Jenkins: ND responsible for death

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

University President Fr. John Jenkins took responsibility for the death of junior Declan Sullivan in an open letter to the Notre Dame community Friday.

“We are conducting an investigation and we must be careful not to pre-judge its results, but I will say this: Declan Sullivan was entrusted to our care, and we failed to keep him safe,” Jenkins said in the letter. “We at Notre Dame — and ultimately I, as President — are responsible. Words cannot express our sorrow to the Sullivan family and to all involved.”

Sullivan, a videographer for the football team, died on Oct. 27 after the hydraulic scissor lift from which he was filming football practice fell. Students, faculty and staff received the letter, which was also issued as a press release, in an e-mail Friday afternoon.

In the letter, Jenkins announced the appointment of Peter Likins, former University of Arizona president, to lead an internal review of Notre Dame’s investigation into Sullivan’s death.

Likins is also former president of Lehigh University, according to a University press release issued Friday about the external review.

In addition to other roles in higher education, he has served as provost at Columbia University, where he was a professor and dean at the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

"In selecting someone to review our investigation, I sought an individual experienced in higher education, with an impeccable reputation for integrity, intellect and independence," Jenkins said. "In Dr. Likins, we are fortunate to have just such a man."

The University’s internal investigation is already underway and involves examining the accident from a variety of perspectives, the letter stated.

"I am committed to determining why this accident happened and to ensuring the safety of our students," Jenkins said. "Jenkins did not provide a timeline for releasing results of the investigation and review, but said the University would make the results public when they became available."

"Investigations and external reviews such as this take time, but I assure you that, when complete, we will issue a public report on the outcome, including information on the events of the afternoon of Oct. 27, any institutional ramifications and recommendations for safety policies in the future," Jenkins said.


The White Panda replaces Adams

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The White Panda took the stage at Legends Saturday night with MacBooks and masks to perform for Notre Dame students after a performance from rapper Sam Adams was canceled by the University.

University spokesperson Dennis Brown said Adams’ performance was canceled after he failed to pass a security check from the University. "I don’t know, I just think it’s more of a joke now just because it was probably the most embarrassing experience of my life because I had...

Saint Mary’s sophomore competes, wins kayak on ‘The Price is Right’

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Cara O’Connor-Combee was the next contestant on ‘The Price is Right.

The Saint Mary’s sophomore participated in the game show and won a kayak in an episode that aired on Sept. 21.

“I won a kayak,” she said. “I don’t know, I just think it’s more of a joke now just because it was probably the most embarrassing experience of my life because I had...
Q: Who is your favorite musician?  
Alex: New Pornographers. They’re a Canadian band.

Q: What was your favorite middle school fad?  
Alex: Pogs. You tried to flip them into cups, those were a great classic.

Q: What is your dream vacation?  
Alex: A nice week of skiing in the alps with a nice girl. Skiing in the day, hot chocolate at night.

Q: Who is your favorite teletubbie and why?  
Alex: Po because of his line in the theme song. You’re last, but you’re still number one in my book!

Know someone chill for Monday’s Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com

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In Brief

Today from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. a Tax Assistance Program Information Session for international students will be held in the Student Center Montgomery Auditorium. This meeting will discuss the services the Tax Assistance Program (TAP) offers international students as well as important federal and state income tax information.

Zygmmut B. Barnaski, Serena Professor of Italian at the University of Cambridge and 2010 Albert J. and Helen M. Ravazzino Distinguished Visiting Professor at Notre Dame, will present “The Past, Present and Future of Italian Studies” today at 4:30 p.m. This lecture held in the Special Collections (Room 102) at the Hesburgh Library, is free and open to the public.

The Mendoza College of Business is enrolling for the program offered by Executive Education. Class meetings are held for 10 evenings in the fall and 10 evening in the spring in Room 161 of the Mendoza College of Business from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Tomorrow from 6 to 8:30 p.m. the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human life will hold Dinner and Discussion. Bread of Life in the Room at South Dining Hall. To open this discussion on the beginning of life ethical issues, Father Tim Scully will offer the opening address at the beginning of dinner. Register for free by e-mailing ethics2@nd.edu. Space is limited.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.n@gmail.com
Saint Mary's junior Catherine Cleary, center of the front row, and other members of AAUW stand in front of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., last weekend.

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

Saint Mary's junior Catherine Cleary said she felt honored when she was appointed to the National Student Advisory Council for the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The council, which consists of college women ranging in age from sophomores to graduate students, works with the AAUW staff to provide a direct link to the program by voicing student needs and ideas, Cleary said.

"AAUW is reputable organization, and there were many qualified applicants," Cleary said.

Members are responsible for updating the program's blog, monthly conference calls with the council, promoting AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and collaborating with the local AAUW branch in their area.

Cleary said that she is eager to carry out the mission of AAUW on Saint Mary's campus. "AAUW is a fantastic organization with a purpose that I feel very strongly about," she said. "By being a part of it, I can bring the programs and a fresh perspective to our campus."

Cleary, a self-designed Women's Studies major, said she learned about the program from a former Saint Mary's student previously on the Council. She said she hopes to use her position on the council to bring awareness to the discrimination of women in higher education and the workplace.

Cleary recently attended the Council's retreat in Washington, D.C., where she met other members of board. "The council has a great range of ages, experience and culture," she said. "I am both excited and grateful to have been given the chance to serve with the women."

Cleary, who is involved in numerous campus organizations ranging from Campus Ministry to Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance, was also the recipient of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement's Sister Christine Healy Award for Service with Women award. "My goal has always been to do that," Cleary said.

