Garcia’s recovery exceeds expectations
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By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Nearly two weeks after his accident, the Notre Dame senior who fell from his third-floor apartment window said he is making “stellar” progress at Memorial Hospital.

Marcus Garcia, 21, fell about 25 feet from his apartment window in the Foundry Lofts & Apartments at Eddy Street Commons on Aug. 25 at around 4:30 a.m. An employee at a local bar saw him fall as she was leaving work for the evening and called 911.

In an email interview, Garcia said he was grateful for the response from friends and family who reached out to him after the fall.

“...as I get ready to begin my rehabilitation, I want to extend my deepest heartfelt and emotional thanks to every single one of you — my family, my friends, many who I have yet to meet, the entire Notre Dame family — for lifting me in prayer and support,” he said.

While he did not remember the details of his accident, Garcia said he worked on homework that Thursday evening before making plans to spend time with friends.

“I don’t remember anything from before or after my fall except for one quick conversation I had with Fr. Tom Doyle,” Garcia said. “I believe I was either in the ambulance or on the stretcher and he asked me if I wanted him to call my parents. I said something along the lines of ‘That’s okay. I’m going to try and do this one myself.’ Then only a few seconds after the initial shock of my fall subsided, I felt the sharp pain in my leg and thought it would probably be wise to give them a call.”

Garcia’s parents arrived in South Bend that evening from their home in Turlock, Calif. His mother, Kimberly Garcia, updated his Facebook page during his initial recovery.

After 12 days in the hospital, Garcia said he has undergone multiple surgeries.

“I have had orthopedic surgery on my right leg … facial surgery on my left eye … and surgery on my left shoulder,” he said.

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Marcus Garcia, right, poses with roommate, junior Tony Michuda. Garcia is now allowed to receive visitors at Memorial Hospital.

New chair endowed in Byzantine theology

Observer Staff Report

As part of University efforts to expand its renowned Medieval Institute, Notre Dame established an endowed chair in Byzantine theology in honor of Archbishop Deme-ter Hours, our interview show. Our main objective is to offer support for those students who are fighting mental illness, to raise awareness and to end the stigma that surrounds any discussion of these issues,” she said.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT THE WORLD?

Esteban Montecia: "Racism."

Ava Lee: "The irregular temperature in South Bend."

Willem Klein: "The rise in oil prices."

Mairaj Uddin: "Unity of thought without prejudice between people and ideas."

Cara Polk: "Cell phones people can always find you!"

Joey White: "Healthcare in Third World countries."

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OFFBEAT

Cuban dog and piglets have identity crisis

CAMAGUEY, Cuba — Yeti the dog already had a litter of pups to care for when the piglets adopted her as a second mom.

Ever since then, the Cuban farm dog has been pulling double-duty, nursing not just her own puppies but also the 14 swine.

Farmer Mannorys Santamaria said the piglets also suckle, but they insisted so much they ended up nursing with her.

Polar bear joins Norwegian boat crew

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian boat crew recently had an unexpected wake-up call when a full-grown polar bear climbed aboard their anchored ship for a 30-minute-long sniffl around the deck.

Captain Einar Valletstad said Saturday that the bear had been following the Hydrograf vessel in northern Norway for days before finally venturing onboard. Valletstad says "it did no harm. He was just putting his head into our rubbish container."

A night guard woke up crew members to warn them about the furry visitor.

Local Weather

In Brief

Georges Enderle, chair in International Business Eth-
ics, will host a lecture enti-
titled "Defining Goodness in Business and Econo-
ms" from 12:30 to 2 p.m.
today. It will take place in room C103 in the Hesburgh Center.

There will be a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meet-
ting tonight in Alumni Hall Chapel from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meetings will take place every Tuesday night.

Tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Father Ian Ker will host the first lecture in this year's Catholic Culture Liter-
eries, "Victorian Catholic Writers: Penning the Grandeur of God."

They will speak on John Henry Cardinal Newman. The lec-
ture will take place in De-
Bartolo Hall room 141.

A mandatory workshop for residence hall and Ba-
silica lectors will take place tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. There will be anoth-
er workshop Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the Basilica. Lectors are required to attend one meeting.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are re-
quired to attend a training session at 10 p.m. tonight in the Basilica of the Sa-
cred Heart. There will be another training session on Sunday at 3 p.m. Ministers are required to attend one meeting.

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obsnews.nd@gmail.com
SMC program pairs first year students with senior mentors

By MADELINE MILES

In the fall of 2009, Saint Mary’s College began Cross Currents, a program intended to help first year students adjust to college life with the assistance of a senior mentor.

Two years after the program’s inception, both seniors and first year students are still feeling its positive impact.

Mentors meet with their first year groups to discuss academic decisions and campus life.

First year student Carmen Brooks said the program’s meetings have given her an opportunity to learn about upperclassmen’s academic experiences while meeting new students.

“I found the mentoring group helpful because my mentor had a lot of good advice about the classes I was taking,” Brooks said. “It’s also helpful to talk to the other freshmen because we can all give each other advice and we were able to meet new people.”

First year Abby Roggemann said the program’s activities allowed her to share both the challenges and positive experiences she has faced during her first year with her peers.

“I like meeting because we get to talk about items we have or what we’re doing in school and in the second campus,” Roggemann said.

Cross Currents was built as a collaboration of the College’s Academic Advising, Mission and Student Affairs.

“First year students are still feeling its impact, both seniors and first year students are still feeling its positive impact.”

Students in their respective departments.

Seniors are chosen by faculty advisors to help the freshmen be able to help someone who is as lost as I was at one point.”

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trios Trakatellis, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of America.

The new professorship will include teaching and research on the Eastern Roman Empire, the Renaissance and the Byzantine Empire.

