App developers achieve top rankings

By NICOLE TOCZAUER

Gridiron 2011 College Football, an Apple product application, ranked among the top Apple apps on the market this weekend and the credit went to two members of the faculty and staff at Notre Dame.

Tom Klimek, manager of network design for the Office of Information Technology (OIT), and engineering professor Pete Massey created the Gridiron app and released it to the market three years ago.

This weekend, the app grabbed top spots on Apple’s Top Paid Sports App list when it placed third for the iPad and 12th for the iPhone.

Klimek and Massey released this year’s version of the app in August. Like editions released in its past two years, Gridiron 2011 allows users to access schedules and scores of the 120 Division IA college football teams. The app also features the outcomes of past games and stadium seating charts for fans scooping out tickets, he said.

“If you’re looking for what teams are playing on a Saturday, you pick it on the app and it will show you all the games scheduled and when they play,” Klimek said.

While the app is completely automated, Klimek said he and Massey scour the Internet daily and enter new information to ensure its information is up-to-date. “Every day we update several files,” he said. “The app indicates on startup the newest data from those downloads.”

Klimek said the college football tracker app’s popularity is based in its simplicity and speed.

“Other apps are either prone to crashing or are so bloated with features and support for every sport it’s difficult to navigate to what you’re seeking,” Klimek said.

“If you’re just looking for college football, that can be cumbersome.”

Klimek’s goal for this year is to double the number of users. Based on reviews and the number of repeat customers, Gridiron 2011 might be

College offers SPARK for local students’ goals

By BRIDGET FEENEY

Thirteen local women jumpstarted their business dreams and career goals this summer, thanks to a program led by the Saint Mary’s Woman’s Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI).

Martha Smith, WEI project director, oversaw this summer’s participants in SPARK, its entrepreneurship-training program that began in November.

“SPARK’s goal is to ignite the entrepreneurial fire within,” Smith said.

Women in the training program developed business plans for a flea market, small deli, beauty shop, cleaning service, bilingual daycare, ice cream shop and even a wedding planner.

“SPARK is a comprehensive entrepreneurship course that

Walter balances rap, studies

By TORI ROECK

As a freshman, Dylan Walter recorded his first rap song in Knott Hall.

Now a junior, Walter is better known as D. Montayne. He opened for Big Sean at Legends last spring, and he released his hip-hop mixtape “S.C.H.O.L.A.R.”


“I really like to stress the difference between hearing and listening,” Walter said. “So the title of my mixtape is a way of telling people like, ‘you either hear what I’m saying, or you should listen to this on repeat until you do.’”

Walter, a finance major, said balancing academics and music is difficult as a Notre Dame student.

“I don’t think most people realize the amount of hours that go into a song,” Walter said.

“At times I’ve actually had to resort to sneaking into buildings on campus at night, simply because it was the only place to be alone and really work on music,” he said.

“These are my goals. These are my accomplishments.”


ND officials reflect on evacuation

By SARA FELSENSTEIN

Saturday’s football game broke a Notre Dame record — but not because of the football team.

For the first time ever in the University’s history, severe weather forced officials to evacuate fans from the Notre Dame Stadium.

Twice.

Mike Seamon, associate vice president for campus safety and director for Game Day Operations, said he was happy with the way stadium personnel handled the evacuations.

“For never having done it before in the history of Notre Dame, we felt it went very well,” Seamon said.

NCAA requirements stipulate the Stadium must evacuate if lightning strikes within 10 miles. Notre Dame’s policy
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SGA discusses campus role

By KRISTEN RICE
News Writer

During its first meeting of the year Wednesday, the Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the role of the organization on the Saint Mary’s campus, student body president Nicole Gans said.

“We want to keep a positive attitude and have fun,” Gans said. “We are here to support one another as well as our student body.”

SGA should be able to “develop student leaders and let other students know how they can be more involved,” she said.

Vice President Jackie Zupanic echoed the message of collaboration with the Saint Mary’s student body.

“Support one another,” Zupanic said. “Make sure to ask questions when needed and also be knowledgeable of every aspect in SGA, not just your own.”

Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson said one of the roles for student government should be upholding the College’s values.

“You need to make sure that the truth is visible to students and that SGA is consistent with the mission of Saint Mary’s,” Johnson said.

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“I want to be able to bring more positive events to Saint Mary’s campus,” Glaub said.

The group also discussed club finances. Skirtich said the club’s management of finances should be fair.

“We should be striving for equity when giving allotments to clubs on campus,” Skirtich said.

Gans said supporting the clubs on campus is reminder of their support from student government.

“Giving clubs and organizations on campus support financially shows that we have faith in them,” she said.

Technology commissioner Maureen Parsons added that SGA members should be considerate of student needs when distributing funds.

“We need to be smart with money, as well as [take] the time to look at what the money is going to and if its going to be a benefit to the student body,” Parsons said.

As the SGA members looked ahead to the fall semester, public relations commissioner Amanda Lester said the group would make an effort to reach out to the student body.

“We want to be able to bring a larger connection between SGA and our student body,” Lester said.

“Want to them to see all the good things that SGA has to offer,” she said.

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By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

As the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks nears, the Council of Representatives discussed Tuesday how the memorial would be commemorated on campus.

Student body president Pat McCormick said student government would assist the University in holding a commemorative Mass on Sunday, which is expected to draw much of the University community and surrounding area.

The Mass will take place on Library Quad at 7:30 p.m.

“We’re expecting 4,000 to 5,000 attendees,” he said.

“We are promoting it to the community, [so] it’s open to them as well.”

In addition to smoothing out the logistics of the large-scale event, McCormick said student government intends to offer support to students distraught by the memory of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Our role as the Student Government as a whole will be to provide the initial welcome and to be on the lookout for students who may be having a harder time,” he said.

In addition to helping with the Mass on Sunday, McCormick said he hopes to increase programming next week related to the 9/11 Memorial.

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Soler, Bell take active roles outside student government

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Nearly half a year has passed since either Catherine Soler or Andrew Bell put in a late night in the offices on the second floor of LaFountaine, but the student body president and vice president emeritus said they are still busy during their senior year. After she split her summer between internships on campus and in New York City, Soler said she is happy to be back at Notre Dame for another year.

"Senior year has been amazing so far," Soler said. "It’s been wonderful to be back on campus and to reconnect with my friends."

After working with the Student Campus Orientation Committee on Freshman Orientation this summer, Soler continues to work with underclassmen in addition to her job in the Football Office, a class council position and volunteer work.

"I will continue to work with underclassmen and campus life as co-advisor to the freshman class council and as organizer for a variety of campus leadership programs," she said. "I also began volunteering at St. Margaret’s House in South Bend, an organization that promotes nonviolence and supports women in poverty."