"I didn't even have to worry about trying to keep up, everyone was so much faster," Finkel said. "It was just a really fun event."
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"With more time we probably would have done more in fun incentives like passing out glow sticks but otherwise we really nailed the event for the timeline we had," Sutton said. "I would not have changed anything about it.


When The White Panda con-

firmed their performance, SUB immediately printed posters and spread the word about the show. Some SUB members even wore panda shirts advertising the show to help us advertise," Wicht said.

Colangelo said one of the trickier aspects of participating on the show was getting ready for the wide array of questions. "I tried to prepare mostly by watching 'The Price Is Right,'" she said. "I think it was a good idea, but you have to know. So how I got on is I had the best time," O'Conner-Combee said. She said she was the first contestant to be called from the group next to play a pricing game. During the pricing, O'Conner-Combee failed to win a Mazda.

"I was disappointed she didn't win the car," she said. "I lost the car, and I was disappointed afterwards for not winning the car, but it's almost an imposs-ible game to win unless you know the exact price," she said.

"I kissed Drew Carey and he was an old wrinkly man," Cara O'Conner-Combee said.

Sutton said the turn out proved the power of fast marketing through posters, Facebook invitations and statuses, Twitter and other advertising around campus. "The turnout was phenomenal," Wicht said. "There was a line out the door tonight and we were at building capacity by the time The White Panda began their performance."

Freshman Romel Nicholas said the change from Sam Adams to The White Panda did not disap-

point him. "The show was awesome," Nicholas said. "Fans of The White Panda really congregated in the middle, and there was a good line-

up of music." Nicholas said the performance fit the venue well. "The White Panda was an appropriate choice for Legends," Nicholas said. "They said the show let the dance floor and the space inside be fully utilized. Mix-ups are not too far of a stretch from DJs, and DJs are what Legends does anyway."

"The show was good but not that different from listening to The White Panda on a computer," said Cara O'Connor-Combee.

"The performance felt more like a typical night at Legends with a DJ than a concert," Fischer said.

"Notre Dame needs to know Legends is a bad venue for a per-

formance," Kareh said. "If Sam Adams had performed we would not have been able to see anything from his show. Other performance venues need to be considered for bigger shows to be appreciated on campus." Kareh said.

Sophomore Chris Podgorski said he would have rather to see The White Panda rather than a per-

formance from Sam Adams. "I feel like half the people there were fans of The White Panda and the other half did not know what to expect when they went into Legends," Podgorski said. "But I thought everyone had fun." Podgorski said highlights of the night were performances of "Pop Bottles Baby," "What You Know About Little Secrets" and "How We Remember" from The White-Panda's lineup.

"The show was successful," Podgorski said. "I last night's show and turnout was not impressive. I do not think the cancellation of Sam Adams had any negative impact on The White Panda's show." Wicht said.

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no idea what I was bidding for so I would bid ridiculous amounts on things," O'Connor-Combee said it was difficult to hear as a contestant. "They try to keep you pumped up. It's just a cheesy show, you know. So how I got on is I had the best time, O’Conner-Combee said. She said each audi-

ence member must go through an interviewing process in order to become a potential contestant for the show. During the interview, audi-

ence members attempt to gain the producers' atten-

tion in hopes of becoming the next con-

testant. "They try to keep you pumped up. It's just a cheesy show, you know. So how I got on is I had the whole crowd do a wave during my interview," Cara O’Conner-Combee said.

"I was too excited for someone to win a kayak," she said. "Unless you are like an avid kayaker, but it was excited for) anything. They could have said, 'oh here's a new trash can' and you just like jump for joy, like yes, that's what I've always wanted. That's the atm-o-sphere. Everyone's just super cheesy." While on the show, O’Conner-Combee went with a group she called "The Bucket List Crew." She said each mem-

ber of the group wore a shirt with a bucket list on the front.

"We all had bucket lists on our shirts and everyone had the first one (on the list) 'kiss Drew Carey,' so I kissed Drew Carey and he was an old wrinkly man," she said.

O’Conner-Combee said she was not impressed with her time on the show. "I honestly liked it, but it was not the best experience on it, I just think it's really funny that I got on 'The Price Is Right,'" she said.

"The show was entertaining," O’Conner-Combee said. "Though she didn't have the best time, O’Conner-

Combee still saw the posi-

tives of going on the show.

"I left with more than I had, I guess, and it's a fun ice-breaker," she said.

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Above and right: Mashup group The White Panda performs a live con-

cert Saturday night at Legends at Notre Dame. The group replaced sched-

uled act Sam Adams after Adams failed a security check.
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The letter also expressed support for the Sullivan family. Jenkins said “words cannot express the amount of sorrow the University feels for Sullivan’s family members.

Over this past week, I have had the great privilege of meeting with and trying to provide some measure of support to Declan’s parents, sister, brother and other members of his family,” Jenkins said. “Yet the Sullivan family, through their incredible grace and courage, have provided support and an example of how to respond. They ministered to us as we tried to minister to them.”

In reaction to what Jenkins called “unfounded and unfair commentary and speculation,” he offered support for head football coach Brian Kelly.

Coach Kelly was hired not only because of his football expertise, but because we believed his character and values accord with the highest standards of Notre Dame,” Jenkins said. “All we have seen since he came to Notre Dame, and everything we have learned in our investigation to date, have confirmed that belief. For those reasons I am confident that Coach Kelly has a bright future leading our football program.”

Last, the letter thanked Notre Dame students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents for their concern and prayers following Sullivan’s death.

“At the darkest moments, the love, and care, and faith of the Notre Dame family shines most brightly, he said.