University President Fr. John Jenkins said the professorship is to fill the position the college will continue to develop the Medieval Institute and its strengths.

“Trakatellis’ appointment will complement the expertise of our Medieval Institute and, more broadly, the University’s acknowledged strengths in the fields of Byzantine art and culture, and western medieval theology.”

Garcia

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and tracheotomy surgeries,” Garcia said. “All have been successful and all patients have made a full recovery.”

Garcia’s doctors told him he is recovering faster than expected, he said.

Garcia is currently ahead of schedule, and, as a trauma doctor said, I am making stel-

lar progress.” Garcia said.

“My recovery now consists of walking each day to rehabili-
tate my leg (and continue) to strengthen my breathing.”

Garcia said his tracheos-
tomy tube will be removed shortly. When his facial inju-
ries heal, doctors will also be able to remove the wires in his jaw.

“My biggest challenge right now, believe it or not, is getting in the 2400 liquid calories and 120 grams of protein needed every day,” Garcia said.

“Over the next year, we’ll adopt a domestic or foreign social program that will benefit the children of the doctors.”

“During this time, I will be functioning as a community walk and attempt to create a support system and community and serve them to sustainably meet their basic needs,” Prakas said. “We will provide

“Meanwhile, our members will gain enriched global per-
spectives through the innovative educational opportuni-
ties.”

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Clubs

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NAMI-ND held its first event Thursday at Reckers, when alumna and author Julie Hersh spoke about her battle with depression.

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club was recognized.

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Among the other new stu-
dent groups are the Taiwan-
ese Student Association, Club Tennis and the Undergradu-
ate Philosophy Club, Mattingly said.

Students may suggest a new club during proposal periods each semester, according to the club’s fore-
person. If the club is approved by SAA and CCC, students must complete a packet containing a proposal form, a Constitution, an officer registration form, a tentative schedule of events, a tentative budget and approval from any relevant campus de-
partments. The first two full months of the academic year are reserved for clubs to organize after the club is recognized.

“While some of the new clubs may have specific mission statements and intended student demographics, many clubs cater to nearly every student interest and help en-

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NASA to send probes to measure moon’s gravity

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Four decades after landing men on the moon, NASA is returning to the moon, hoping to this time with a set of robotic twins that will measure lunar gravity — the force that binds other things in their orbit.

The two are the most precise lunar gravity map ever, scientists hope to figure out what’s beneath the lunar surface, all the way to the core. The orbiting twins will provide a signal to point the best landing sites for future explorers, whether human or robotic.

Near-identical twins Grail-A and Grail-B — short for Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory — are due to blast off Thursday aboard an unmanned rocket.

Although launched together, the two non-identical spacecraft will separate an hour into the flight and travel independently to the moon.

It will be a long, roundabout trip — three to four months including because of the small Delta II rocket used to boost the spacecraft. NASA’s Apollo astronauts used the mighty Saturn V rocket, which covered the approximately 240,000 miles to the moon in a mere three days.

NASA’s Grail twins will travel more than 2 million miles to get to the moon under this slower human flight path.

The mission, from start to finish, costs $496 million.

The moon’s gravity is universal.

“Nearly every human who’s every lived has looked up at the moon and admired it,” said David Hunten, a planetary scientist at the NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

“Missions to the moon are important for science and exploration.”

More than 120 missions have targeted the moon, 12 men have walked its surface during six landings. Most of the missions were to explore the possibility of rock and soil that have been brought back to Earth and are still being analyzed.

Grail-A and Grail-B are part of the twin spacecraft currently orbiting the moon and making scientific observations. They plan to return to the moon in favor of an asteroid mission in 2021.

Despite all the exploration, scientists still don’t know everything about the moon, its origin and its inner structure.

For example, its formation still generates questions — Grail’s findings should help explain its origin — and its far side is still mysterious.

Rennan Kassig, a double major in engineering and aerospace engineering, and his team will be part of the challenge.

The mission is NASA’s second robotic mission to be launched since the end of the shuttle program in July. A probe named Juno was headed for Jupiter for August 5, 2011.

NASA officials will be thrilled if Grail gathers even a portion of the immense interest ignited by the Juno launch. A large crowd is expected at Cape Canaveral for Thursday’s morning liftoff, which features a pair of split-second launch windows a half-hour apart.

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Economic climate complicates Obama’s re-election

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama faces a long re-election campaign having all but given up on the economy rebounding in any meaningful way before November 2012. His own budget office predicts unemployment will stay at about 9 percent, a frightening number for any president seeking a second term.

Obama’s prospects aren’t entirely grim, however. The GOP, heavily influenced by the tea party, may nominate someone so deeply flawed or right-leaning that Democrats hope, Obama can persuade Americans to give him a second chance rather than risk the alternative.

Democrats say the man who ran on hope and change in 2008 can persuade Americans to give him another term.

Economic climate complicates Obama’s re-election

Next year’s unemployment rate is likely to be the highest in a presidential election since 1940. But the leading Republican contenders have denigrated Social Security, switched positions on critical issues and done other things that might make them ripe targets for Obama’s well-funded campaign.

Democratic strategist Doug Hattaway says GOP candidates, including Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, may turn off independent voters with their embrace of tea party stands on taxes, spending and program cuts.

Obama “should lump them all together and make them answer for their slash-and-burn politics,” said Hattaway, a former top aide to Hillary Rodham Clinton, Obama’s rival for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

To do so, Hattaway said, Obama must link the candidates to congressional Republicans, blamed by Democrats for the nation’s stalled job growth and recent downgrade of U.S. creditworthiness.

Making the connection might not prove easy.