Soler focused her term as president on "beND," a community-campus relations campaign, and she continues to push the issue on senior class council as a member of the South Bend Outreach Committee.

Bell exchanged one leadership position for another when he became a resident assistant in Knott Hall this year.

"I’ve absolutely loved being an RA," Bell said. "It’s great because your job is just to get to know the guys you’ve been living with, to be there for them. It’s very different. It’s not the same kind of obligation as student government."

Bell said he is happy to commit his time to the residence hall after having spent so much time away from Knott doing student government work.

"I feel like Knott has a great crop of upperclassmen, especially the juniors in the dorm," Bell said. "It’s a lot more lively in terms of hall government and the spirit of the dorm. I feel like there’s a whole new camaraderie, which is really exciting since I wasn’t around as much last year."

Bell said he misses aspects of student government work, but is happy to have the free time to spend his last year on campus with the Jugerknotts before heading off to work in finance in Atlanta next year.

"Being a senior is a weird thing ... you sort of realize this is it, your time is ticking," Bell said. "I loved last year and being a part of student government, but it’s good to have more free time to spend here with the guys."

While a senior typically fills the position of student body president, Soler held the position as a junior. She said she misses the people she worked with during her term, including the Student Union office secretary Nancy Walsh. However, she said she is glad to make the most of her time as a senior before beginning her job at Deloitte in New York after graduation.

"I do miss things about student government, especially the people," Soler said. "I am really grateful to have had the experience last year and to now have time to fully appreciate one more year at Notre Dame."

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SMC offers career advice for students

By TABITHA RICKETTS  News Writer

Whether a freshman is starting to explore their major or a senior is entering the job market, Saint Mary's Career Crossings Office (CCO) offers resources for those heading into unfamiliar territory, according to CCO Director Stacie Jeffirs.

"Our office is a good start for students," Jeffirs said. "Some students just don't know where to begin, don't know how to prepare, and all you really need to do is just walk in."

This fall, CCO began offering online workshops covering resume writing, exploring majors and careers, not working and post-graduation service.

"It's really about figuring out what your interests are and exploring all the options and opportunities that are out there," Jeffirs said. "That's what our office facilitates."

The office already posted four videos this fall. The workshops, all under 20 minutes long, are titled "Getting Started with Resumes," "Getting Started with Cover Letters," "Getting Started with Networking" and "Using the Alumnae Resource Network."

The office also hosts events in collaboration with Saint Mary's Career Development Relations and the Alumnae Board, Jeffirs said. Two of these events, "Success after Saint Mary's" and "Google Alums: The Path to Google Career," will be held next week.

"It's firsthand knowledge and experience," Jeffirs said. "Students and alums are just drawn to each other."

In addition to the workshops and outside events, Jeffirs said CCO offers academic and career counseling in person.

These meetings are "about educating students on all things career," she said.

BEST career events are not just for seniors. The office reached out to freshmen and sophomores by offering programs focused on "inviting [them] all into the office," Jeffirs added.

The CCO will host an Open House on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in preparation for the Notre Dame Fall Career Expo. The expo will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the JACC at Notre Dame.

"Just walk in the door," Jeffirs said. "We'll help you."

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provides women with general information and practice on how to start a profitable business, Smith said.

"It is offered to community women, those with a minimum household income of $21,000 a year. [Participants] must have a business idea in mind and a feasible chance of success, Smith said.

The professionals and SPARK participants met twice a week for three hours each day. The 11-week program began May 31 and ran until August 11.

These women also had family and personal responsibilities, such as part-time jobs, to maintain as well, Smith said.

In order to qualify for entrance into the SPARK program, Smith said the women had to meet certain criteria.

There was an initial screening session of three hours, and participants have to pay a small registration fee and very affordable tuition to pay for class supplies, Smith said. "At the end of the course, participants must have a business plan ready."

Smith said businesses flourished by the end of the course. Some of the SPARK projects, including a real estate business and a gift basket design, saw early success.

"[The] wedding planner booked her first wedding before the course was over," Smith said.

While SPARK is a pilot program and is still under evaluation, the women continued to receive guidance after the end of the 11 weeks.

"There is a one-year support period," she said.

Despite the program's success, Smith said it was not always easy along the way.

"The most challenging aspect for me was organizing ideas and input from various sources and recruiting over 35 volunteers to run the program," Smith said. "Participants had to make a firm commitment to attend class, to be punctual and dedicate a minimum of eight hours for homework."

Throughout the WEI office organized and ran SPARK this summer, professor Susan Vance from the Business Administration and Economics department had the idea for the program and suggested a model.

"[Vance and the program's volunteers] are the true champions of SPARK," Smith said.

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"It was all safe game-day atmosphere," NDSP arrested seven people Saturday, NDSP Director Phil Johnson said. Outside the stadium, NDSP officers arrested two people for shoplifting, three for criminal trespass and one for indecent exposure and public intoxication. Additionally, he said one man was arrested for public intoxication at the Stadium. "There was an increase in safety on both Friday and Saturday was a safety issue itself."

He said fire and medical teams were "consumed with calls" for heat-related health issues.

Officials started tracking the storm well before the game even started, Seamon said.

"You had such intense heat in front of it and such drastic cold behind it, something was going to give," Seamon said.

"It was about track- ing it, we just had to know it would hit." The storm couldn't have been more "square in the middle" of the game, Seamon said.

"We were hoping [it would hit in the] fourth quarter, but as the day wore on we just knew that wasn't going to be the case," Seamon said.

While Seamon said he was happy with the evacuations overall, he still saw room for improvement.

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"It's been a long-standing policy, longer than anyone here can remember," Seamon said. "Every year we look at it, review it, update it. We're constantly paying attention to it." After severe weather first approached the Stadium, Seamon said stadium official evacuated about 82,000 fans at the end of the first half. Fans bailed in LaFortune Student Center, the Joyce Athletic Center, dormitories and other buildings around campus, waiting to hear that the game would resume.

Saturday's postponement lasted two hours and 10 minutes as the storm approached and then moved over campus, Seamon said.

Seamon estimated about 60,000 to 70,000 fans returned for the second half. Tickets could not be rescinded after the first evacuation, so he could not provide an exact number.

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lot to prove to people.” When he opened for Big Sean, Walter said he proved to his peers he had a future in rap.

“I remember when I stepped out on stage to open for Big Sean, and most of the crowd had never heard of me,” Walter said. “It was funny seeing their faces when I came out, like, ‘Who does this white kid think he is?’ But then I started rapping, and their heads started bobbing, and by the end I had won them over.”

When he was younger, Walter said he developed a love of music from his brother who would play rap songs in the car on the way to school.