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GOP looks to alter health care

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Resurgent Republicans rallied Sunday behind an agenda based on unswerving opposition to the Obama White House and federal spending, laying the groundwork for gridlock until their 2012 goal: a new president, a “better Senate” and ridding the country of that demonized health care law.

Republicans said they were willing to work with President Barack Obama but also signaled it would be only on their terms. With control of the White House and the Senate, Democrats showed no sign they were conceding the final two years of Obama’s term to Republican lawmakers who claimed the majority in the House.

“I think this week’s election was a historic rejection of American liberalism and the Obama and Pelosi agenda,” said Rep. Mike Pence, the Indiana Republican who is stepping down from his post in GOP leadership. “The American people are tired of the borrowing, the spending, the bailouts, the tax hikes.

Voters on Tuesday punished Democrats from New Hampshire to California, giving Republicans at least 60 new seats in the House. Republicans picked up 10 governorships; the GOP also gained control of 19 state legislative chambers and now holds the highest level of state legislative seats since 1928.

“It was a very rough week, there’s no sugarcoating that,” said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., who led the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

In the days since the election, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has announced her intention to remain as party leader and has yet to draw any challengers. But a race looms between two veteran members of the leadership for the second-ranking spot in the party.

Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, the whip, already has announced his intention to run, and reinforced his decision with a letter Sunday evening asking fellow Democrats for their support.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the current majority leader, has yet to make a formal announcement, but his office on Sunday circulated a letter signed by 30 rank-and-file Democrats endorsing him for the post. They included liberals as well as moderates, but no members of the Congressional Black Caucus, signaling Hoyer is conceding their votes to Clyburn, the highest-ranking African-American in the House.

“I don’t see any sign of the president retreating from his principles, but I do see his willingness to reach out, and where reasonable and in the interests of moving the economy and jobs forward, he’s going to work with the Republicans, as are the Democrats,” Van Hollen said.

Leaders urge repeal of military gay ban

Gen. James Amos testifies in Washington, D.C., Saturday. Amos said now is the wrong time to overturn “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is encouraging Congress to act before year’s end to repeal the ban on gays serving openly in the military. It’s a position shared by his boss, the president.

But his new Marine comman- dant thinks otherwise and the Senate has not yet taken action, setting up yet another hurdle for gay activists who see their window quickly closing. After Tuesday’s elections that saw Republicans chip away at Democrats’ majority in the Senate and wrest the House from their control, their hopes for ending the 17-year-old law have dimmed.

“I would like to see the repeal of ‘don’t ask, don’t tell,’ but I’m not sure what the prospects for that are and what we have to do to see that,” Gates told reporters traveling with him to Australia this weekend.

Gates has said he would prefer Congress act after the Pentagon releases its study of how repeal would be implemented, which is due Dec. 1.

That goal, though, lacks the backing of the Marine Corps commandant at a moment the country is fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“This is not a social thing. This is combat effectiveness,” Gen. James Amos said.

That hesitation could be enough to give some members permission not to act, activists fear.

The House has passed legisla- tion repealing “don’t ask, don’t tell,” but it has not yet seen a vote in the full Senate, where Democrats don’t have the votes to overcome a Republican filibuster. Democratic leaders say they are trying to reach a deal across the aisle now that Election Day.

“The Senate should call up the defense bill reported out of com- mittee and pass it before it goes home for the year,” said Audrey Sarvis, executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. “If the president, Majority Leader Reid, Secretary Gates and a handful of Republican senators are com- mitted to passing the compre- hensive defense bill, there is ample time to do so.”

Gay activists worry the repeal could be stripped from the bill that funds the Pentagon.

Any talk of a stopgap, watered- down defense bill, whereby the ‘don’t ask’ revisions would be stripped out, is unacceptable and offensive to the gay and les- bian service members who risk their lives everyday,” said Sarvis, whose organization provides legal assistance to gay and les- bian who face discharge.

Obama on Wednesday also rejected a Republican proposal to repeal a new Congress arrives.

“This should not be a partisan issue,” he said. “You’ve got a siz- able portion of the American people squarely behind the notion that folks who are willing to serve on our behalf should be treated fairly and equally.”

A Gallup poll in May found 70 percent of American favor allow- ing gays and lesbians to serve openly.

The legislative countdown comes as a parallel effort to end the temporary stay of the injunction.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, is in the midst of a study of how it would implement a repeal should Congress act. Leaders of that effort have said a hasty pace and inadequate protections for gay and lesbian military mem- bers could be a disaster.

The White House had hoped lawmakers would delay action until the Pentagon had complet- ed its study so fellow Democrats would not face criticism that they moved too quickly or too far ahead of public opinion in this election year. House Democrats would not wait. Administration officials said they wanted to make certain a repeal was not done too quickly.

Obama, Gates and Adm. Michael Mullen — the top unti- ted in the military officer on the country — have spoken in favor of repeal but have emphasized it must wait until the Pentagon’s favored plan could give the Pentagon years to implement the repeal process and would require the approval of Obama, Gates and Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
There are things to cheer for

INSIDE COLUMN

A magical ending

Where will you be at midnight on Thursday, Nov. 18? For seniors and juniors, the answer is most likely: Never. For sophomores and freshmen, it’s probably on the midnight watch of a sketchy dorm party in Zahm. But for those who have followed the Mu- cy of Harry Potter, from his fateful 11th birth- day all the way until the infamous last battle scene, the answer is Cinemark 14.

The first installment of the sev- enth movie marks the beginning of the end of an era. As the books were finished, enthusiasts still had the movies to look forward to, at least, as thousands of us have asked themselves, what’s left after the movies are finished as well?