Obama’s potential challengers have avoided getting dragged into details of the bitter Capitol Hill fights over deficit spending. At least for now, they can hob

President Barack Obama gestures after delivering a statement in the White House Rose Garden Aug. 31 when he urged Congress to pass a federal highway bill.

criticisms at the president while offering few specific, measurable alternatives.

“President Obama oversaw an economy that created zero jobs last month, and that is unacceptable,” Romney said Friday.

But the influence of the tea party and other conservative groups may give Obama some openings, by pushing the GOP field so far to the right that the candidates risk alienating vital independent voters.

In a debate last month, the top contenders pledged to oppose a deficit-reduction plan even if it cut $10 in spending for every $1 raised by new taxes. Perry, who entered the race after that debate, also has taken a tough stand against higher taxes.

Obama’s team says independents, who might pay scant attention to ideologically driven primaries, will find such positions extreme when they compare the eventual GOP nominee and the president.

Political aide David Axelrod hinted that Obama will try to sharpen his differences with Republicans who insist on spending cuts in virtually every area and who refuse to let tax cuts expire, as scheduled, for the wealthiest.

It’s hard “to create an economy in which people can get decent jobs and raise a family at the same time we’re cutting back on our commitment to spending on education and research and development that will create innovation and jobs,” Axelrod said in an interview.

The Republicans’ “essential message is, let’s go back to the policies that helped get us in this mess,” he said, citing Wall Street deregulation and corporate tax breaks.

If GOP lawmakers, backed by the presidential hopefuls, continue to thwart Obama’s bid to mix targeted spending cuts with tax increases, Axelrod said, “we’re going to take our case to the American people.”

Recent polls underscore Obama’s challenge. A Pew Research poll found that 39 percent of independents approve of his job performance, while 52 percent disapprove.

An AP-GfK poll showed a sharp erosion of support for Obama among white voters and women. Less than half of all women and less than half of all men approve of the job he’s doing, and only 50 percent of women say he deserves re-election.

But the same polls show that far more voters blame former President George W. Bush more than Obama for the nation’s economic woes. Whether that sentiment lingers for 16 more months could prove crucial.

Hattaway said Obama must start by winning back moderates and motivating “millenials,” voters in their 20s and early 30s.
"Hi, I'd like to make a reservation for six people."
"Okay, what's the name?"
"Cox, C-O-X."
"And what's the first name?"
"Courtney"
"Like the actress?"
Yes, like the one who probably have the same name as one of the actors made famous by the 90s sitcom that followed around six friends who sit in a coffee shop and occasionally hold down glamorous jobs.
I was born in 1991, and at that point she would have only been recognized for her cameo as the super hot woman who popped on stage in Bruce Springsteen’s “Dancing in the Dark” music video.
I can promise you that my parents were not big enough fans of The Boss to give me a pen name and a last name that rhymed with chick in his video.
They simply liked the name Courtney and they have possibly known at that time that they were defining every first interaction I have with a person.
Some people laugh, some people ask “Really?” or perhaps they ask “Like the actress?” Regardless of what my response is, the person usually follows that up with a question with, “So you got that all the time.”
They used to get that reaction all the time, but it doesn’t bother me one bit. It’s pretty funny and honestly it may even become a little bit more memorable, which is pretty awesome.
There is, however, one part of having the same name as a celebrity that bothers me.
When someone talks about Courtney Cox-Arquette in my presence they always refer to her as “The real Courtney Cox.”
This is constantly confusing to me however. I honestly feel that it is actually having a conversation with me, should not I be considered infinitely more real than the person they have never met and have only seen through a television screen? It’s rather insulting to suggest that I’m some second-rate version of the real deal.
Aside from that minor inconvenience, it’s quite a sweet deal to have a recognizable name.
When I was in third grade, my friend won an autographed picture of Courtney Cox and instead of keeping it for herself she gave it to me. I still have it today because it was just such a nice thing for an eight-year-old to do.
Due to a clerical error, I once received a check for a small amount of money that was intended for an actress. I sent it back and wrote her a letter about having the same name, but I have never received a response.
My name even spared me from having to put a picture of myself on a board in my dorm. Rather I went in a black and white picture of the Courtney Cox from the 80s. I have dark hair and blue eyes like her, so my rector didn’t realize it wasn’t me until later in the year.
I have been waiting for the day when my name is so big it never seems like a big role in a movie, but until then I will just relish the fact that people won’t forget my name.
Courtney Cox can be reached at ccox36nd.edu
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Tomorrow night, eight of the candidates vying for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination will take the stage at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. in a debate that will seek to determine who among them is best-suited to take on President Barack Obama in next year’s election. The event is noteworthy because it is the first debate that will include Texas governor Rick Perry, who recently announced his candidacy for president and has since risen to the top of several national polls.
Perry is known for his sharp intellect, as evidenced by the academic prowess he displayed while a student at Texas A&M University he received a C in gym and a D in principles of economics, so this debate should be quite the discourse in substantive policy ideas. Seriously though, this debate is important because each day it is looking more and more likely that one of these candidates could become the next President of the United States.
I say that because each day it becomes more apparent that the re-election campaign of President Obama is in serious trouble. He has unmeritocratically rated above nine percent (and likely to stay there for the foreseeable future) and several highly unpopular policy initiatives including the 2009 stimulus act and the health care reform bill that President has seen his standing among independent voters deteriorate in almost every key state.
In addition, President Obama’s failure to wind down the nation’s involvement in the Afghan and Iraq wars, as well as his perceived inability to stand firm in the face of determined Republican opposition, has left his liberal base highly disillusioned, suggesting that it may be difficult for the President to motivate voters to turn out in the same record levels that propelled him to victory in 2008.
The combined effect of these two factors can be seen in the President’s standing in the Gallup Daily Poll, which tracks the percentage of Americans who approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing in office. Last week the President hit an all-time low of just 38 percent approval, against 55 percent who disapprove. In just past 50 years, no president has been reelected with approval numbers that low this late into his first term, so the President is without doubt vulnerable. The question then becomes, can Republicans produce a candidate who can take advantage of that weakness and win? And therein lies the problem.
The current field of Republican candidates is composed of a mixture of individuals who are either not serious about running for President or are not capable of holding the office. The three candidates who are performing the best in most polls of the race, Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry and Mitt Romney, each have glaring weaknesses that will certainly be exploited by the Obama campaign team and which make them largely unpalatable to moderate and independent voters.
Michele Bachmann is an ultra-conserv- ative religious fanatic whose husband once ran a vile and repulsive clinic designed to “cure” gay men and women of their homosexuality. In addition, Congressman Bachmann actually advocated back in July that the United States default on its debt, refusing to raise the ceiling under any circumstance even though it was generally acknowledged that such a move would have plunged the entire global economy into a catastrophic depression. She also often talks about how she would like to see the minimum wage eliminated so that the U.S. can compete with countries like Vietnam for low wage jobs.
Rick Perry is much the same: a far-right wing governor who holds public prayer rallies (to do what, I’m not exactly sure) and who once allowed an innocent man to be executed for a crime he almost certainly didn’t commit. When asked about that event during a focus group session, one Texas citizen replied, “I like that. It takes balls to execute an innocent man.” This merely highlights another of Perry’s incredible failures — the Texas education system, which ranks at the bottom of the country in just about every subject and whose budget Perry has proposed cutting drastically. One has to wonder how a man who only a year ago openly advocated Texas’ seceding from the United States can suddenly become so enamored with that same country that he now wants to be its leader. Oh yeah, and Rick Perry doesn’t believe in evolution. Now I really feel good about him.
Then there’s Mitt Romney, who lacks the courage to stand up for what he truly believes and thus is forced to constantly beat back charges that he has flip-flopped on numerous issues in order to make himself more acceptable to the conservative Republican base. Rom- ney used to be a reasonable guy (back when he ran for the U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy in Massachusetts in 1994), but since then he views on the environment, abortion and gun rights have shifted significantly towards those found in Saudi Arabia. Romney rightly touts his successful business career as a unique strength over President Obama, but until he decides to stop blowing with the wind and to fight for what he believes in, he will come across as stiff and uncomfortable on the campaign trail.
Despite the weakness of the Republican field, President Obama remains beatable, as evidenced by the fact that even the three candidates mentioned here are polling competitively against him right now. However, no national media and the Obama campaign team turn their attention towards exposing these candidates’ records of failure and extremist rhetoric, expect the all-important independent voters to flee in droves. Few candidates lose when they run against crazy people (though the 2010 midterm elections may have disproved that just a bit). Unless a real lead- er like Jon Huntsman starts to gain some traction in the race, one who isn’t afraid to take unpopular positions on issues he truly believes in, or unless Republicans can convince New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to run as one of them, the GOP may be jeopardizing its chances of defeating President Obama in next year’s election.
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**Weekly Poll**
How long did you stay at the ND vs. USF game?
*Game? What game? My view was great ... from Reckers* *I never left the concourse*

