, against someone other than themselves. The differences from last year are striking, especially in light of the fact that the 2009-2010 squad posted a 29-6 record. The current Irish lost five players to graduation, and have added three freshmen.

McGraw has seen definite areas of improvement in all sides of the game, especially in this year’s speed. “Every team is a little bit different,” she said. “I think this team is going to be a little faster than we were last year. I think we’re just a little better defensively, I’m not sure if we’re there right now. I think we can see that we’re going to be a little better transition team. I like the way we’re running, I think things are very up-tempo.”

Other central areas in which McGraw has noticed the Irish grow are in ball handling, scoring and a revived post game. “I think with Skylar [Diggins] having the ball in her hands a lot I think we’re going to go a lot and really move the ball in,” she said. “I think we’re shooting the three-pointer a lot better than I think we’ve shot it in years. I think overall I’m excited about the season.”

Many of the team’s ups and downs will be coming from the loss of guards Lindsay Schrader, Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner, who started most of last season’s games, and of center Erica Williamson, who was a steadying presence for the Irish, McGraw said.

McGraw said the team was “absolutely” going to miss their experience and the skills they brought to the team. “You have a player like Melissa Lechlitner, who’s an outstanding leader. She was the general, she ran the team,” McGraw said. “That’s a big void to fill with one person, so we have a couple people trying to fill that void. We lose Lindsay Schrader, who could really score on the block, the leading rebounder. We’re not a good rebounding team right now, so we’re really going to miss her. Erica Williamson, you could really count on her to take the charge if you got beat. Ashley Barlow was just steady, a good defender. We really lost a lot.”

Among the current Notre Dame players stepping up to fill the voids left by the graduated seniors are forward Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux Peters and senior guard Brittany Mallory. “[Mallory is] going to be like the ‘glue player’ for us, kind of like Lech was last year for us,” McGraw said. “She’s going to be the one we need in the game to keep us all together.”

McGraw said Peters, who has been out for two weeks with slight tendonitis and is “a little rusty coming in,” will have big expectations from her. Until she is healed, however, Peters will be playing in limited quantities, and may not appear in every game to keep us all together,” McGraw said. “She’s going to be the one we need in the game to keep us all together.”

McGraw also mentioned that many freshmen would be coming off the bench as well. “They [the freshmen] give us great depth. We have nine players right now that we can really count on,” she said.

The Irish will face Michigan Tech at 7 p.m. tonight at the Purcell Pavilion.

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set from the start, leaving no doubt as to which team had had a better season.

Of the three matches the two teams have played this season, Tuesday’s was the closest in terms of the final score, as the Belles had double-digit points in each set, a feat they had not reached in each set faced against the Flying Dutch this season.

The second set was the strongest for Saint Mary’s, with a .243 hitting percentage off of 13 kills and only four errors on 37 swings. Although the Belles fell short in the set, it was the closest they have come to winning a set against the Flying Dutch this season.

Hope is heavily favored to win the tournament, which will conclude on Nov. 6.

Sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Bodien led the Belles once again this season with a team-high eight kills that were matched by eight digs. Junior outside hitter Lindsey Stuss added seven kills and three assists to the Belles effort while freshman setter Hailee Leitz notchtea team-high 18 assists, 8 digs and two kills. Junior Meghan Rose brought in a team-high 13 digs and an assist in her final match at Saint Mary’s, senior Ellen Hueslmann picked up nine digs and three kills.

Tuesday’s match was the final contest of the Belles’ season.

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**Taking the court**

McGraw, Irish begin 2010 season at home

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is ready to jump-start the season tonight when it hosts Michigan Tech in an exhibition game at the Purcell Pavilion. After one of the program’s most successful seasons last year, the No. 12 Irish are ready to get the first game jitters out and put on their new uniforms.

“I’m really excited to play against some new faces,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I think we all are ready to just get the kinks out, get in the uniforms, get in front of the crowd, see what the Jumbotron is going to look like, the atmosphere of the game. Especially for the freshman, just being in the uniform for the first time, it’s a big deal. So we’re really excited to get the opportunity to get in front of our fans.”

Notre Dame ended its fall season with a strong showing in the Briggs Ranch Golf Club in San Antonio, Tex., as the Irish are currently No. 6 in the Division III national rankings and were the regular season MIAA champions alongside Calvin.

Saint Mary’s dropped the match 3-0 (25-15, 25-19, 25-12) for the third time against Hope this season. The match was never contested too heavily, as Hope commanded each set created by my club coach when I was about 10 years old. It is a set focused on endurance,” Dotzel said. “It’s really difficult and just the name of it sent swimmers on my team into a panic, including me.”

The ‘Sarah Dotzel Set’ is emblematic of the fortitude and passion that Dotzel showed for the sport from an early age. While swimming for the YMCA in her hometown of York, Penn., Dotzel exceeded even her own expectations under the guidance of her coach, Michael Brooks.

“What enabled my success was a phenomenal coach who pushed me past what even I thought was possible in practice and at meets,” Dotzel said. Making the jump from club swimming to competing at the collegiate level required Dotzel to make some adjustments to continue her success. This included Dotzel forcing herself to adapt to a more demanding schedule, both academically and athletically.

“The major changes have been different kinds of training, including more practices, different kinds of sets and practices, and lifting,” she said. “I had never lifted before college so it was a complete shock to me having to lift then go straight to a swim practice.”

Often freshman year is a time for self-growth, where athletes look for personal improvement and do not necessarily make large contributions to their team. However, once Dotzel arrived in South Bend she began to notice a growth factor for the YMCA in her hometown of York, Penn., Dotzel exceeded even her own expectations under the guidance of her coach, Michael Brooks.

“Honestly, I have never in my life seen an entire football game,” Ridderwall said. “I predict the Irish will win 96-3. That sounds reasonable, right?”

Ridderwall hails from Sweden and moved to the United States in 2005, which is the reason behind his lack of understanding of football. He had a purpose for his pick, however.

**ND Women’s Golf**

Irish end fall slate with strong showing

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended its fall season with a strong comeback in the final round of the Alamo Invitational at the Briggs Ranch Golf Club in San Antonio, Tex., as they moved up from fifth to third place with a three-round total of 882 (+18). No. 14 Notre Dame had sat in fifth after both the first and second rounds of play, which began on Sunday. Texas Christian University took the tournament title with a 875, Texas A&M finished second at 880 and No. 17 Colorado took fourth.

“Our team always goes into tournaments wanting to win, so we’re disappointed we didn’t win, but we did beat two teams ranked ahead of us,” freshman Kristina Nhim said.

Nhim was among three members of the Irish team to finish in the top 10, even though the whole team, except for junior Katie Allers, was sick throughout the duration of the tournament.

Finishing first for the Irish was freshman Nicole Zhang, who took third place overall with a 215.