Because this is such a sensitive time for many, most media outlets, I’d like to set some guidelines for non- Harry Potter fans. For one, midnight showings should be for book-read- ers and movie-goers who don’t have all six movies 12 times; if you really love Harry, Ron and Hermione you wouldn’t want to experience it in every possible form of media.

Second, if you must go, there will be no ridiculing of the experience allowed. Yes, there will be people dressed as wizards with lightning bolts drawn on their foreheads, but that’s only their way of expressing their excitement. Leave it to those who know a Hallow from a Horcrux.

I fully understand the love of football around here. I, too, enjoy football the most. It is my favorite sport to watch, talk about and analyze (playing, on the other hand, not so much). But have we forgot- ten about the numerous other sports here at Notre Dame? Allow me to remind you.

The men’s soccer team is currently ranked No. 12 in the nation, has four players ranked in a Top 100 national ranking list, has a senior (Zeb Brown) up for a national award that includes fan- votes and is one game away from the Big East championship, with the NCAsAs to follow. The women’s soccer team is ranked No. 8/9 in the country, just clinched the conference regular-season title, also has a senior (Lauren Fowlkes) up for the same national award and is poised to make a run in the NCAsAs yet again. In fact, this senior class posts one of the most successful four years runs in terms of wins and post-season success, a record that is a reason we should be cheering and ‘rushing the field’ for. Where’s the focus on these two stellar teams?

The men’s basketball team has once again been under-ranked in the pre-sea- son predictions, and despite steadies of under-performance in the past, have bought your season tickets to join the Leprechaun Legion this winter and spring! The women’s basketball team is pre-season ranked No. 12 and should once again contend for both conference and national awards, honors and champi- onships. But why would you even think about attending a game of one of the most successful programs over the past decade at Notre Dame?

And the trend continues. As our football team severely underper- forms, the roster, the camp, the rest of the sporting world and the rest of the country has no idea what Notre Dame’s athletic performance is anything but a success. “What’s there to cheer for at Notre Dame anymore?” seems to be the common theme throughout all articles and thoughts, for we have once again come to the conclu- sion that if Notre Dame football is not winning, Notre Dame athletics is not either. I have watched the trend become more prominent, particularly over the last few years, and it is simply an unaccept- able one.

Kevin Kimberly

EDITORIAL CARTOON

CHEER FOR HARRY POTTER

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is the unknown we fear when we look upon death and darkness, nothing more.” — J. K. Rowling

British author

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“You are no better than a bumper sticker!” — Friedrich Nietzsche

German philosopher

Saturday, November 8, 2010
NOTRE DAME DAME SHOULD LEAD — NOT lag ON Oaths

The Observer was trying to communicate that Notre Dame promised to make the University of Notre Dame a central aspect of the MBA Oath initiative. In fact, Notre Dame has taken several steps to promote broad ethical principles, including hosting a Wall Street dinner to help promote the FHO concept to a crowd of 500 working alumn

Dear Father Jenkins,

Thank you for standing up and taking responsibility on behalf of Notre Dame for the tragic death of Declan Sullivan.

I am shocked and disappointed that Notre Dame would delay such action, no doubt in an attempt to first quantify and manage its liability. As an attorney, I can appreciate the legal ramifications of an apology and admission of liability. However, Notre Dame is not just another secular institution whose first priority is securing its financial well being. The same holds true for the University of Notre Dame endowing the teachings of Christ. Declan and his parents deserved better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fault and deserve better from her. Perhaps in the future, University leadership will admit fa

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by Troy Mathew

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### Conan’s Best Moments
by Alex Kilpatrick

Conan plays only the best clips from ‘Walker, Texas Ranger’ and makes fun of them mercilessly.

Conan speculates what will happen in the year 2000, both during his reign on ‘Late Night’ and even long after the year 2000 passes.

Conan admits the ‘Tonight Show’ set is, in fact, heavily influenced by Super Mario.

Will Ferrell and Conan close out his final ‘Tonight Show’ with their own rendition of ‘Free Bird.’

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Zip up your neon windbreaker, pull on your legwarmers, and prepare to be transported back to the 80s. This playlist features catchy, up-tempo favorites, along with a healthy dose of 80s melodrama.

You can find the whole playlist on The Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu
Today marks a new era for Conan O’Brien. The former host of “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” is making a bold transition away from network television. After a highly publicized split from NBC after his short-lived stint as host of “The Tonight Show,” Conan made the decision to host his new show on TBS. The publicity didn’t stop once the dust settled, and Conan has utilized a grassroots marketing effort to reach out to his loyal fans. His use of Twitter as a way to keep himself relevant has been well received and, in typical Conan fashion, utterly hilarious. Here are some of the highlights of Conan’s tweeting career.

“I’ve decided to follow someone at random. She likes peanut butter and gummy dinosaurs. Sarah Killen, your life is about to change.” — March 5, on following only one person out of the millions in the Twitterverse.

“Today I begin my special tour diet: waffle batter, no veggies, and massive amounts of German blood sausage.” — March 13, on his preparation for the Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on TV Tour.

