Students prepare for 2011 Fall Career Expo

Career Center optimistic despite economic climate

By VICTORIA MORENO
News Writer

Students will trade their jeans and flip-flops for suits and Notre Dame-engraved resume folders as they head to the 2011 Career Center’s Fall Career Expo.

Notre Dame’s annual Expo shows that the University refuses to be a passive participant in the current economic climate, said Lee Svete, director of the Career Center.

“In the midst of a stagnant economy and poor jobs report released last week, Notre Dame welcomes 149 employers and more than 300 recruiters to this career fair,” he said.

Approximately 2,000 students are expected to attend the fair, held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Field House, Svete said.

Junior Jenna Richman, a management and consulting major, is among the attendees. Of course I’m worried, she said.

At last year’s Career Expo, students mingled and networked with future employers. Current juniors and seniors are preparing for this year’s Expo in the hope of securing an internship this summer or a job after graduation. This year’s Career Center Fall Career Expo will be held Thursday, September 8, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic Center.

Survey researches social networks

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Two hundred freshmen, new to campus and college life, received a special gift when they came to college in August: a free smartphone.

Researches from Notre Dame’s Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications (iCeNSA) and the Wireless Institute gave the incoming students cell phones to monitor how social networks change and form over time.

Called the “NetSense Project,” the study will examine how social networks spread ideas and information from one person to another, according to the iCeNSA website.

Selected students were loaned the Nexus S 4G smartphone, along with a plan from Sprint that includes unlimited texting, unlimited data, unlimited voice calls to and from other cellular telephones and unlimited night and weekend calls.

David Hachen, associate professor of sociology, Co-Director of iCeNSA and a senior investigator for the project, said the study, which is funded by a grant through the National Science Foundation, has been in the works for a while.

“This is a really big study and we’ve been thinking about trying to do this for a number of years,” he said.

Hachen said Notre Dame is a great location for social network research because of its diverse student population — most students don’t arrive knowing more than a few people from high school.

“Most people, when they come to Notre Dame, don’t really know each other. It’s a really big study,” he said.

By EMMA RUSSELL
News Writer

On the third floor of O’Shaughnessy Hall there lies a little-known oasis of plush, comfortable furniture, free snacks and honors students galore — the Glynn Family Honors Lounge.

“The idea behind the Honors Lounge is to provide a forum for us to get together with other honors students and discuss intellectual topics,” sophomore honors student Sarah Cahalan said.

“It’s a quiet, community-based, comfortable place to study or relax between classes,” she said.

Glynn Family Honors Lounge benefits students

By EMMA RUSSELL
News Writer

The Honors Lounge is an especially convenient study space for honors students living off-campus, senior Elissa Gmouth said.

“As an off-campus honors student, the lounge is my base for when I’m on campus, a place I can sit down and do work or relax between classes,” she said.

“One of the most coveted perks of the Honors Lounge is the free food. There is Panera Bread on Mondays and Wednesdays, and cookies on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week. My roommates and I are always fighting over the cookies,” Gmouth said.

Callie Merriam, another sophomore in the Glynn Family Honors Program, said the lounge there about three times a week and enjoys the social aspect of the lounge.

You start to see people from your classes that you don’t know very well, and you start talking to them, she said. “It’s a great way for honors students to connect.”

Career Center helps Arts & Letters majors find jobs

By NICOLE TOCZAUR
News Writer

As summer ends and the semester sets in, students will enter the race for next year’s internships and jobs.

With hundreds of students prepping their suits and science majors compiling research experience, the Career Center in the College of Arts & Letters fair in the competition?

Lee Svete, director of the Notre Dame Career Center, said while statistics do ebb and flow with the economy, they remain mostly constant for Arts & Letters majors.

“I think what gives me hope is when you come to a great school like this, you can take advantage of the resources,” Svete said.

“You realize it’s hard work, but it’s not impossible.”

For Arts & Letters seniors who graduated last May, 38 percent accepted job offers, 35 percent entered graduate school and 21 percent, the highest of any college, entered non-profits.
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SMC president speaks to first-year students

By COLLEEN QUIGLEY

As a 1972 Saint Mary's College alumna, Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney has “distinct memories” of her time as a first-year student.

She gave advice to this year’s first-year students in the O’Laughlin Auditorium Wednesday.