**Quote of the Day**
The secret of being a bore is to tell everything.
—Voltaire

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Everyone has those movies that are less a work of art, and more of a guilty obsession. Some people call it a “cult following” and some call it a waste of time and money, but for others, it’s love. A good-bad, wonderfully awful, so-terrible-it’s-fantastic-work of great movie. To you, it is the best-worst movie that ever existed.

One surefire way to know you have a good-bad mov-ie on your hands is by trying to describe it to someone who has never seen it before. You will sound insane, and the person you’re trying to impart the awesome-ness of this movie to will judge you. Hard.

For instance, “Good Burger” is probably one of the most memorable movies of the ’90s, and why? Because it was the best-worst movie out there. Keenan and Kel, Nickelodeon’s comedic duo, decided to do a movie that epitomized the good-bad genre.

Dexter (Kenan Thompson) steals his mother’s car to go joyriding and hits his teacher Sinbad’s (who is the ultimate good-bad movie actor — remember the Disney movie “First Kid”?) car. After the wreck, Dexter is forced to get a job at a fast food restaurant to pay the damages. There, he meets Ed (Kel Mitchell) and the two work together as Monroe Burger in business after the new-and-improved evil corporate burger joint Mundo Burger opens across the street.

Ed develops a special sauce that becomes an instant hit, and since it was the best-worst movie of all time, he’s a instant hit, and since it was the best-worst movie of all time, he’s a overnight sensation. People love it and start lining up for hours for a taste of the sauce.

However, the movie also has some terrible downs. “How to Hate” and “How to Love” are both vanilla, mid-tempo R&B numbers. “Nightmares of the Bot-tom” is an interesting title for a song that emphasizes why Wayne is no longer indisputably at the top of the game.

And then there are the songs that would be stand-outs on many rappers’ albums, but don’t quite cut it when we’ve seen what Lil Wayne is capable of. “Me-gaman,” which carries the name of its producer, is a frenzied collection of one-liners with no hook that feels like a descent into “Abortion” is a pensive au-thorigraphical attempt that retraces the same ground covered by “Rebirth” highlight “Drop the World” — which was arguably the only truly great song Wayne put out in 2010.