“As Bieber sleeps, I grow stronger. Sleep, Bieber. Sleep.” — March 21

“I’m confused by the new census form. There’s no box for ‘Sickly White.’” — March 31

“I’m in San Jose and I’m going to visit Google. If you look up ‘Google’ on Google from Google, you see the face of God.” — May 5

“I’ve decided to start tweeting about major world events, so I just read four newspapers. Man, is it me or can Garfield be a real dick?” — May 12

“I’m in KC. I like my BBQ like I like my women, HOT. Also, rubbed with Molasses, Coffee Grounds and Cayenne.” — May 16

“Pac-Man’s 30th birthday was marred by the sudden deportation of the Super Mario Bros. What were those fools doing in Arizona?” — May 22

“Our last casino show is tonight at Mohegan Sun, and I think it’s finally time to do some REAL gambling: the seafood buffet.” — June 6

“The tour is over. As I stare at the horizon, the wind ruffles my beard gently.” — June 16

“Larry King’s retiring after hosting ‘Larry King Live’ for 25 years. Personally, I think hosting anything longer than 7 months is overkill.” — June 30

“Congrats to my staff on 4 Emmy nominations. This bodes well for the future of The Tonight Show with Conan O’Brien.” — July 8

“Jersey Shore has added a new woman to the cast for their next season. No word yet on whether or not she likes to party.” — August 8

“The FDA egg recall has hit a total of 380 million eggs. I can’t wait till they find the tired, evil hen that did this.” — August 19

“In a recent interview, Kim Kardashian says her ‘entire body is hairless.’ Sounds like she went into a salon and asked for ‘The O’Brien.’” — August 22

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Vikings fans want to know Childress' status

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Like voters flocking to the polls, Minnesota Vikings fans loudly called for a change in leadership to save a fast-sinking season that started with Super Bowl aspirations.

The signs said it all — “Fire Childress” — there were thousands of them being handed out on the streets by grinning entrance

premises outside the stadium before Sunday’s game against Arctic

Boos came from the crowd as coach Brad Childress emerged from the tunnel leading to the field, and the “Fire Childress!” chants were audible several hundred yards away from the tunnel leading to the locker room on the opposite side of the field.

Wilf was at team headquarters this week, closely observing the team and talking to key players about the situation. Before the game, Wilf and Childress shook hands and had a brief conversa-

tion on the field during warmups. Wilf gave reporters a brief statement but declined to

address the status of his head coach, whom he gave one year to extend through the

2013 season.

“Nothing to say about that,” Wilf said. “Big thing is getting a win right now. The big thing is to win this game and to be crowned division champions.”

Wilf was downplayed after the game, greeting everyone in the locker room by exclaiming, “Great heart, fella! Great heart!”

Still, Childress is in front of the public firing squad, as football coaches often are.

“I think it’s kind of a disaster right now. I think he should’ve been gone a couple years ago,” said Bryan Bergerson, a lifelong Vikings fan from Rockford, Ill., who partook in the pre-game warmups.

Bergerson spoke across the street from an office building where paper taped inside a Fifth floor window spelled out, of course, “Fire Childly.” Bergerson had his own sign in his hand.

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This is what my friend said to me; he said, “Guess what I like?”

I like vending machines ‘cause snack machines are better when they fail. If I buy a candy bar at a store, sometimes, I will drop it... so that it achieves its maximum flavor potential.

I want to hang a map of the world in my house, but then I get post cards and puts into all the locations that I’ve traveled to. But I know I gotta have to travel to the top two corners of the world map I still haven’t tried.

- Mitch Hedberg
Bills still winless after loss to Bears in Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — In their relent-
lessly frustrating search for a
crce, the Buffalo Bills have
now proved they’re equally as
bumbling on both sides of the
order.
They’re now 0-for-Canada
after dropping their first seven
in the United States, losing 22-19
to the Chicago Bears in Buffalo’s
home-away-from-home at
Toronto on Sunday.
It hurts,” Bills coach Chan
Gailey said. “It feels like some-
one kicked you in the stomach.”
The Bills (0-8) are the NFL’s
only winless team and are off to
their worst start in 26 years.
They led 19-14 in the fourth
quarter and were driving for
another score when Tim
Jennings picked off Ryan
Fitzpatrick. Six plays later, Earl
Bennett scored the go-ahead
touchdown on a 2-yard touch-
down catch from Jay Cutler with
6:41 left.
Cutler finished 17 of 30 for
188 and threw two touchdown
passes, including a 4-yarder to
Greg Olsen. Cutler lost one fum-
ble, but was far more efficient
than his last outing when he
threw four interceptions in a 17-
14 loss to Washington on Oct.
24.
Bears safety Chris Harris
ended the Bills’ chances in the
final minute, by intercepting
Fitzpatrick again when the quar-
terback’s pass tipped off the
fingers of receiver Donald Jones.
Fitzpatrick went 31 of 51 for
299 yards and a touchdown to
Rocoo Parrish.
Chester Taylor scored on a 1-
yard plunge for the Bears (5-3),
who came out of their bye week
to end a two-game skid.
“We needed this one,”
Urlacher said. “We found a way
to get it done.
They got it done courtesy of a
juggling catch by Jennings, who
made the game-turning pick
after the Bears gave up success-
ive scores to fall behind 19-14.
Setting himself in the middle of
the field, Jennings read the play
perfectly when Fitzpatrick
attempted to hit Steve Johnson
depth on the right sideline.
Driving to his left, Jennings
jumped his leap to get a piece of
the ball, and then bobbled it sev-
eral times before securing it and
taking it for yardage to the Bills 23.
“I almost dropped that ball
about four or five times, but I
was able to regain it,” said
Jennings, who maintained his
balance while, at one point
reaching backward to snag the
ball. “I was just playing that play
aggressive, because we knew we
needed a turnover.”
After Cutler found Bennett
open in the right side of the end
zone, he converted the 2-point
attempt with a shovel pass
for Matt Forte to put Chicago up
by 3.
The Bills have now lost three
straight by a 3 points. The other
two were in overtime — 13-10 at
Kansas City last weekend, and
“It’s tough. We’re fighting. You
could see it out there,” said
Johnson, who finished with 11
catches for 145 yards. “I don’t
know what to say. It’s just not
happening in the end.”

Bears tight end Greg Olsen catches a touchdown pass during the first half of Chicago’s 22-19 victory over the Bills Sunday in Toronto.