“[Going to college] is a changing point in one’s life,” she said to the crowd.

The experience of Saint Mary’s was life-changing, she said. She may have come into college feeling like she didn’t belong and didn’t know anyone, but her time at SMC changed her opinions.

“I hope all of you will leave [Saint Mary’s] with a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty and complexity of the created world,” she said.

Mooney’s words were comforting, first-year student Ally Darragh said.

“I will get a special education here because at other schools, we would just be numbers,” Darragh said. “We would learn only the facts of a given subject instead of gaining different perspectives and becoming well rounded.”

Mooney told students she wanted them to go beyond awe and wonder with their time at Saint Mary’s.

“I hope you will gain a deeper understanding of what it is to be human and [gain a] capacity to put yourselves in the shoes of another and have empathy for her situation,” she said. “Learning to be competent is the easiest part of the job.”

Aneth Batamuliza, a first-year, said she believes the speech reaffirmed her decision to come to Saint Mary’s.

“As I’m leaving Saint Mary’s in four years, I will have discovered my potential and gained what I couldn’t have gotten at any other college,” Batamuliza said. “It is such a blessing that I am here.”

Mooney told students she also wants them to develop a spiritual life at college.

“It is not alright to be content with the answers that sufficed in childhood,” she said. All of these factors combined are why Mooney chose a liberal arts education, she said.

“You are here to learn not just a collection of facts … but also here to learn important things,” she said.

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ND honored for sustainability

By ABI HOVERMAN

Notre Dame’s sustainability practices rank among the top 91 higher education institutions in the US and Canada, according to a recent Silver rating from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

Notre Dame voluntarily participated in the evaluation as a charter member after the program’s founders, the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), approached them last summer, said Erin Hafner, programs manager for the Office of Sustainability.

“We saw STARS as a tool to evaluate where we are as far as sustainability goes, and to push us to continue to improve, because it helps us to see some of the areas where we’re lacking,” she said.

According to AASHE, the comparable nature of STARS encourages cooperation between universities in developing sustainability programs across the country. Notre Dame’s Office of Sustainability was created in 2008.

“[Sustainability coordinators] hold conferences annual-ly, call each other and ask how their programs work on their campuses,” Hafner said. “It’s a collaborative atmosphere in sustainability. There are many universities that still don’t have sustainability efforts.”

The University failed to receive STARS top Gold rating for a variety of specific shortcomings on the survey, which Hafner said are being addressed before STARS reevaluates in three years.

“We have a fairly new sustainability program,” Hafner said. “Some of the areas they look at we don’t have robust programs in yet.”

In the education category, Notre Dame received only 3.13 out of 20 points for Sustainability Focused and Related Courses. Hafner said that because the survey was completed in August before the fall semester began, the new Sustainability Minor was not considered.

“Any majors or minors will help us. I only foresee this area growing in the next few years,” she said. “There are lots of professors interested in research and teaching in this area so these programs will only continue to grow.”

Notre Dame also scored poorly in Building Energy Consumption, which Hafner said would be improved with upcoming renovations, such as retrofitting heating, ventilation, cooling and lighting systems, paid for with a conservation investment.

“We are in the middle of a $10 million investment in energy conservation measures,” she said. “By the time the survey comes around again we will be able to see an improvement (in building efficiency).”

Points were also missed in the Clean and Renewable Energy category.

“We’re still trying to find how renewable energy fits Notre Dame,” she said.

Hafner said the University currently has thin-film and traditional solar panels on the roofs of Fitzpatrick and Stinson-Bemick Halls, in addition to the new wind turbine on top of the power plant. The projects will be evaluated to see which energy sources work best in this region.

Looking forward, Hafner said she is hopeful Notre Dame will continue to improve in sustainability to join institutions like Duke, Emory and New York Universities in a STARS Gold rating after the next evaluation.

“We will be able to develop these programs so in three years we will be able to check the ‘yes’ boxes on the survey,” Hafner said. “We’re going to still work towards our main goals of reducing our carbon footprint, reducing the amount of waste we use, and educating about sustainability.”

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Hesburgh Library Quadrangle
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Rain site: Purcell Pavilion, Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center
Candlelight procession following to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
College student government helps with Hurricane Irene

By JILLIAN BARWICK  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) is taking donations this week for all the victims of Hurricane Irene.