“I actually hated it at the time, because it was hard to wake up to Young Buck or Tech N9ne at 6:30 a.m.,” he said. “It all worked out though, because my brother’s love of rap kind of all worked out too, because at 6:30 a.m., ‘It’s time, because it was hard to wake up to Young Buck or Tech N9ne at 6:30 a.m.,” he said. “I have to be prepared to take the step towards music or the business world, and as of now, I’m not sure which way to step.”

For now, Walter said he is putting recording aside to study abroad in Australia this semester.

“I wasn’t able to bring my recording equipment with me, and studio time here is very expensive, so I will not be recording any actual songs until I get back to the States,” he said. “I’ve still been writing and working on beats, though, and I plan on having a lot of material ready to go when I get back.”

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able to achieve that feat. “Our first year of the app [in 2009] had about 25,000 [purchases],” Klimek said. “The next year had double that, We’re on a better track this year than last year and we’re hopeful to double it again if we can.” Reaching the top of Apple’s charts was not a victory easily won, Klimek said. The project began in February 2009 in a RecSports locker room.

“I was talking to [Massey] about a great idea after a pickup basketball game with faculty,” Klimek said. “He liked the idea.”

Massey told Klimek he had experience with programming language, so the two purchased a Mac Mini computer, signed up as Apple developers and began creating the football app.

“It was a lot more effort than we anticipated, but we got our first app out before the 2009 football season,” Klimek said. “The first day in store, it sold 121 units and a week later Apple featured us with eight other football apps.”

Klimek and Massey created another application later that year called “Men’s Bracket 2010” for March Madness. The basketball app was so popular its sales exceeded those of Gridiron, vaulting Men’s Bracket 2010 to the No. 6 spot on the Top Paid Sports App list for two weeks.

Over the past three years, Klimek said he and Massey improved the apps in response to user emails.

“The second year of our March Bracket app, we automated it for an office pool,” Klimek said. “We also felt it was important to support other users with versions of both apps geared for Android. This year we made an iPad version of each.”

The iPad version, he said, was easier to develop than the original version. “In a small screen of an iPhone, you have to worry about font sizes and being very careful with organization,” Klimek said. “The iPad gives more freedom.”

Klimek said he sees many opportunities for new and better apps in the future. He and Massey will continue to create new versions each year of their existing apps and may add a few new sports apps. Along with these two projects, they plan to develop two business apps.

“One of them is a fundraising app to help non-profits in sharing content, accepting electronic donations and managing raffles and auctions,” Klimek said. “The other is for location management to share floor plans and building maps.”

The opportunity to establish and enhance a reputation in the young app market is still available, Klimek said. “I talk to a lot of people who are interested in mobile development and many think the gold rush is over,” Klimek said. “But the app store provides worldwide distribution, and there are very few household names yet. In my view, there are still many opportunities for developers.”

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Authorities say a man who killed five people near Morgantown and ran down an elderly woman in neighboring Pennsylvania also shot and wounded a gas station attendant as he crossed back through West Virginia. He then took his own life in Kentucky.

The path of violence that Shayne Riggleman cut through three states before committing suicide during a police chase was “one of the most heinous crimes I’ve ever witnessed,” State Police Capt. James Merrill said Tuesday.

At a news conference, Merrill would not comment on a motive or say how Riggleman, 22, was connected to any of the five shooting victims at the blood-splattered house a few miles west of Morgantown, where the spree began Monday afternoon.

Charles Richardson Jr., whose son was among the five shooting victims, told The Associated Press he didn’t recognize Riggleman’s name or know his connection to the family. Nor was he aware of his son having trouble with anyone.

Police identified Riggleman’s son worked for FedEx and liked to tinker on vehicles and computers.

The two were not close, he said, even though the elder Rich-ardson lives in a mobile home within sight of his son’s house. He said he spent as much time about his business and his work as “I do not believe that he would’ve wanted," Merrill said. But “I do not believe that he would’ve stopped.”

After leaving the woman around 3:30 p.m., police said, Riggleman crashed into an-other vehicle near Fairchance, and then ran down the elderly female driver as she got out of her car to exchange informa-
tion. Authorities did not identify that victim but said she was se-
riously injured.

Riggleman then fled south on Interstate 79. Merrill said. At an Exxon station near Amma, about 30 miles from the West Virginia state capitol of Charles-ton, Riggleman “randomly shot and severely wounded” atten-
dant Don Nichols, police said.

Nichols, who was in critical condition, is expected to sur-
vive.

Riggleman continued south into Lewis County, Ky., where a deputy tried to pull him over for reckless driving. The deputy chased the driv-
er until he pulled over about a half-mile down the road. The deputy found Riggleman with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Lewis County Sheriff Johnny Bivens said.

Residents of Bunawan town-
ship celebrated when they captured the croc, with about 100 people pulling the feared beast from a creek by rope, then hoisting it by crane onto a truck. While the beast was safely tied up, they examined its teeth, claws and stubby legs with fascination.

Their party may have been premature, however.

After the 20-foot (6.1-me-
ter) reptile was caught over the weekend, authorities said Tuesday an even bigger croco-
dile may still be lurking in creeks of the remote region in Apo
tan Sur province.

The scaly skinned Lolong — which tips the scales at 2,370 pounds (1,075 kilograms) — is estimated to be at least 50 years old. Wildlife officials were trying to confirm whether it was the largest such catch in the world, said Theresa Mun-
dita Lim of the government’s Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau.

It was captured alive after a three-week hunt, easing some fears among the locals. A child was killed two years ago in the township by a crocodile, and a croc is suspected of killing a fisherman who has been miss-
ing since July. Last month, res-
idents saw a crocodile killing a water buffalo.

The party thrown after Lolong’s capture “was like a feast, so many villagers turned up,” said Mayor Edwin Cox Elorde.

Wildlife official Ronnie Sum-
iller, who has hunted “nuisance crocodiles” for 20 years and led the team that captured Lolong, said another search was under way for the possibly larger croc that he and residents have seen in the town’s marshy outskirts.

“There is a bigger one, and it could be the one creating prob-
lems,” Sumiller told The Asso-
ciated Press by telephone from Bunawan, about 515 miles (830 kilometers) southeast of Ma-
nila.

“The villagers were saying 10 percent of their fear was gone because of the first cap-
ture,” Sumiller said. “But there is still the other 90 percent to take care of.”

Backed by five village hunt-
ers he trained, Sumiller has set 20 steel cable traps with an animal carcass as bait in nearby vast marshland and along the creek where Lolong was caught.

Sumiller said he found no human remains when he in-
duced the captured crocodile to vomit.

NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

Transportation Services will be offering two Driver Training Sessions in September for Notre Dame students only.

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Gunman kills 3, self at IHOP

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A gunman wielding an AK-47 opened fire on a table of uniformed National Guard members at an IHOP restaurant on Tuesday in an outburst of violence that killed four people, wounded eight others and put Nevada’s capital city on high alert as the shooter unloaded his assault rifle in a bustling business district.