There is hope for the future of Wayne’s career, cer-tainly. It may be many things, but “Tha Carter IV” is not the best rapper alive. He’s no longer claiming to be the best, and apparently he’s also not trying to be anymore. Anonounced questions are present everywhere on “Tha Carter IV.” Why the dichotomy between pa-tterned collaborations with T-Pain (“How to Hate”) and blitzkrieg-style musical manifests (“6 Foot 7 Foot”)? What about those eight months in prison that got no mention besides a few bars from Drake on “It’s Good”?

Is it by trying to describe it to someone who has never heard of the movie that watch their face scrunch up in confusion as they try to figure out if you are messing with them. Once they’ve seen it though, they are in love with these two characters? Mostly Ed. Dear, sweet, dimwitted, yet oh-so-wise Ed. “Welcome to Good Burger home of the Good Burger. We serve everything you need to stay your hands are safe when you’re dealing with sharks.”

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Interview with a


By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

The July 20 release of his newest mixtape “S.C.H.O.L.A.R.” sparked campus-wide interest in junior D. Montayne’s talent. Dylan Walter, D. Montayne performed at Legends with Big Sean in 2010 and is currently studying abroad in Fremantle, Australia. Scene interviewed the artist to get the scoop on his music. Fans can download Walter’s mixtape at datpiff.com.

Who are some of your idols and inspirations for your music?

I’m inspired by a wide range of music. I like to brag about my iTunes library because I have a little bit of every genre out there, plus a lot of world music. Listening to every kind of music helps me to think outside the box of pure hip-hop. I have a really good producer back home who can flip a beat out of any kind of sample, so sometimes I’ll hear a nice piano run on a classical song or a good reggae bass line and send it to him to work with. This summer we spent time digging through vinyl records just to find original drum sounds and voice samples. That kind of work is what makes music incredible, giving it that raw feel, like you’re using history as the seed of your new music. The old stuff inspires me a lot.

Who are your favorite artists?

It’s very difficult to choose, but I’d have to say the laid-back artists and everyone in between. I learned a lot about performing just by watching videos of Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time. I also think that playing Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time. I also think that playing Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time. I also think that playing Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time. I also think that playing Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time.

What is the writing process typically like for you?

A lot of people ask me this, but honestly there’s no particular process that I have for writing songs. Sometimes I’ll sit there and listen to the beat over and over again and just write what comes to my head. Other times I’ll have a particular subject that I want to write about before I even hear the beat. Other times I’ll just freestyle until I come up with something. It just depends on the song.

What do you do when you get stuck?

I don’t get stuck.

What do you hope your listeners come away with after hearing your music?

I really just want them to hear it. Some will like it, others may not. You’re not going to really hear what I’m saying unless you give it a try.

What was the production and recording of “S.C.H.O.L.A.R.” like compared to your previous mixtapes?

On this one, I really just wanted to focus on quality. The other stuff I have put out in the past was fine lyrically, but the recordings were really just thrown together. I can’t even listen to that stuff anymore. So for this one I took my time to make sure the songs were mixed right to sound good on laptop speakers, headphones, car speakers, etc. It took forever, but it was worth it. People ask me what studio I record in, not realizing that the entire thing was recorded in closets. That tells me that I must’ve done a good job mixing it.

How have you come to master the art of rapping?

I am far from mastering it. I have learned a lot about rap just by listening to a wide range of artists. I listen to the intense, fast-rapping artists, the laid-back artists and everyone in between. I learned a lot about performing just by watching videos of Jay-Z concerts. The rest just comes with time. I also think that playing drums my entire life was a big advantage, because I already had that rhythm locked down by the time I started rapping. But I still have a long way to go.

What is your favorite part of writing and rapping? What is the greatest struggle?

My favorite part of writing is knowing that the words I’m putting down will be heard in the future by people I’ve never met. It makes me want to write every line better than the previous one. My favorite part of rapping is just free styling around a bunch of people I don’t know and watching their faces. They always look so surprised. I’d have to say the greatest struggle is just keeping the women off of me.

Do you ever hear the “rappers shouldn’t be considered artists” argument? How do you respond to it?

Yes. Those people have never actually listened to rap, so they aren’t worth my time.

Have you ever had people doubt your writing or rapping abilities because of your race?

All the time. This is something that is actually hard to deal with, because I feel like that barrier has already been broken. ‘Still, that doubt is in people’s minds even before I start rapping. I’ve known people who wouldn’t listen to my music because they thought it was a joke — they expected I would suck. Eventually they saw me perform or I free-styled for them. Those people don’t doubt me anymore.

What advice do you have for hopeful rappers or musicians at Notre Dame?

I’ll repeat the advice Big Sean gave me: “You can do anything you want, man, I mean it.” It takes a lot to make things happen, so be prepared for a huge challenge. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve had to stay up all night writing and mixing songs or sneaking into buildings to record. Or how many times I’ve emptied my bank account on recording equipment and song production. I still haven’t gotten very far at all. So it’s a long climb. Also, Notre Dame can be a tough crowd for this kind of stuff, but just proving people wrong is part of the fun. Just do what you want.

Look in The Observer’s News section tomorrow for a profile on D. Montayne.

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**SPORTS AUTHORITY**

**Threatened Birds**

This is the second of a new Observer feature. A series of 10Observer sportswriters will have columns appear in this space on a bi-weekly rotation. Hopefully some of these writers will grab your attention, and you’ll know when and where to find more of their thoughts.

You probably remember it, right? When minuscule Packers cornerback Tramon Williams intercepted Eagles quarterback Nick Foles and returned the ball 90 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter of the Eagles’ 59-10 loss to Pittsburgh. That was the game that essentially ended the Eagles’ playoff hopes. Wasn’t that game last year?