Seniors Liz Leeuw, community commissioner, and Ana- bel Cañatena, international commissioner, set up a collection post inside the Noble Family Dining Hall. “We seem to be receiving a good amount of donations so far,” Cañatena said. “By the end of the week we hope that everyone who passes through the dining hall will be donating.”

Once these donations have been collected, Leeuw and Cañatena will send them to the American Red Cross. The Red Cross will take the donations and give them to the areas that were hit the hardest by Irene.

“Most of the girls at Saint Mary’s that see our efforts are very appreciative of what we are doing because it hits home for many of them,” Leeuw said. “We have many students here who are from the East Coast, and many were affected by the storm.”

Leeuw and Cañatena organized this event together after the vice president of the SGA showed them an email on Hurricane Irene relief efforts from the American Red Cross. Cañatena mentioned to Leeuw that they should do something about it at Saint Mary’s.

“We were not personally affected by Irene, but many of our friends were,” Leeuw said. “The American Red Cross is a great organization to send donations to and we knew that collecting donations from the students at Saint Mary’s was the right thing to do for the victims.”

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People and academic aspects, at least for the free food. "While some people enjoy the perks of being an honors student, others who are not members of the Honors Program have slightly different reactions to the lounge. "It's a kind of weird that they have their own lounge," junior Kelly Deweese said. "It seems a little unfair to treat the honors kids better than the rest of the students. Everyone here is smart and works hard, so why treat the honors kids like an elite class?" Cmunt said she agrees that generally all Notre Dame students are bright, hard-working people. "The spiel the Honors Program gives about being a part of the best and brightest of Notre Dame students," she said. "But I've met so many incredibly intelligent students outside of the program that it's clear that's not the whole truth." Cmunt did, however, say her honors classes were quite challenging. "What is true is that the honors classes have, by far, been some of the most challenging I've taken in my college career," she said. "The lounge simply gives us a place to relax and study for those classes."

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"I am a liberal arts major and I think the Career Fair is more for students with business majors," Harbrick said. Senior Jill Kapturowski also felt that the Career Fair appeals to business-oriented students. "I am planning on getting my master's in nursing, so I don't see the point in going to the Career Fair," she said. "If graduate school doesn't work out, then I will worry about getting a job."

Still, many students view the Fall Career Expo as a step toward their future and hope to make a connection with an employer or secure a job opportunity, senior Anne Kaifes, a marketing major, said. "I went to the Career Center and met with my advisor to work on my resume and interviewing skills," Kaifes said. "I am also attending the marketing networking event the day before the Career Fair to get some extra practice in a professional environment."

Senior Andrew Dupont, a management entrepreneur major, said he prepared for the Expo with the help of more than just his advisor and the Career Center. "It took a lot of prayer and discernment, some talk with my friend Sydney and a quick check of my horoscope for me to place as I was supposed to," Dupont said. "Oh — I also updated my resume."
MEMPHIS — A juvenile with first-degree murderer in the Aug. 10 stabbing of Suzette York in a classroom at Memphis Junior Academy on the third day of classes. The 49-year-old principal was found deceased in a classroom at Memphis Junior Academy on the third day of classes.