The shooter’s motive was unclear, but family members said he had mental issues. He had never been in the military and had no known affiliation with anyone inside the restaurant.

Five Nevada National Guard troops sitting together at the back of the restaurant were shot — two of them fatally. Another woman was also killed, and the gunman, 32-year-old Eduardo Sencion of Carson City, shot himself in the head and died at a hospital.

Witnesses and authorities described a frenzied scene, in which the shooter pulled into the large complex of retail stores and shops just before 9 a.m., got out of a blue minivan and an H&R Block and a casino across the street.

“Wish I had shot at him but he was going in the IHOP,” said Ralph Swagler, who grabbed his own weapon, but said it was too late to stop the shooter, who charged into the restaurant to the back area and opened fire, Carson City Sheriff Kenny Furlong said.

When he left the restaurant, he got back in his vehicle, driving around in circles and shooting into the nearby businesses, shattering the windows of a barbecue restaurant and an H&R Block and a casino across the street.

Officers arrived minutes later and found the suspect and the person who was on the motorcycle wounded and lying in the parking lot. The names of the victims, including two male Guard members who were killed, were not immediately released.

As the attack unfolded, Nevada officials worried about the violence being more widespread. They locked down the state Capitol and Supreme Court buildings for about 40 minutes, and put extra security in place at state and military buildings in northern Nevada.

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Texas wildfires kill 4, destroy 1,000 homes

BASTROP, Texas — One of the most devastating wildfire outbreaks in Texas history left more than 1,000 homes in ruins Tuesday and left the state’s firefighting ranks to the limit, confronting Gov. Rick Perry with a major disaster at home just as the GOP presidential contest heats up.

More than 180 fires have erupted in the past week across the rain-starved Lone Star State, and nearly 600 of the homes destroyed since then were lost in one catastrophic blaze in and around Bastrop, near Austin, that raged out of control Tuesday for a third day.

Whipped into an inferno by Tropical Storm Lee’s winds over the weekend, the blaze burned more than 43 square miles, forced the evacuation of thousands and killed at least two people, bringing the overall death toll from the outbreak to at least four.

“We lost everything,” said Willie Clements, whose two-story colonial home in a housing development near Bastrop was reduced to a heap of metal roofing and ash. A piceen was melted. Some goats and turkeys survived, but about 200 chickens and ducks were burned to death in a coop that went up in flames.

On Tuesday, Clements and his family took a picture of their new family album, the 51-year-old Clements said. Perry cut short a presidential campaign trip to South Carolina to deal with the crisis. On Tuesday, he toured a blackened area near Bastrop, which is about 25 miles from Austin.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Orange pants

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As I sat waiting for my theology class to begin Monday I heard whispers coming from behind me. I got nervous. Suddenly I felt like I was in my first grade self. I was again 11 years old with sweaty palms running down my arm. I wasn’t sure what the two girls behind me were talking about, but I had a feeling it was something I would not enjoy. I nervously turned to look at them. Each inaudible sentence seemed to begin with Brandon. It’s hard to describe and makes no sense, but it seemed so logical in that moment. Though I didn’t know what I was feeling is something I can blame on my generation. We are known as the “me generation” after all, so that’s exactly what I was thinking — me, me, me. Why wouldn’t two perfect strangers want to talk about me?

More likely the feeling has something to do with what I’m wearing. For an awkward year or two in middle school I wore orange pants of varying shades almost every day. I wore them because I thought that I somehow, in some way, was communicating to another person how I felt. I didn’t. I ended up communicating that I needed to wipe my brow on my sleeve and I pretended to put deodorant on that morning. I faked a yawn and stretched so that people would think I was tired. I wanted them to think — me, me, me. Why couldn’t they just be two perfect strangers wanting to talk about something other than me?

Whatever the source of the feeling was, it was that again. I, a 20-year-old man, was sitting in a desk that was way too small for my 6-foot-5-inch frame. I was dreaming frantically about what these two girls could be talking about. I decided it was time to surreptitiously check everything I could think of: I pretended to wipe my brow on my sleeve while checking to see if my tag was still in place and I pretended to put deodorant on that morning. I faked a yawn and stretched so that I could see if my tag was hanging out of my shirt, and as I extended my arms fully, I put my fingers through my hair to check if there was any residual bed-head from the night before. I then pulled out my wallet, slowly to ensure no new holes had appeared in my cargo shorts. And I faked a cough to make sure my breath didn’t smell.

Thirty seconds had now passed and I decided it was worth it to see if I even knew the people behind me. Worried about what would happen if I turned around without a reason, I turned my head in my seat as if I were cracking my back. As my spine twisted, two complete strangers came into view.

Forty-five seconds had passed at this point and my patience was finally kicked in. I reasoned out the probability they were talking about me to be one in a zillion. It was incredible, if they were like most Notre Dame students, they were probably talking about football. I began to ease into my chair to prepare for a lecture about love and marriage in my Catholic Church.

Looking back on those brief moments I find it ridiculous that I was even worried about the opinions of two random people. I should be an adult who is not afraid of what others think of me. It seems that I never completely grew up.

Thankfully all I have left is a little childish insecurity, because I don’t think Notre Dame is ready to see me in orange pants.

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Weekly POLL

How long did you stay at the ND vs. USF game? 

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

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I spent last spring as a teaching assis - tant in Morality and Modernity. I was re - sponsible for leading two discussion sec - tions every Friday. My students taught me a great deal — though not what I expected.

After our discus - sions, I wondered that, in teaching my stu - dents the history of modern ethics — in challenging, of course, the very foundations of those ethics — I had drawn them in so many directions, they had mastered, that is, the subtleties of Kant and Nietzsche and Ma - cintyre and yet had missed, in the end, the point that I was trying to make. The point was not that conservative politics are to be championed over lib - eral politics — or, for that matter, that liberal politics are to be championed over conservative politics. Our students were not, in other words, to vote a cer - tain way or to argue others into doing so. Ours was not a boot camp for culture warriors or, indeed, a boot camp of any other kind. Culture wars have to be fought in the first place, they are lost.

The point was not that our students were to choose some particular career — not, in other words, that they ought to upset their parents and go into theater rather than dermatology. Medicine, law, ministry, teaching, research, carpentry and what have you can be noble profes - sions, but ours was not an argument that they ought to join any one of these and thus, somehow, save the world. The world cannot thus be saved, for it is the world itself that it is the problem.

The point was not even that our stu - dents were to champion any particular cause not, at any rate, as the way to repair our civilization. While there are any number of worthy causes to cham - pion, those that can succeed will not fix the fundamental problem with our civi - lization, and those that can fix the funda - mental problem with our civilization cannot succeed. The solution to the funda - mental problem with our civilization is not some variant on that same civiliza - tion.