The Bills did make everything
else right. They outgained the
Bears 340-283, had more first
downs, 22-19, and converted 10
of 16 third-down chances against a defense that entered
the game the best in the NFL at
forcing fourth down.

Lions call on Suh for extra point

Associated Press

DETROIT — At first it
seemed like a fun novelty —
305-pound Ndamukong Suh
lining up to kick an extra point for Detroit as the home crowd
called his name.
Then Suh’s kick hit the right
upright. The Lions could have
used that point later in the
game.
Suh’s miss came in the third
quarter Sunday, moments after
kicker Jason Hanson was injured.
Detroit lost 23-20 in overtime
with New York after the
Jets tied the game on a last-
second field goal.
“There’s no question that
Ndamukong is our backup field
goal kicker,” Lions coach Jim
Schwartz said. “He’s done it in
practice. We have a lot of con-
fidence that he could kick it. It
put him in a difficult situation
because he went out without
any warmups. Probably
should have called a timeout,
given him time to get ready.”
Suh, a rookie defensive line-
man, grew up playing soccer.
His kick had plenty of strength
but wasn’t quite straight
enough, leaving the Lions
ahead 13-10.
Hanson hurt his right knee
when New York’s Trevor Pryce
stumbled into him on a short
field goal attempt. The Jets
were penalized on the play,
giving Detroit a new set of
downs, and the Lions scored on
a 1-yard run by Matthew
Stafford.
Hanson returned in the fourth
quarter to kick an extra point,
but punter Nick Harris handled
kicks for the Lions in his place.
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NBA

Heat still making adjustments at 5-2

Associated Press

MIAMI — Chris Bosh was the No. 1 scoring option for the Miami Heat when he was in Toronto for most of his seven seasons, just as LeBron James was in Cleveland when Dwyane Wade was in Miami over that span.

Times have changed.

When they’re on the court together, someone has to be the No. 2 or No. 3 option for the Heat, a role that none of them fit well in Miami, even after starting 5-2 in Miami, the “Big 3” say making that adjustment — an ongoing process — may be the biggest challenge for a team that has championship aspirations.

“Sometimes, I get a little lost out there,” Bosh acknowledged Saturday night. “This is different. We have a system, but at the same time, when the game’s happening so fast sometimes I just get lost. I don’t know whether to cut, whether to go, whether to get back and play with the ball or whether to be a guy. It happens real fast.”

So Bosh sought out James on the Heat’s last trip home from New Orleans after a third-quarter loss on Friday night. The chat was wide-ranging, but mostly revolved around how they could best complement each other and further integrate themselves into what a system that has been built around Wade for nearly a decade.

The initial results of their conversation were promising, to say the least. Wade scored 29 points, James had 23 and Bosh had 21 in Saturday night’s win over the first game where the three started and finished the 20-point plateau this season.

“I didn’t really care about whether I was scoring over 20 points,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “It was more about being aggressive, being athletic, being active. That was the same game that had a different disposition.”

Spoelstra doesn’t buy into the idea of having Wade as the No. 2 option, so on and so forth.

In the Heat philosophy, if someone’s open, he’s the No. 1 option. When Bosh started Saturday’s game by missing three of his four shots, his teammates and anyone else on the Heat is getting. Bosh is taking about five fewer shots per night than he averaged in his final two seasons in Toronto, while James is firing off roughly six less attempts than he averaged with the Cavaliers.

From the night they signed together in New York, Wade and Bosh all have said they wouldn’t care about stats, that’s not far from the truth.

“That was probably the win that does wonders for our season,” Campbell said. The Chiefs won the overtime but were unable to generate a first down. Campbell then kicked a 31-yard field goal and the Chiefs were on the board.

“Something’s been working out well for us since I was little,” Ford said. “I went out there and I just believe that when you come true to be out there having fun playing with those guys.”

The Chiefs kicked off and a time out by the Chiefs, Janikowski came on for the winning kick.

As soon as it sailed through the uprights, the Raiders celebrate with the first sellout crowd in Oakland since last year’s opener.

The talk all week was about the revival of a rivalry that was one of the sport’s best for a decade starting in the 1960s. While the game was sloppy at times with five turnovers, 27 penalties and two blown fake punts, the intensity was top-notch.

The Raiders trailed 20-17 when they took over at their 25 with 2:06 to play. The big play came when Ford ripped a ball away from a defender for a 29-yard gain to the 22. Oakland rushed to the line and spiked the ball with 7 seconds left, setting the stage for Janikowski’s tying field goal.

Unfortunately, they took it down at the end of the game and we weren’t able to produce in overtime,” Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel said. “It’s difficult when you make the mistakes that we did today and lose.”

Kansas City had taken the lead in overtime and we’re not able to generate a first down, New York continued to roll. Nick Miller muffed a punt and Kansas City’s Verran Tucker recovered at the Raiders 30. It appeared as if Miller’s knee might have been down before the ball came loose, but Cable had already used his two challenges so Kansas City kept the ball.

The Raiders had gained just 54 yards with their only score coming on Ford’s 94-yard kick-off return, to open the second half when they took over trailing 13-7 early in the third quarter.

The offense finally got going as Campbell hit Ford on a 16-yard pass and Darren McFadden followed with a 34-yard run. A 16-yard pass to McFadden moved the ball to the 2 and two plays later Campbell found tackle Khalif Barnes for a touchdown that gave Oakland a 14-13 lead.

The Raiders tacked on a 23-yard field goal by Janikowski after Campbell found Ford on a key third-down conversion for 37 yards.