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WASHINGTON — Fights large and small await Congres- s as it gets back to busi- ness. A welfare bill, a payroll tax cut, defense budget cuts topping a contentious agenda that also includes a lengthy re-teuter-cahky pro- file but must-do items that also give parts of partisan gridlock. "The drawdown has begun," Navy Capt. John Kirby, a Penta- gon spokesman, told report- ers. He referred to the depart- ure from Iraq this week of about 700 members of a head- quarters unit. Their departures mark the start of the with- drawal of the final 46,000 U.S. troops there. Yet to be decided is the size and mission of any stay-behind contingent. The Iraqi govern- ment said last month that it is interested in negotiating the terms for a U.S. military group to continue training Iraqi forc- es beyond Dec. 31, when the last U.S. troops are to have departed under a 2008 agreement. The administration is consid- ering a number of options that could leave several thousand troops in Iraq to do training and possibly other missions. If the Iraqis decide they don’t need a reinforced U.S. training contingent, then only about 150 U.S. military members would remain in Iraq next year as part of the U.S. Embassy’s Office of Security Cooperation. They would help train Iraqis on new military equipment like battle tanks. James F. Jeffrey, the U.S. ambas- sador in Iraq, said Wednes- day that a proposal to keep 3,000 troops in Iraq next year, as reported by some news or- ganizations, has “no official status or credibility.” Jeffrey said that proposal has been a part of ongoing discussions in Baghdad where both gov- ernments have been weighing whether up to 10,000 US forces should stay beyond Dec. 31. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, who will take over as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the end of the month, said Wednes- day that he hasn’t been part of the internal deliberations on the drawdown. At a ceremony, Dempsey was asked about re- ports that the U.S. might leave as few as 3,000 troops in Iraq. “I haven’t been exposed to the number,” he said, adding that “we should all realize that the Iraqi government will also have a say in what size struc- ture and what size force should remain and for what purposes.” On Capitol Hill, a senior State Department nominee said the administration has made no final decision on how many troops it may keep in Iraq. Wendy Sherman told her Sen- ate confirmation hearing that the issue centers on Iraqi gov- ernment interest in U.S. mili- tary trainers. Sherman is the nominee to become the under- secretary of state for policy. Some Republicans in Con- gress are advocating a much larger U.S. military presence in Iraq beyond 2011. They argue that a smaller presence would cause the plan was still being finalized and some propos- als could still be subject to change. "The White House is also considering a tax credit for businesses that hire the un- employed, an extension of public works projects such as school construction. Obama’s speech dovetails with the launch of a bipar- tisan deficit-reduction panel that will hold its first meeting Thursday and spark expectations that it can be success- ful in a highly partisan cli- mate infused with heavy doses of presidential politics. In the Senate, the political tit-for-tat started immediately after the opening prayer Tues- day. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell predicted Obama’s speech on jobs leg- islation to a joint session of Congress would include “more of the same failed approach that’s only made things worse over the past few years.” He spoke a few moments af- ter the Senate’s top Democrat, Harry Reid of Nevada, had said that Republicans, rather than working with Democrats to produce job-creating legis- lation, insist on “reckless cuts to hurt our economic recov- ery.” The deficit panel’s deadline isn’t until late November. But in the short term, there’s a need for legislation required to simply keep spending at current levels running past Sept. 30. That includes a stopgap bill to avoid a government shut- down and short-term exten- sions of highways and aviation programs needed to head off widespread layoffs of con- struction workers. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., offered an olive branch in a letter to Obama in which they wrote that neither party would win all it wants from the coming debate over expiring legislation. “We should not approach this as an all-or-nothing situa- tion,” they said, striking a con- ciliatory tone. Explore the CTCA Management Fellowship Program As one of the nation’s most innovative, patient focused health care organizations, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) has more than 20 years of experi- ence managing the full spectrum of cancer care services in a hospital setting. We invest heavily in developing talent through our Management Fellowship, a two year accelerated leadership program comprised of rotations at CTCA hospitals and other entities across the globe. Management Fellows lead high impact projects that are core to CTCA busi- ness functions. 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**Economists weigh in on plan**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First, do no harm. Economists say the most important part of the jobs plan President Barack Obama will unveil Thursday night is the renewal of two measures already in place — a cut in Social Security taxes and emergency aid for the unemployed.

His new proposals, like spending more for transportation projects and cutting taxes for companies that hire the unemployed, probably wouldn’t add many jobs, they say. Not soon, anyway.

“These are not bold, new, big programs,” says Nariman Behravesh, chief economist with IHS Global Insight. “You put everything together, it’s going to be pretty small.”

The job market needs big help. In August, the economy generated zero job growth. And the unemployment rate is 9.1 percent, a level more typical for a recession than for a recovery in its third year.

For Obama, who also faces sinking approval ratings as he enters its third year.

“Their plan was still being shaped Wednesday. Here are the ideas the White House is considering:

- Extending, for one year, a cut in the payroll tax that supports Social Security. The cut, part of a deal struck last December by Obama and Republicans, reduces the tax by 4.2 percent on the first $106,800 a person makes. That amounts to $1,000 a year for someone earning $50,000.

- Keeping the tax cut would cost the government $110 billion to $115 billion. The research firm Macroeconomic Advisers estimates it would support 400,000 jobs in 2012.

- The theory: More money in people’s pockets increases demand for goods and services across the economy, and businesses have to hire new workers to meet the demand.