So what was the point? “You are not who they say you are,” said John Paul the Great. He was, in 1979, speaking to the people of Poland, who were recovering for over 40 years in So - viet slavery — a slavery that was as much spiritual as material. They had been taught that they were fundamentally producers, that their deepest satisfaction would come from labor, from making things — and that, for this, all that was necessary was to reform civilization such that labor relations were finally equal. This was a lie designed to further en - rich and empower the already wealthy and powerful by manipulating those who were neither. While it is true that men cannot be happy without labor, there is so much more to them than this. The cost of this lie in human misery was un - told. But it was not the only lie. John Paul was speaking to all of those who had been destroyed by modernity, and all of its works, and all of its empty promises. Capitalism, for example, had taught men that they were fundamentally consum - ers, that their deepest satisfaction would come from satisfying their desires, from accumulating things — and that, for this, all that was necessary was to reform civi - lization such that economic progress was inevitable. And this too was a lie. While it is true that men cannot be happy without pleasure, there is so much more to them than this. The cost of this lie, while so different as to be incommensurable with that of communism, was nonetheless un - told — and, as is clear from a casual look at advertising or at kindergartners recit - ing the pledge of allegiance, manipula - tion plays its role in this lie as well. And that, for this, all that was necessary was to reform civilization such that economic progress was inevitable. And this too was a lie. While it is true that men cannot be happy without pleasure, there is so much more to them than this.

The point was certainly not that our students were to hate modernity — and especially not that they were to hate sci- entific, economic or historic progress. On this, at least, I hope that we were clear. Modernity — in its science, literature, art, philosophy, politics, economics and so on — is the highest achievement of humanity so far. Our students were not to long for an ancient or medieval world that has passed, for such a longing is as dangerous as it is absurd. This unthink - ing nostalgia played no small part in the nightmare that was, intermittently, the 20th century.

But if modernity is the highest achieve - ment of humanity, it is also its greatest idol — and perhaps this, finally, hints at the point. We have constructed a great and beautiful thing, a civilization in which all men are finally free and equal, and have told ourselves that if we only tweak it here and there, it will finally make us happy. But it will not. In his Canticle for Leibowitz, Walter Miller — who watched the bombing of Monte Cassino into rubble from his position as tail runner in a B-52 — asserts just this: “The closer men came to perfect - ing for themselves a paradise, the more impatient they seemed to become with it, and with themselves as well. They made a garden of pleasure, and became pro - gressively more miserable with it as it grew in richness and power and beauty. For them, perhaps, it was easier for them to see that something was missing in the garden, some tree or shrub that would not grow. When the world was in dark - ness and wretchedness, it could believe in perfection and yearn for it. But when the world became bright with reason and riches, it began to sense the narrowness of the need and that rankled for a world no longer willing to believe or yearn.”

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With hits like "I Think We're Alone Now" and "Crimson and Clover," Tommy James, both as a solo act and with his band the Shondells, has produced 23 gold singles and nine gold and platinum albums.

James will return to Michiana, where he attended high school, to perform with the Shondells this Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Morris Performing Arts Center. I chatted with James about life in the music business over the past 45 years and his recent autobiography, in the works to become both a Hollywood biopic and a Broadway musical.

Alex Kilpatrick: You recently wrote an autobiography, "Me, the Mob and the Music," detailing your music career. Why did you choose this title?

Tommy James: It was the three topics that were covered in the autobiography. The first was about Niles, Mich., where I grew up and how I got into the music business and so forth. Of course, the music is obvious. We wrote about writing the songs and the hit records, so those are the three topics that were covered in the autobiography, and a mixture of rock and roll and moviemaking.

AK: You signed for Roulette Records with Morris Levy in 1966. How would you describe your relationship with Levy's Roulette Records, once we started having hits. Roulette Records, of course we didn't know at the time but we found out after we signed with them, was not only a functioning record label but it was also a front for the Genovese crime family in New York. Of course, this was not known throughout the industry. Some of the insiders knew, some of the disc jockeys and so forth. Of course, the music is obvious. We wrote about the songs and the hit records, so those are the three topics that were covered in the autobiography.

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TJ: When we got to New York, our first record "Hanky Panky" had sort of exploded out of Pittsburgh in 1966, because I had originally recorded it in '64. I grew up in Niles, Mich., and not far from Notre Dame actually. That's where my career began. When "Hanky Panky" exploded out of Pittsburgh unexpectedly in 1966, I had just graduated from high school the year before and went right into New York and almost immediately got signed with Morris Levy, who was the head of Roulette Records.

Morris Levy was a very notorious individual who was called the godfather of the record business, and for very good reason, because he really was. Morris was an associate of the Genovese crime family. Of course, we didn't know that when we had signed with Roulette, and my relationship with Morris can only be described as sort of an abusive father/godfather relationship. A lot of centraizing I mean, I was a very scary guy, about 6 feet 4 inches, weighed 250 pounds, and he was really a very intimidating individual. All of the people around him, who were not musicians, Roulette but who were in his office continuously, were a lot of mobsters, in addition to the people who worked at the record company, so we had to really walk on eggshells the entire time we were at Roulette.

On the other hand, Roulette did sell over 100 million records for us, and we had 23 gold singles on Roulette, as well as nine gold and platinum albums, so I always have these mixed feelings about Roulette and about Morris Levy, because if it wasn't for Morris Levy, there wouldn't have been a Tommy James. And that really is the truth. He sold our records like nobody else. You know what the problem was always getting paid. We ended up being cheated out of between 30 and 40 million dollars. The point is that Morris Levy ran Roulette was a dictator, he was a mobster, he was a thug — he was all those things, but he was also an amazing record man. So I have all these songs that Morris Levy and writing this book and doing this project has been verytherapy for me.

AK: There are plans in the works to turn your autobiography into a Hollywood film, as well as a Broadway play. How do you feel about the prospect of seeing your story on screen or in the theatre?

TJ: It's a little scary to be perfectly honest with you. It's sort of a giddy feeling. I'm giddy about it but I also, on the other hand, am a little bit nervous about it. I mean, I can't imagine what I'm going to feel like opening night of the play, of the musical. As soon as we turned the book in, I almost immediately started getting calls for the movie rights and for the Broadway rights. The Broadway show will be up and running in about 18 months, two years and about six months after that will be the movie. Even though the movie's going to be developed at pretty much the same time, they're going to be out at different times, because they would bump heads obviously. But we are very, very excited. I know I'm very excited about the story coming out as a musical and as a movie. I just am really amazed by all this and still can hardly believe it.

AK: You earned fairly immediate success with songs like "I Think We're Alone Now" and "Mony Mony." How did you adjust to such widespread success at a young age?