After Rock Cartwright was stopped on Oakland’s fake punt try, the Chiefs appeared to score on a slant from Cassel to Tony Moraki on third-and-2 from the 16.

Cable challenged the call and won it when replays showed Moraki’s knee went down at the 1. Instead of giving the Chiefs a chance to score, the ball was originally called fourth and goal from the 1. After a holding call, Cable corrected the down and the Chiefs had first-and-goal at the 11.

NFC Football

Raiders move to 5-4 with OT win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — As the Oakland Raiders scored on a field goal with just over a minute left in the fourth quarter to take the 13-7 lead, a big question over the past four years was answered. They were finally able to win their first game over the AFC West.

Jason Campbell threw a 47-yard pass to rookie Jacoby Ford in overtime to set up Janikowski’s winning 33-yard field goal that capped Oakland’s win over the division-leading Kansas City Chiefs.

“It wasn’t the way we draw it up but it was the way it was supposed to be,” coach Tom Cable said. “We hung in there, fought, hung in there, fought, got a chance, made a couple of plays, made two kicks and now we’re all happy. It’s a great job by our team of really pulling together.”

Campbell and Ford hooked up on a 29-yard pass in the closing seconds of regulation to set up Janikowski’s first field goal of the game.

The Raiders (5-4) won for the first time in five games since winning the 2002 AFC West championship. They hadn’t won in regulation since derailing the AP’s No. 2 team when they won 20-17 over the New York Giants in Week 3.

“Jacoby has a real feel for the game,” Campbell said. “I think at times he made a tough throw and he’s not afraid to take a shot in overtime.”

Raiders kicker Sebastian Janikowski kicks the game-winning field goal in Oakland’s 23-20 overtime victory over the Chiefs Sunday.

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Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — In prime position to win the Big Ten title and claim the Big Ten championship after rallying to beat Purdue, Montee Ball know the Badgers need to do one thing to win.

“Keep moving forward,” the running back said. “Our focus is now on Indiana.”

The Badgers topped the Boilermakers 24-13 on Saturday after trailing at halftime, and have moved up to No. 2 in the Top 25.

With losses by Utah and Alabama on Saturday, Wisconsin trails only one one-loss team, LSU, in the AP poll.

The Badgers (8-1, 4-1 Big Ten) already have played the other one-loss teams in the conference — Michigan State, Iowa, Ohio State and the Badgers host Indiana on Saturday, then are at Michigan and close out the season against Northwestern. Those teams are in the lower half of the league standings and have a combined conference record of 4-11, though Michigan and Northwestern already have the necessary six overall wins to become bowl-eligible.

All could have been lost with a slip against the Boilermakers, but Ball filled in nicely for John Clay. Ball ran for a career-high 127 yards and two touchdowns. He got 21 carries because Clay, the top running back, got dinged up during the game and No. 2 running back James White was out with a knee injury.

Ball felt comfortable in the role.

“1 was getting the load in practice,” Ball said. “I was sprinkled in a little bit in practice, but he’s going to come back strong. John’s going to come back strong.”

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the tournament.

Havens started off the first day of the tournament by earning two straight-set wins. Junior Vitaly Fitzgerald also had a strong first day in Virginia, bringing in two sets of three-set wins in the brackets. Havens’ success.

Pecor and sophomore Stephen Havens, pictured above in 2008, defeated undefeated during this weekend in the William and Mary Invitational. for good possibilities for the team to qualify for NCAAs.

Havens and Pecor earned all-tournament honors in Virginia after coming up to outplay veterans in doubles action. The Irish will open their spring season back in Virginia as they take on William and Mary on Jan. 22, 2011.

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NBA

Bench leads Boston over Oklahoma City

Associated Press

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Greenleaf

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good, as freshman Camden Wojtala fired a rebound to put the Falcons two clear of the Irish. A late goal from junior right wing Billy Maday was not enough for the Falcons as they lost their first match in five contests.

“We were a little sloppy with the puck,” Jackson said. “With a team that’s as young as this, we have to make sure they’re emotionally prepared. When you’re a freshman, everything in your life is moving at 100 miles per hour. That’s shown up the last two Friday’s.”

The squad shook off Friday’s setback in convincing fashion on Saturday, as Tynan and senior wing Ryan Guentzel each had three points to lead the Irish to a 6-3 win.

“I think (the team) was probably a little upset about the way they played on Friday night,” Jackson said. “We made some line changes and some changes on special teams as well. There was a lot more attention to detail, and I thought we were much better at controlling tempo.”

The six Irish goals in the game came from different players, as Tynan and Guentzel were joined on the score sheet by Anders Lee, junior Sean Lorenz and senior Calle Ridderwall. The Irish trailed 2-1 after the first period, but scored three times in a period of six minutes in the second to take clear of Bowling Green. Though Falcons junior forward James McIntosh narrowed the deficit to 4-3 early in the third, goals from Ridderwall and Lee — both assisted by Tynan — ensured the Irish win.

“(Tynan) is a very talented player, and like Ridderwall, he combines that talent with intensity,” Jackson said. “He may not be the biggest guy in the world, but he plays big. He’s going to be a very good college hockey player.”

Saturday’s win snapped a four-game winless streak for the Irish against the Falcons, as Notre Dame went 0-2-2 in the previous four contests. Jackson said Bowling Green played disciplined under first-year head coach Chris Bergeron.

“It’s doing a good job there,” Jackson said. “Their team plays a very disciplined style. They transition well, and their goaltending is very strong. The fact that we rebounded on Saturday was important to me, being a young team.”

The Irish will be back in action against No. 6 Michigan in Ann Arbor Friday.

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each tallied 12 kills, while Eppink added eight. Dealy also contributed a total 34 digs, followed by senior Shannon Mathews and freshman Julie Lancaster and Allison Falkin in an 8-6 match.