- The problem is that keeping the tax cut doesn’t create jobs people didn’t expect to get.

- “It’s in the ‘Do no harm’ camp,” says economist Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute. “We have that support now, so it’s not going to gain us anything. It’s just a matter of: If we let it go, we lose.”

Critics of this approach also point out that the extra money in people’s paychecks this year has mostly been eaten up by higher gasoline prices. “Continuing the payroll tax cut is pretty tempting,” says John Makin, economist at the American Enterprise Institute. “But I have to ask, if I look at the results, is it worth an increase in the deficit and debt?”

- Keeping emergency unemployment benefits for another year. Unemployment checks put money in the hands of people who are likely to spend it immediately, helping businesses and making them more likely to hire.

- Macroeconomic Advisers estimates that another year of unemployment benefits would support 200,000 jobs in 2012.

Critics say unemployment benefits discourage some people from aggressively seeking work. Researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco have concluded that unemployment benefits keep the unemployment rate about 0.4 percentage point higher than it would be otherwise.

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Economists point out that the extra money in people’s paychecks this year has mostly been eaten up by higher gasoline prices. “Continuing the payroll tax cut is pretty tempting,” says John Makin, economist at the American Enterprise Institute. “But I have to ask, if I look at the results, is it worth an increase in the deficit and debt?”

- Keeping emergency unemployment benefits for another year. Unemployment checks put money in the hands of people who are likely to spend it immediately, helping businesses and making them more likely to hire.

- Macroeconomic Advisers estimates that another year of unemployment benefits would support 200,000 jobs in 2012.

Critics say unemployment benefits discourage some people from aggressively seeking work. Researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco have concluded that unemployment benefits keep the unemployment rate about 0.4 percentage point higher than it would be otherwise.

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The outbreak has made this the state’s costliest wildfire season on record, with $216 million in firefighting expenses since late 2010.

“The crisis is unfolding day by day, and the number of homes lost reached almost 800, and an elite search team set out to find any victims in the smoking ruins,” said a volunteer firefighter.

“Gov. Rick Perry, meanwhile, resumed his presidential campaign after rushing home over the weekend to deal with the crisis, traveling to California to meet his Republican rivals Wednesday night in his first nationally televised debate.”

“There has to be two people dead — their bodies would be found on Tuesday — blackened about 45 square miles around Bastrop and cast a haze over Austin, 25 miles to the east, where the air smelled of cutbacks will be felt by volunteer fire departments that were denied money for new trucks, said Robbie Llewellyn, the agency’s finance officer.

“Firefighters said they will spend whatever is necessary to deal with the disaster and worry about how to pay for it later.”

At the Bastrop convention center, residents streamed in to check maps taped to the pillars that showed the destruction.

Faye Tucker said she could tell just by looking at the map that her home of 20 years was gone, even though it wasn’t among the addresses listed as destroyed. She and her husband had recently spent $20,000 to renovate the place.

“It’s just stuff. I think that the thing to keep in mind here is so far we only have two confirmed deaths. ... So I’ll take that,” she said.

Perry returned to the campaign trail after cutting short a visit to South Carolina on Sunday.

“I’m a little disappointed after what he said the other day about pushing politics aside because Texas is his first priority,” said Guylaine Willi- ett, who lives near an area that was severely burned.
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Dear Mr. Lushis,

I am writing to you, as well as to the student body of Notre Dame, in response to your letter titled “Where’s the Spirit?” that appeared in The Observer on Sept. 7. In that letter, you expressed your disappointment in the Notre Dame student body for the “lack of spirit” we demonstrated during Saturday’s six-hour game versus USF.

When I read your letter, I actually became angry. In the past year, I have found myself agreeing with many Letters to the Editor about how Notre Dame students should show more spirit, but this time was different. Not only did we win, but also the game was packed with students. Notre Dame football is just not the same as it was when you were a student here. Unlike you, the current students of Notre Dame have not had the pleasure of constantly having one of the best teams in college football to cheer for. Instead, we watch our beloved Fighting Irish endure heart-wrenching losses and constantly be dismissed by college football analysts as “overrated” and “irrelevant.”