That’s what you say? You don’t remember it because the Eagles lost? No, because this game was merely a stepping stone for Green Bay on its way to the Super Bowl title a year ago? No. It was because the same Eagles, sports-hating people from the Plains last fall, were now being laughed out of Philadelphia, the Eagles hosting their first home playoff game in the newly formed NFL.

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Matthew DeFranks

Sport Writers

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But that’s enough defense for now. A primary concern for the Eagles last year was the health of Michael Vick, who has played all 16 regular season games just once in his career, and not since he was released from prison on August 12. Vick is a very similar quarterback who has shown flashes of brilliance and demonstrated mental gaffes in his five solid but unspectacular years in Tennessee. Could Vick mentor Young? Certainly. Could Young fill in for an injured Vick? Certainly.

**Bullet-fast receivers Desean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin compliment a great ground game that now has Ronnie Brown, the back-up Lesean McCoy, and the healthy Jeremy Maclin back up here.**

**When you don't play the team you're trailing it takes forever sometimes to (cut) a game.**

**I'm going to have a little bit of fun playing when we are there in a month, but if they beat me, I'll be一句.**

**Swartzak said. “Really nice to see the kid come back up here,” Gardenhire said of Dinkelman. “He's worked really hard. He’s one of those guys that you root for and he had a good day today offensively.”**

**Dinkelman, recalled from Triple-A Rochester on Saturday, started at second base. He’s been playing more outfield recently but he figures his value will be in the field is his natural position.**

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**MLB**

**Tigers extend lead in AL Central**

Young players shine as White Sox defeat Twins in pitching duel

Detroit’s Doug Fister delivers a pitch in Monday’s 4-2 win over the Indians. Fister recorded a career high 13 strikeouts in the game.

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** Thou great Achilles, hallowed hero, **

**when the two first met at Ilius, **

**thou didst give way, as the immortal Zeus was moving toward its end.**

**Let us sing of the duel between Zeus and his grandson, their great fighters’ souls, but made their bodies carrier, feasts for the dogs and birds, and the self of Zeus was moving toward its end.**

**Beg, Muse, and instruct me to sing of the duel between Zeus and his grandson, their great fighters’ souls, but made their bodies carrier, feasts for the dogs and birds, and the self of Zeus was moving toward its end.**

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Secondary additions join Falcons to bolster defense

Seahawks’ key additions WR Rice and OL Gallery face injury concerns as opening weekend approaches

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Excuse Kelvin Hayden if his head is spinning a bit. He’s buried himself in an unfamiliar playbook. He’s trying to become familiar with different terminology. He’s struggling to learn everyone’s name on his new team, including the coaches for the Atlanta Falcons.

The cornerback called up one of the assistants a couple of times over the weekend, going over calls and formations. Now, if only he could remember who was on the other end of the line.

“It’s a challenge,” Hayden said Monday, standing in front of a locker that was identified as his by a handwritten placard. “I’m still learning the coaches’ names.”

Hayden is one of two experienced defensive backs signed last week by the Falcons to bolster their thin secondary, another step toward building a team that can make a run at the Super Bowl. In the very next sentence, he alluded to James Sanders, who landed in Atlanta area as the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee made their way northward.

“Of course, I want to get there,” Hayden said. “I might have to learn the ropes once the season starts. It’s a plus.”

Sanders was pleased to wind up with another winning organization after leaving the Patriots. Sanders started 49 games for the Patriots and is coming off a season in which he set career highs with three interceptions and six passes defended.

“You can’t coach depth. You can’t coach experience,” Falcons linebacker Mike Peterson said. “Anytime you get a chance to add that to the mix, it’s a plus.”

Given their resumes, both could eventually challenge for starting jobs. The current starters look forward to getting pushed by the newcomers.

“They are two proven platers in this league,” safety Thomas DeCoud said. “Competition always breeds success. It will make us better as a team and as individuals.”

First, Hayden and Sanders have to learn the ropes with a new organization. They only signed with the Falcons in time to watch the final preseason game from the sideline. They practiced for the first time Monday with厚望 to get up to speed on many of the plays.

But right now, my focus is on learning the playbook and this team. Without that, there’s no way I can even be on the field.”

Sanders was quickly scooped up by the Falcons after being cut by the Patriots. The 28-year-old Hayden took a little longer to find a new job, having missed the final four games last season with a neck injury that reportedly scared off some teams.

Hayden said he’s fully recovered from the latest in a series of injuries that have kept him from playing a full season since 2007.

“My neck is fine,” he said. “I feel good and ready to go.”

The Falcons lack significant depth behind DeCoud and William Moore. Second-year player Shaq Schillinger is the only other safety on the roster. Head coach Mike Smith said the team will make use of a safety-to-nickel back conversion that, when added to defensive coordinator Mike Nolan’s regular scheme, will make use of a man-to-man, man-to-press coverage.

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Novak Djokovic salutes the crowd after his straight-set victory over 16th-seeded Dolgopolov in the U.S. Open. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

Novak Djokovic will face Roger Federer in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open on Monday as the world No. 1 moves one step closer to his first Grand Slam title of the year.

Djokovic defeated 16th-seeded Alexandr Dolgopolov 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (5) to advance to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open on Monday. He will play fourth-seeded Roger Federer next after the Swiss star defeated independant 13th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

"I'm very happy," Djokovic said. "I'm very happy that I've advanced to the quarterfinals. It was a tough match against a guy who was pushing me to the limit. I'm very happy and I'm looking forward to the next round."
Kuroda allows four HRs in loss

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hiroki Kuroda had never allowed three homers in a game in his four seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Washington Nationals finally got to him for three on Monday — in the first inning.

Michael Morse, Ian Desmond and Jayson Werth connected during Kuroda’s shaky start, and Morse also went deep against the right-hander in the sixth inning, sending the Dodgers to a 7-2 loss.