Despite the tougher competition, the Irish won all five matches on Sunday. Highlights included Raab’s 6-4, 6-3 victory over Oklahoma’s Whitney Ritchie, McGaffigan’s 6-1 win over Oklahoma’s Mia Lancaster and Kellner’s 6-4, 6-2 win over Tara Eckel.

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Senior Brittany Sanders utilizes her backhand during the Eck Tennis Classic Oct. 7 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The final singles victory came from Sanders, who took her opponent into three sets, beating Marla Kasalanikova from Oklahoma by a score of 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

While the final day of play brought great strides for the team, the previous two did as well. The Irish found their toughest opponent against Illinois.

Despite the tougher competition, the Irish came away with eight wins on the initial day against the Illini, falling in only one match.

“Illinois had the intensity of a dual match and made us all rise to our best abilities,” freshman Johanna Manningham said.

Junior Kristy Frilling was absent from the competition, as she traveled to Florida, N.Y., for the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. The competition consisted of 32 singles players in women’s and men’s categories. She fell in her round of 16 match against Texas sophomore Aeriel Ellis by a score of 7-5, 6-0.

“I didn’t play bad, but I didn’t play well either,” Frilling said. “I beat Ellis earlier in the season back in September, so I was hoping to come out with the same result. She played well, but I didn’t take the advantages I had in the first set, and then I just couldn’t get a rhythm from then on.”

Frilling will compete in another tournament in France in December. Additionally, Sabacinski and McManus will play in the Sarasota Clay Courts tournament from Nov. 12-14.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS  
Irish dominate tournament

During the second contest in the fall semester, the Irish racked multiple victories at the Midwest Blast as they prepare for the season’s mid-year transition.

The squad only dropped one match on the third and final round of play Sunday in three doubles and five singles matches, following Friday’s impressive showing of seven singles wins and two doubles wins.

The weekend tournament, hosted by the University of Illinois, was held in the National Tennis Center, concluded with strong performances in both singles and doubles competition.

The pair of senior Kristen Rafael and freshman Billy Maday began action Sunday morning by beating the Illinois duo of Rachael White and Misia Kedzierski 8-2.

While the fall season is winding streak continuing with sophomore Chrisie Misihata, junior Jennifer Kellner, who triumphed over Chelsey Abajian and Amy Allin of Illinois by a score of 8-4.

The lone loss of the day came from senior Shannon Mathews and freshman Julie Lancaster, who fell to Leigh Finneggan and Allison Falkin in an 8-6 match.

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Senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy attempts a spike during Notre Dame’s loss to Northern Iowa Sunday in the Purcell Pavilion.

“Defending starts with [senior forward] Steven Perry and it’s where the whole thing begins,” Clark said. “It really starts with the forwards, and then whole team defends. That’s the key to the way we play. We’re doing that very well at the moment.”

The Irish tallied 25 shots, including 12 on goal, while the Golden Eagles only managed to get off 12 shots in total and only two for Irish goalie senior captain Phil Tuttle to take care of. “Tuttle wasn’t overworked as far as shots were concerned,” Clark said. “I think he controlled the penalty box really well. He was very calm andI think he did an excellent job throughout the game.”

The Irish will face Louisville Friday in the semifinals at the KFC Yum! Arena in Harrison, N.J., in their fourth consecutive conference semifinals appearance.

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Dame (10-4-4, 5-2-1 Big East) in the 66th minute when he headed in a shot set up by junior midfielder Brenda King.

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Men's Soccer

Flying past the Eagles

Notre Dame beats Marquette in quarters

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish won their third game in a row Saturday to extend their unbeaten streak to five games in the home-hustled Big East championships quarterfinals. The squad’s 2-1 victory over Marquette moves it one step closer towards the ultimate goal of becoming the conference champion.

“It was a very good game, and I think the team played very well,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “It was an excellent result — good performance, a good result, and I’ll take the Big East Final Four. That’s a nice situation to be in.

Sophomore defender Grant Van de Casteele scored the winning goal for No. 12 Notre Dame’s 72-47 exhibition win Saturday in the Purcell Pavilion.

Irish senior defender Bilal Duckett clears the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-1 Big East tournament quarterfinal victory over Marquette Saturday in Alumni Stadium.

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ND Volleyball

No. 13 Northern Iowa, Villanova take down Notre Dame

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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Despite pushing themselves to the limit against each opponent, the Irish fell to Villanova 3-1 on Friday and No. 13 Northern Iowa 3-0 Sunday.

Even though our team lost two matches this weekend anyone that saw either of our matches would say that we played pretty hard and aggressive,” freshman outside hitter Andrea McHugh said. “We probably played one of our better matches against Northern Iowa today because we were playing loose and having fun.”

“Playing loose and having fun” produced the highest-scoring three-set match in the 25-point scoring era of the program, as the Irish fell 3-0 (27-25, 27-25, 29-27) while honoring the team’s four seniors, Megan Dunne, Angela Puente, Kellie Sciacca and Stephanie Statt.

ND Men's Basketball

Hansbrough scores 30 in win

By MATTHEW ROBISON
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Carried by a 30-point performance from senior guard Ben Hansbrough, Notre Dame completed the second of two preseason exhibitions by beating Catholic University 72-47 Saturday in the Purcell Pavilion.

“I got hot early,” Hansbrough said. “Just kept on shooting, just keeping what the defense was there. Just hit a couple tonight.”

The Irish attack was unre lenting throughout, and Notre Dame was able to showcase its new, multi-faceted offense. Hansbrough’s impressive performance behind the arc was...