That is why on Saturday, when I came back to cheer on the Irish after both rain delays, my reaction upon seeing the student section was very different. Instead of noticing the few empty spaces, I was filled with pride upon seeing that the vast majority of the student body had returned again and again to stand in the rain and watch a game that we clearly were not going to win. Not only that, but in the midst of all the chaos, students were dancing, singing “We are ND,” and chanting “We are ND” reverberated through the stadium. While many (maybe even most) of the fans decided to leave the game, it seemed to me that we, the students, were the ones who stuck around to support our team.

So Mr. Lushis, let me say that as a third-generation Domer: I know what Notre Dame spirit is all about. While my mother, aunts, uncles and grandfather have celebrated Notre Dame national championship several times, I have accepted the unfortunate reality that the Irish will probably never win a national championship during my time here.

The next time you watch a football game at Notre Dame, I would hope that you are able to look at the student section and see that the precious time and money that you and fellow alums have so generously donated has not gone to waste. Notre Dame football may not be as dominant as it used to be, but one thing will never change: the student body’s unwavering dedication to our team and to our school. Go Irish, beat Wolverines!

Mara Walsh

All majors are created equal

You know that uncomfortable moment when you first meet someone, and in an attempt to sound interesting all you can think to ask is “So, what’s your major?” I hate that question. Mostly I hate it because of the reaction I get.

As soon as the word “English” leaves my mouth, it brings about a repulsive reaction. It can only be described as the noise a child makes when vegetables are being ground up. The word “Economics”—brings an even worse noise that sounds something like a garbage disposal and pterodactyl making love.

We all know the stereotypes surrounding every major but, if you look at them honestly, you’ll find that all of them has value in our society. Each major is difficult in its own way. If they were easy, they wouldn’t be necessary to have a college degree to have a job in that field. Certain majors are not any less important because they books cost less, their jobs pay less or because they don’t have to write 20 page lab reports. English majors may not spend hours in a lab, but we can read a 200 page book in 3 hours max.

A lot of science and math students undervalue the influence of a piece of literature. The Bible has created more change in the world than any other book to date. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, “The Communist Manifesto,” Betty Friedan’s “The Feminine Mystique,” Edward Gibbons “The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire” and Isaac Newton’s “Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy” all had a large influence on cultural development as well.

Equality of all majors is based on the fact that the world cannot function without each one. Our engineers cannot be educated without teachers. Our country can’t run without political scientists, psychologists, and, without meteorologists, we wouldn't know that Hurricane Irene was heading our way.

A narrower focus reveals that each field of study is dependent on other disciplines. Take, for example, my major. An English major cannot fully understand a reading if he or she does not understand the historical context. Sure, one can read and comprehend “A Raisin in the Sun,” but the cultural influence far outweighs the meaning of the text itself.

The cultural influence of a work is something that could only be understood if it were read by the reader. The influence of research crosses into the influence of a history major. This same merge of majors happens when chemistry and math mix to understand the periodic table of elements. Even English and engineering can mesh in the form of technical writing. Students would not be complete in their knowledge without their major being influenced by another area of study. This is exactly why each major is required to take general education classes.

Mr. Lushis, I value and respect your opinion as an alumnus of Notre Dame. However, I must respectfully disagree with your analysis of the student section this past Saturday. You argue that “a very substantial number of students did not return” after the delay at halftime. There are no official statistics, but just from looking around the stadium it was clear that a vast majority of the student body returned for the game after the rain delay returned was just as loud, especially after Michael Floyd snagged a touchdown pass right in front of us. We may not compete with a giant, 40,000, SLC style student section in volume, but the thousands of Notre Dame students left were cheering until the end.

And for my last point, I’d like to give a shout out to the band. First off, you guys rock! It didn’t quite feel like football Saturday without a sensational halftime show. That’s exactly why the entire student section started chanting “halftime show” after it was announced that there would not be one following the conclusion of the game.

Conclusively, I believe that we do have the pride and spirit you seem to think we lack. If you still doubt it, look at the volume of students going to Michigan this weekend. Awesome. If we want our stadium to be as loud as the Big House, we need everyone in the stadium, not just the student section, to stand and cheer from beginning to end. I challenge any and all willing and capable alumni to follow our lead and cheer as loud as you can for our boys in blue. And student section, let’s give ‘em all we’ve got against Michigan State!