TJ: I made it right out of high school and the first six months of my career. I was basically a spectator. It felt like being in the eye of a storm. You're really in over your head when you make it that young and when you're thrown into the entertainment business that young, you just sort of have to take it a step at a time and a day at a time, because that's all you know how to do.

Gradually, I got a little more used to it. I got a producer like buddy Reed and I got behind the screen, New York and was able to make a lot of new records and gradually we started producing our own records and writing our own songs. At Roulette, because of the relationship we had with Roulette, we were the biggest act on the label and so we were sort of given the keys to the candy store. We were allowed to really take charge of our own career.

I was always very thankful for that, because if we had gone with one of the big corporate labels, probably wouldn't have been a one hit wonder, especially with a record like "Hanky Panky" as our first song. At Roulette, they actually let us do, and even though getting paid at a business level was a disaster, at a creator's level it couldn't have been better, because they allowed us to take charge of our own career.

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This Week’s Mix – Irish Mania

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3. “Hike, Notre Dame” — Notre Dame Glee Club
5. “Alma Mater” — Notre Dame Glee Club
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9. “1812 Overture” — Boston Pops

Notre Dame football may not have had the best weekend, but we still have a whole season in front of us. Check out this playlist for your tailgate and pregame traditions. Whether you are grilling in the JACC lot or heckling Michigan fans in Ann Arbor, this playlist will be sure to get your Irish spirit flowing.

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Sports Authority

Why baseball needs playoff expansion

This is the third of a new Observer feature. A series of 10 Observer 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.

Even though I am 40 years younger than the average baseball purist, I am typically fashioned what comes to rule changes for the national pastime. I’m in favor of reducing the amount of interleague play each season. I cringe every time I think about how the All-Star Game determines field home field advantage in the World Series.

I want the desired end hitter to be abolished. So naturally I was not happy when the first murr years ago that a baseball was considering expiring the post season to 10 teams. How could they water down something so special? Overall, the league qualities in both the NBA and NHL, where you are not required to finish 500 to qualify, and the NFL is only a little better, with 12 playoff teams making the playoffs.

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Jaguars part ways with veteran QB Garrard after 9 years

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Da- vid Garrard lost his starting job the same way he got it: Just days before the season opener and in stunning fashion.

The Jacksonville Jaguars released Garrard on Tuesday, making a "pure football deci- sion" that will save the franchise $9 million in 2011.

Whether it saves coach Jack Del Rio's job remains to be seen. Team owner Wayne Weaver has said Jacksonville needs to make the playoffs for Del Rio to stick around for a 10th season.

Del Rio made it clear late last season that he had grown tired of Garrard's inconsistent ways, but the coach remained steadfast through training camp and the preseason that Garrard was his starter. That changed Tues- day, when the Jaguars parted ways with Garrard after nine up-and-down seasons.

He just couldn't get it go- ing," said Del Rio, who added that the team didn't try to trade Garrard. "I had met with him a couple of weeks ago and brought him in and said, 'Hey, listen, you're my guy. I need you to get it going.' He was given ev- ery opportunity. He was some- what apologetic that he wasn't able to deliver.

Del Rio turned the start- ing job over to Luke McCown, who outplayed Garrard and rookie Blaine Gabbert in the preseason. Playing mostly with and against second- and third- teamers, McCown completed 12 of 18 passes for 133 yards, with two touchdowns, no intercep- tions and no sacks.

"I was shocked by the deci- sion," tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "They obviously felt it was time to go in a different direc- tion. Luke had a great camp, everyone knows that, and now he's the guy. There's no drop- off. We believe in Luke and we're going to rally around him."

Garrard missed the pre- season opener because of a sore back, but started the final three games. He completed 50 percent of his passes for 216 yards, with no touchdowns and an interception. He was sacked three times.

Garrard didn't return phone or text messages seeking com- ment, but he thanked fans on his Twitter feed.

"Thank you jaguar fans for an awesome ride! You are the best fans ever," he wrote. "You'll al- ways have a special place in my heart and my family's heart!"

The move was similar to what Del Rio did in 2007, when he re- leased Byron Leftwich in favor of Garrard after the preseason finale. Garrard played well that season, throwing 18 touchdown passes and just three intercep- tions. He's been average since, with 53 TDs and 38 INTs over the last three seasons. He also has been sacked 117 times in that span.

His performance late last season was one of the final straws.

With running back Maurice Jones-Drew sitting out against Washington, the Jaguars put the game on Garrard's shoul- ders and he struggled to han- dle the load. He failed to read Washington's choked defensive schemes and nearly ended the day with five turnovers.

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He ended the night with an ani- mated exchange with his offen- sive line on the sideline.

That, too, had become an is- sue inside the facility, with Gar- rand pointing the finger more often than taking the blame.

Del Rio called Garrard a middle-tier quarterback after the 2009 season, and Weaver challenged him to do more with teammates that offseason.

Garrard did. He responded by setting the franchise record for touchdowns passes in a sea- son (23), enjoyed five of the best eight games of his career, and led the Jaguars to several late wins. But he struggled down the stretch.

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Networking Reception
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4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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Heritage Hall, Joyce Center
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Thursday, September 8
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Planner Hall
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tennis

Steady rain brings 54 matches to halt at U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A little after 3 p.m. Tuesday, Rafael Nadal settled in at a table in the U.S. Open player’s cafeteria and sprinkled some salt on his lunch of salmon and rice.

The day’s work for the defending champion was complete, consisting of a 1½-hour practice session indoors at Flushing Meadows instead of his scheduled fourth-round match outdoors, because steady rain washed out all of Tuesday’s action.

Sitting a couple of seats away, Toni Nadal — Rafael’s uncle and coach — laughed at a question about the scary scene during a post-match news conference over the weekend, when his nephew grimaced and called for a trainer’s help for right leg cramps, then slid out of his chair to the floor.

“He’s perfectly healthy, with no problems at all,” Uncle Toni said. “He’s good. Practice was normal yesterday, and normal today.”

During last year’s run to his first U.S. Open title, Nadal served 38 aces in three matches, and six in his opener alone.

“In the first round, he played no good. He made so many mistakes. He was broken so much. But after, he played so much better,” Uncle Toni said. “I’m not worried about his serve. His serve isn’t a problem.”

Indeed, their biggest concern suddenly is when the weather will allow players to get back on court. As it is, the men in the second-seeded Nadal’s half of the draw — such as No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 21 Andy Roddick and No. 28 John Isner — could be forced to play four matches in five days, or even worse.

“We would prefer to play today, because after not playing today, every day is one day less,” Uncle Toni said. “That makes it more complicated.”

The men in the other half of the field, including No. 1 Novak Djokovic and 16-time major champion Roger Federer, already have progressed to the quarterfinals.