“I didn’t have my slider in the first inning, or throughout the game,” Kuroda said through an interpreter.

Jon Lanman pitched into the sixth inning for the Nationals, who had dropped 10 of 12.

Los Angeles now has dropped two straight following an 11-1 stretch.

Kuroda (11-15) had a season-low another run until Morse’s double play that nearly was a game-ender was mainly about her ability to throw any pitch on any count. He’s tough to sit on a certain speed. He’s got the ability to throw any pitch on any count. He’s tough to sit on a certain speed. He’s got the ability to throw any pitch on any count.

“Kalamazoo has some new faces on their team this season,” Kuschel said. “However, we know who their strong returning hitter is. If we are able to block well and run our offense, it should be a great game.”

Kushel believes facing talented competition this past weekend will only help her team gain motivation against conference opponents.

“Playing such high caliber teams this past weekend, we were able to see what it takes if we want to win in our tough MIAA conference this season,” Kuschel said.

With such a young team, including eight freshmen in the 14-member squad, Kushel believes the first weekend was mainly about her players getting to know the game with their new teammates.

From here on out, she said, they mean business.

“This season we are going in knowing that every match is a new opportunity to play together,” Kuschel said. “We feel that every match and point is an important one.”

Kuschel said the Belles’ strategy this week will be the same as always.

“If we want to beat Kalamazoo, it will need to be a team effort as always,” she said.

The Belles will take on the Hornets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Athletic Center.

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Kuschel said the losses have only heightened her team’s desire to defeat the Hornets, who are always tough conference competition for the Belles. Saint Mary’s lost both of their matchups against the Hornets in the 2010 season.

“Kalamazoo has some new faces on their team this season,” Kuschel said. “However, we know who their strong returning hitter is. If we are able to block well and run our offense, it should be a great game.”

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Kushel believes facing talented competition this past weekend will only help her team gain motivation against conference opponents.

“Playing such high caliber teams this past weekend, we were able to see what it takes if we want to win in our tough MIAA conference this season,” Kuschel said.

With such a young team, including eight freshmen in the 14-member squad, Kuschel believes the first week-end was mainly about her players getting to know the game with their new teammates.

From here on out, she said, they mean business.

“This season we are going in knowing that every match is a new opportunity to play together,” Kuschel said. “We feel that every match and point is an important one.”

Kuschel said the Belles’ strategy this week will be the same as always.

“If we want to beat Kalamazoo, it will need to be a team effort as always,” she said.

The Belles will take on the Hornets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Athletic Center.

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FORWARD thinking
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The Belles’ first two games, a pair of commanding 4-0 victories over Defiance and Thiel, demonstrated the seamless incorporation of new players into their lineup. Junior midfielder Kari McClowry named just a few improvements she wants to see from her team.

“I need to make sure our passes always connect, concentrate effectively and be confident when we attack,” McClowry said.

In addition to continuing the team’s two-game winning streak, Joyce is looking to this game to help determine his starters for when conference play begins.

“We’ve got a lot of freshmen hungry for starting spots and playing time,” Joyce said. “They have no problem getting motivated to play, so that makes my job easy.”

Junior Brandon and Dillon, if they keep up with our fitness and strength, will be more demanding than the in-season practices will be during the off-season. The off-season is definitely more relaxed,” Sabacinski said.

“In-season is pretty intense — everyone is working pretty hard. It’s not way harder, but it’s definitely harder.”

Unlike more casual summer hit-around sessions, official practices feature daily hits that can last for an hour and a half as well as specific drills and scrimmage matches. The team also lifts weights with a trainer two times a week and goes on training runs with an assistant coach.

Due to NCAA regulations, captains must organize and oversee practices until Sept. 13, when coaches will be allowed to attend practices for the first time this academic year. The fall tournament schedule will also be finalized around this time.

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Irish senior Shannon Mathews hits a shot during Notre Dame’s 4-3 loss to Baylor on Mar. 6 at Eck Tennis Pavilion. Mathews previously spent her summers studying in Paris.

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Junior Chrisiss McGaffigan spent the summer studying in Ireland, an experience several older teammates took advantage of in previous summers.

Student athletes don’t get the opportunity to study abroad during the semesters like regular students, senior Shannon Mathews said.

“We’re playing year-round,” Mathews said. “During the summer we do a lot of different things that we aren’t able to do during the season, whether it’s study abroad, getting an internship or going to see family.”

In past summers, Mathews studied in Paris and senior Kristy Frilling studied in South Africa.

“I was able to travel around Europe, so see Europe, it was a really great opportunity and something that Kristy, Chrisiss and I really wanted to be a part of,” Mathews said.

But even traveling through Africa or holding an internship in Chicago doesn’t excite an athlete from the training required to stay in shape.

“It’s up to us to go hit with each other or work out or go run,” Mathews said. “We want to keep up with our fitness and that kind of thing and set a regimen.”

Other Irish tennis players sought educational experiences a little closer to home. Three sophomores — Jennifer Kellner, Britney Sanders and Julie Manningham — both of whom live in South Bend.

The five players who remained close to campus met nearly every day of the summer to hit around.

Manningham and Kellner kept their skills sharp by competing in summer tournaments, but for most of the team, regular season practices will be more demanding than the training done during the off-season.

“He was strong academically, he was coming from a school very similar to Notre Dame and he had excellent statistics on the soccer field. So those were all very positive,” Clark said.

When Clark found out Finley had roomed with King during a stint with the U-17 U.S. National Team, and later with Powers on the U-20 U.S. National Team, he turned to his players for an evaluation of the prospective transfer.