“It’s a huge advantage for the top half right now. They have one match to play in the next four days, and the other guys have two — and then they’ll have two more after that,” said U.S. Davis Cup captain Jim Courier, a four-time Grand Slam title winner. “It’s the luck of the draw.”

There is no permanent or retractable roof on any court used for matches at the U.S. Open, unlike at Wimbledon and the Australian Open. The French Open announced plans to install a retractable roof on center court by 2016.

Citing financial concerns and technical complexities, the U.S. Tennis Association says it doesn’t have plans to put a roof on Arthur Ashe Stadium, although it is still studying possible options. Past estimates put the cost of a roof at $150 million to $200 million.

And so wet weather affects plans at the year’s last Grand Slam tournament, where rain pushed the men’s final back a day to Monday in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The two-week U.S. Open began Aug. 29, and is scheduled to end Sunday.

Tuesday was the first time this year, postponing a total of 54 matches — four in the men’s singles, two in the quarterfinals of women’s singles, along with doubles and juniors — at least until Wednesday, when the forecast predicts more rain.

The men’s matches originally set for Tuesday were Nadal against unseeded Gilles Muller of Luxembourg; Beddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, against No. 5 David Ferrer of Spain; Isner against No. 12 Gilles Simon of France; and three-time Grand Slam finalist Murray against No. 12 Andrea Petkovic — and the other two women’s quarterfinals — Djokovic vs. No. 11 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

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Those six matches now are on Wednesday’s schedule, plus the other two women’s quarterfinals — 13-time major champion Serena Williams vs. No. 17 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, and No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki vs. No. 10 Andrea Petkovic — and the first two men’s quarterfinals — Djokovic vs. No. 20 Janko Tipsarevic, and Federer vs. No. 1 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

“Water gathers on the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium during the U.S. Open on Tuesday. The day’s matches were cancelled.”

On behalf of the University of Notre Dame, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the students, alumni, season ticket holders, faculty, staff, friends and fans who braved two weather related delays to cheer on the FIGHTING IRISH this past Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Your steadfast dedication and support is impressive and highly appreciated.

GO IRISH!

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Athletic Director

Brian Kelly
Head Football Coach
Wilson Leads Rangers to Shutout of Tampa Bay

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — C.J. Wilson got his first career shutout on a record-setting night for his former team.

Wilson threw a five-hitter, David Murphy drove in four runs and the AL West-leading Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-0 on Tuesday night.

“He told us in the fifth inning that he was going to finish,” Texas manager Ron Washington said. “I feel like I’ve done that behind the scenes and I will continue doing so.”

Murphy finished with four hits and Tampa Bay. Adrian Beltre hit a sacrifice fly and Wilson got his first career shutout of Tampa Bay on a record-setting night for the Texas Rangers.

Wilson was working on a perfect game in last Thursday’s 7-2 win over the Rays when Casey Kotchman’s infield hit went off the pitcher’s left index finger in the sixth. Wilson departed after the inning.

“It’s not 100 percent,” Wilson said. “I think that’s why earlier in the game I had a little bit of trouble with the control. But it’s getting there.”

Kotchman got Tampa Bay’s first hit Tuesday when he flared an opposite-field single to left with one out in the second. Wilson induced an inning-ending double play from Kotchman with two on in the fourth.

Leading off for the Rays was a Jayson Nix sacrifice fly to right to score the first run Saturday.

Wilson struck out nine and walked two.

“Just my approach,” Wilson said. “It’s not 100 percent. It’s not perfect. It’s not a 70 percent or a 60 percent. It’s just what I have.”

Wilson (9-8) gave up seven hits and walked three. “I was just giving it my best and that’s all I can do. For right now it feels good to have a fresh start.”

Edwards leads in extra time

A Cleveland judge spared him jail time in July but extended his Ohio probation by one year for violating terms by driving drunk in New York City last September.

In January 2010, he pleaded no contest in Cleveland to disorderly conduct after being accused of punching a friend of NBA star LeBron James.

While on his 18-month probation from the Cleveland case, Edwards was charged with driving while intoxicated in his Land Rover in Manhattan in September 2010. Police said his blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

He was linked to a bar fight in Michigan last month, but the 49ers said Tuesday they had been informed by the league that there would be no disciplinary action taken against Edwards, who later tweeted that he was fined.

“I guess the good news is out 49er faithfuils, no subpenion. I did get fined but I am in agreement and happy to move on,” Edwards said via his Twitter account.

Edwards is working each day to do right.

“More so just enjoying for right now it’s not looking for much into the future,” Edwards said. “I’m just enjoying it day to day, week to week. I think that’s all you can do. For right now it feels good to have a fresh start.”

Edwards’ new teammates against the Cowboys didn’t seem too concerned about any past problems as long as he continued to exhibit the same focus and work ethic.
to recruit a player, never mind admit them, are very high and that obviously eliminates a lot of great players — we estimate up to 75 percent of the talent pool,” Kubinski said. “But at the same time we want to recruit the right kids, ones who will be a good fit for the team and for the University.

Going along with the general trend in college athletics, the recruiting schedule has advanced over Kubinski’s seven years at Notre Dame, with schools and players seeking earlier commitments. Though he can’t contact amateur players until Sept. 1, Kubinski contacts the top players in the country. Each September, he contacts the top 100 players in the country, players that he has seen over the summer on national junior tours and on trips squeezed in between practice and competition from other universities, the sieve through which potential recruits are sifted is very fine. What falls through, Kubinski hopes, will be pure gold.

“We do not want to lose the top players in the country,” Kubinski said. “But at the same time, we are targeting the same kids that they are. “

Though Kubinski is limited in his ability to give early offers by Notre Dame’s strict academic standards, that does not stop him from going after the top players in the country. Each Sept. 1, Kubinski contacts the top 100 players in the country, players that he has seen over the summer on national junior tours and on trips squeezed in between practice and competition during the year.

“Of the few hundred or so that we contact, we end up offering spots to about three or four golfers,” Kubinski said. “We usually land about 50 percent of our offers.”

Unlike football or basketball, golf is a tough sport for a recruit to play. Although the National Golf Foundation predicts 2012 recruiting class to be pure gold, it used to be that players that he has seen over the summer on national junior tours and on trips squeezed in between practice and competition from other universities, the sieve through which potential recruits are sifted is very fine. What falls through, Kubinski hopes, will be pure gold.

“I think that since it’s such a big tournament and there are such good teams that are going to be there, being the host puts a little bit more pressure on us to do well,” Natalie Matuszak, Senior captain, said.

“We have to do in order to hope—

"It is a really good preview of what we need to work on and what it's like to travel to a good tournament," she said.

But the role of host can also be a disadvantage for the Belles.