“I asked both of these lads, Brandon and Dillon, if they thought he would be a good teammate, and they both felt he would be an excellent teammate,” Clark said.

For Finley, the transition was seamless. He credits his coaches and teammates with making the process of stepping onto the Irish team so manageable.

“All the guys are great guys to begin with, as well as great soccer players,” he said. “I came in during the summer, which was a huge, huge help to just get acclimated with the campus, and a bunch of the guys were here also, so that obviously helped a lot too.

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“With our team and the way everyone keeps the ball and passes the ball, for being a goal scorer, that’s every forward’s dream to have the opportunity to be on the field that we have,” Finley said.

“They do all the hard work — I’m just on the field to finish off. Obviously before I came I was really excited to play with the awesome players we have on the team. I’m just really excited to keep playing along with all these guys. This team can take it.”

But Finley will have to wait until Sunday when the Irish host Bucknell to retake the field with his team. After being issued a red card in last Sunday’s match, Finley will have to sit out Notre Dame’s Friday matchup with Denver.

“I was pretty angry about the call because I didn’t realize it deserved a red card,” Finley said. “Watching them score that overtime winner I think a soft red card can be taken from it. I think they can serve as a Carson not only for me, but for the rest of the team.”

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The Observer
ND WOMEN’S GOLF
Two seniors bring leadership, experience to Notre Dame

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame women’s golf program has risen to the top tier of the NCAA during the five-year tenure of Irish coach Susan Holt, seniors Becca Huffer and Katie Allare have played integral roles in the team’s success.

As two of the three returning players who helped lead their first ever NCAA championship appearance last season, Huffer and Allare offer leadership and experience this season and are joined by highly touted freshmen Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Ortei.

“Our team definitely possesses depth,” Holt said. “There isn’t one single player we have to rely on, as every one, one through five, is capable of performing.”

Even with such a complete squad, Holt will look to her two seniors to continue to lead the way they always have. Huffer, a native of Denver, Colo., made an immediate impact on the team her freshman year and has competed in all Irish golf events since.

As the 2008 High School Female Athlete of the Year in Colorado, Huffer entered the team with high expectations. The three-time All-Big East honor winner led the squad her freshman year with a 75.55 stroke average, earning the title of Big East Rookie of the Year. In her sophomore year, she cut her stroke average to 74.90 to again lead the Irish in that category.

As a junior last season, Huffer garnered her best ever finish in an individual tournament, placing second in the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate last March. Her score lifted the Irish to a first-place finish in the tournament.

Huffer also placed in the top 10 in tournaments on four occasions throughout the season. At the NCAA Championships, she finished tied for 24th, shooting a 296 over four rounds of tournament play.

Allare does not boast quite the collegiate experience, as she did not receive any tournament action her freshman year. However, she served as a team captain for her Phoenix, Ariz. high school and captured 10 straight Arizona state golf championships.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
ND keeps busy during summer

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Summertime might be relaxing for many students, but for members of the women’s tennis team, the hazy days of July and August are far from lazy — and it doesn’t get any easier once the school year starts.

The Irish began their summer adventures fresh from their fourth consecutive Big East championship and were fully aware of the training needed to capture a fifth. Some team members took advantage of the short break to go abroad, while others stayed on campus to prepare for the next season.

SMC VOLLEYBALL
Belles set to commence MIAA play

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Though Saint Mary’s suffered a rough weekend at the Mount Union Tournament, the Belles will look to put the past behind them as they begin conference play against Kalamazoo Tuesday.

Saint Mary’s (1-3) did not have the opening weekend it had hoped for in Alliance, Ohio, falling to Mount Union, Geneseo and Saint Joseph by counts of 3-0, 3-1 and 3-1, respectively. There were bright spots, however, including a 3-2 victory over Allegheny and a promising display of teamwork.

Belles coach Toni Kuchel said, “For a very young team, we played very well together.”

Kuschel said, “We expected to be a little bit more than what we had on Aug. 22 at Alumni Stadium. Finley won ACC Player of the Year honors last year.

Irish junior forward Ryan Finley handles the ball during Notre Dame’s 2-2 tie against Creighton on Aug. 22 at Alumni Stadium. Finley won ACC Player of the Year honors last year.

Irish junior Chrissie McGaffigan returns a shot during Notre Dame’s 4-3 loss to Baylor on Mar. 6 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Trading Places

Transfer Finley fits in easily with Irish team

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

After being recognized as the ACC Player of the Year with Duke last season, junior forward Ryan Finley managed to find his niche at Notre Dame, both on the field and off.

Finley scored 17 goals for the Blue Devils last year and added three assists to account for 20 of Duke’s 34 goals. He also led Division I with 94 goals per game and ranked second in the nation in points per game. No. 24 Duke went 10-6-4 before being bounced from the second round of the NCAA tournament by South Carolina. After last season, Finley was drawn to Notre Dame (1-1-1) for a number of reasons.

“I kind of wanted to go to another place where soccer, as well as academics, were the best in the country so obviously Notre Dame was the one that stood out,” Finley said.

Though the Belles have not had a very good first season, they are primed for conference play.

After clenching the team’s first tournament title since 2008 in the Defiance Classic, the Belles look to maintain their winning ways as they host Manchester Tuesday.

The last time these two squads matched up, Saint Mary’s fell to the Spartans 2-0 in a game that could have gone either way, Belles coach Michael Joyce said.

“It was a close game, but the score went to wrong way for us,” Joyce said.

“We’re looking for another tight game,”

Joyce said. “Though the Belles have performed well so far this season, they know they have a long way to go until they are primed for conference play.

“We’ve got to work on some of our defensive rotations against different formations we’ll see,” Joyce said.

“We’ll also have to improve our attacking in the last third of the field.”

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