“I think it’s a really good preview of what it’s like to play with the top teams in the country and improving upon last year’s NCAA champion for the Belles. “

Although the National tournament is not until May, the Belles have already set their sights on making their consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and improving upon last year’s fourth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and improving upon last year’s fourth place finish. Methodist University, last year’s NCAA champion for Division III, will be among the participants at this year’s O’Brien Invitational.

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Roster

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For the less experienced players seeking earlier commitments, the Belles have already set their sights on making their consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and improving upon last year’s fourth place finish. Methodist University, last year’s NCAA champion for Division III, will be among the participants at this year’s O’Brien Invitational.

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cited that production as the major reason Rees earned the nod for Saturday’s clash at Michigan.

“Tommy was very productive in the second half,” Kelly said. “The quarterback gets way too much blame and way too much praise … [Crist] didn’t have a lot of help on Saturday. You know, it wasn’t all Dayne Crist. Unfortunately it falls on the quarterback as the leader to be productive. That’s why we went with this decision.”

Kelly said the decision was not an easy one to make, especially following a protracted battle for the position that started in the spring and continued throughout most of fall camp.

“Any time you take your quarterback out, those aren’t easy decisions, because they impact so many things that you’re doing,” Kelly said. “Any time you take your starting quarterback out, that’s not a good situation. [It was] a very difficult situation that I felt needed to be addressed.”

Fixing the mistakes

A number of Irish players made uncharacteristic mistakes against South Florida, but Kelly expressed confidence that those players would be able to rebound come Saturday.

Irish junior wide receiver Theo Riddick lost one fumble on a punt return and looked uncomfortable returning punts all game. Riddick also struggled as a receiver, dropping a number of passes. Kelly said the key for Riddick was not allowing himself to get down mentally.

“Theo,” Kelly said. “The thing that he has to work on, obviously, is his body language. You know, he can’t get down on himself. We’re going to keep coming to him. He’s going to be our guy. He’s got to fight through a very difficult set of circumstances that were presented to him.”

Irish senior running back Jonas Gray lost a red-zone fumble early in the game that was returned for a touchdown. Despite the mistake, Gray will continue to see the ball.

“He’s got to go back out there,” Kelly said. “He’s got to play for us. He’s physically able to do it. Mentally he’s got to be able to do it. We’re not sitting him down. He’s got to play for us against Michigan, and he’s got to play for us all year.”

Irish junior quarterback Gunner Kiel struggled during the contest, a problem also seen in sophomore Tommy Rees.

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17. Tricky driving condition
18. Tax-exempt
20. Times Roman
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**FOOTBALL**

**Sophomore Switch**

**Kelly names Rees starter for Saturday**

By ALLAN JOSEPH  
Sports Editor

Two weeks to the day after naming senior Dayne Crist the starting quarterback and after only two quarters with Crist as starter, Irish coach Brian Kelly announced Tuesday that sophomore Tommy Rees would be the starter moving forward.

"Look, nobody wants to go in and change their quarterbacks each and every week. That's just not the way you play this game," Kelly said. "So we did come to this decision thinking 'well, he'll give us one game and we'll go back to Dayne.' That's obviously not why we made that decision. We believe that Tommy is capable of leading this football team, just as I believed strongly that Dayne is capable."

Rees threw for nearly 300 yards in the second half of Notre Dame's 23-20 loss to South Florida Sept. 3, and Kelly called it his "nicest game of the season so far." Rees replaced Crist on a 4th-and-1 run, and Crist was seen in the tunnel on the sideline, according to Inside Notre Dame. Kelly said Crist "missed his read" and "wasn't able to get it going." Crist, however, had been "the starter moving forward." With Rees named the starter, Crist is "still on the roster," Kelly said. "He's still playing, and he'll compete for the job."

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles maintain unblemished record after thrilling victory**

By VICKY JACOBSEN  
Sports Writer

Two goals in the final 10 minutes broke a 1-1 tie and led Saint Mary's to a thrilling 3-1 victory over Manhattan.

With less than eight minutes left in the tie game, first-year forward Kelly Wilson set up senior captain Katelyn Tondo-Steele, who sent a rocket of a shot into the corner of the net. Four minutes later, sophomore midfielder Mad- die Meckes, assisted by first year Abby Garcia, poked the ball into the corner of the goal. Although not as dramatic as Tondo-Steele's goal, the final score sealed the victory for the Belles (3- 0).

Belles coach Michael Joyce was pleased to collect another victory for the Belles, who reached a 3-0 record for the first time since 2007. But Joyce was especially glad to see some of the techniques the Belles had worked on at practice pay off in competition.

"A couple of [goals] came off crosses, and we'd like to use that as one of our ways of attack, finish off crosses and get down into the corners," Joyce said. "That's something we've been concentrating on so it's nice to finish off a couple of crosses. The other [goal] came off a nice combination from a couple of forwards, and it was nice to see the forwards on the same page early and getting used to connecting and combining for goals."

Sophomore forward Jordan Diffenderfer scored the first goal of the game on a cross from sophomore forward Kaelin Teichman, giving Saint Mary's the lead with six minutes left in the first half. In the second half, the Spartans (1-1) showed some life as they scored with just over 20 minutes to go.

The Belles also threatened with 14 minutes left in the game when junior midfielder Ashley Morfin shot the ball into the corner of the net. Joyce said that this type of pressure is something she wants to see more of.

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**SMC GOLF**

**Invitational brings top competition to Warren**

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

The Belles prepare to host the third annual O’Brien National Invitational tournament this weekend, which welcomes the top nine teams in Division III golf.

Saint Mary's (0-1) may have to slightly adjust its expectations for the tournament, though, with an undersized roster that lacks several players who were studying overseas for the semester.

"We want to win, of course, but I don’t think we are going to be really disappointed if we don’t," senior captain Natalie Matuszek said. "We want to do well, and I think we are taking this as a learning experience for the younger girls who haven’t been in the top five before, because most of the team hasn’t."

Coming off a defeat in their first match of the fall season, the Belles are hoping to use the Invitational as an early season chance to improve their game. "We have a new coach this year," Joyce said. "We'll see how it goes and how we can improve."

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Kalamazoo edges SMC in five sets**

Observer Staff Report

The Belles were hit hard in their conference opener against Kalamazoo, losing 3-1 (28-26, 25-20, 23-25, 15-18).

Saint Mary's (1-4, 0-1 MIAA) had a lead in the first set, pulling a quick 19-12 lead thanks to a kill by first-year outside hitter Kati Schneider. From there, the Belles struggled against the Hornets until Kalamazoo tied it at 24. Kalamazoo pulled ahead 25-24, but the set was deflected by a kill from junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien.

The Hornets offense proved to be too much for the Belles and the Hornets took the first set with three straight points, ending the set with a score of 28-26.

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