Go Kelly! Go get it Tommy Rees! And as always, GO IRISH!!!!
The Red Hot Chili Peppers are back in business with "I'm With You," their first new album since 2006's "Stadium Arcadium" and while they still bring the kick, something's missing.

In 2009, the Peppers lost guitarist John Frusciante, and his absence leaves otherwise solid tracks with a little more to be desired. His chops, owing as much to D. Boon as to Hendrix, consistently anchored the wild group known for bass-player Flea's off the wall funk and singer Anthony Kiedis's tendency to fall into nonsensical pseudo-rap. His licks were creative and catchy enough to make something special out of even the most down-beat ballads, and his presence is missed.

Replacement guitarist Josh Klinghoffer does an admirable job trying to fill such big shoes, but his playing is a bit more subdued. Klinghoffer doesn't bring the memorable riffs that make older songs like "Under the Bridge" or "Scar Tissue" instantly recognizable. However, on the album's funkier tracks, like "Goodbye Hooray," he keeps up well and keeps it tight, which is impressive given the other Peppers' twenty plus years of practice with each other.

The album's lead single "The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie" is one of the songs that could benefit from a Frusciante lick but is a prime example of the Chili Peppers doing what they do best. With funky sing-speak verses and the kind of sing along chorus the group is known for, the track is sure to become a favorite among the group's repertoire.

Thematically the song is the spiritual successor to "Dani California," the title character Maggie being another of Kiedis's ethereal women whose stories become displays of his lyrical prowess. In this same way much of the album is a continuation of themes and ideas, both lyrical and musical, explored on other RHCP albums, but it generally looks more mature in outlook. Whether that's a good thing is up for debate.

One striking example of the group's maturity comes from the standout track "Brendan's Death Song." Written about the recently deceased Brendan Mullen, one of the key players in the LA punk scene who gave the Peppers their first big break, the track builds from a somber funeral march to all-out jam. Lyrically, the song is one of the group's best, and it benefits from Klinghoffer's driving guitar, cleverly kept in the back of the mix by Rick Rubin, who keeps up his collaboration with the group going back to "Blood Sugar Sex Magik."

Other notable tracks include "Police Station" and "Happiness Loves Company," the former of which is another great example of the group's lyrical maturity while the latter probably has a better hook for the chorus than the lead single, and perhaps the strongest hook on the album.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers take the departure of a crucial member in stride and have managed to put out a very solid if not exactly flashy album that is concise and consistent especially compared to the sprawling "Stadium Arcadium." While fans of the group's older wilder punk-funk might see this as yet another disappointment, rock 'n' roll fans who have kept up with group's evolution over the years will be more than satisfied.
By Neil Mathieson

One of the most intensely debated films of the summer, “The Tree of Life,” has finally arrived at Notre Dame. It will play at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) this weekend as part of Nanovic Institute Film Series. The film has gained both lofty praise and harsh scrutiny from critics and audiences alike. But after winning the Palme d’Or (“The New World”) is not one for the limelight. He detests being interviewed (“The Thin Red Line”) to identify a master with films such as “Days of Heaven” and is very private about his work. Even though he has only made five films in the last 38 years, he is recognized as one of the most influential directors. However, one needs only to look at his pedigree and existence, which subsequently calls his faith in humanity into question.

Sean Penn plays a grown up Jack. No longer living in Texas, he is now in an urban metropolis littered with skyscrapers, steel and reflective glass. The scenes, steel and reflective glass. The scenes with Sean Penn begin and end the film. In this future we learn that something happened to Jack’s younger brothers, or a shocked child being interviewed. His father portrayed by Brad Pitt, and a loving mother portrayed by Jessica Chastain. In this future we learn that something happened to Jack’s younger brothers, or a shocked child being interviewed. His father portrayed by Brad Pitt, and a loving mother portrayed by Jessica Chastain.

In the second half we are transported to a small town in Texas in the 1950s. Here, a young boy named Jack comes of age in a household controlled by a domineering father, played with understated brilliance by Brad Pitt and a loving mother portrayed by Jessica Chastain. Jack struggles to balance his parents’ conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself. This internal confusion leaves Jack with conflicting spirits within himself.

“The Tree of Life,” which took a decade for Malick to produce, partly because the film’s complex non-linear narrative took so much time to compose. The first half of the story focuses on the formation of the universe. The audience witnesses the dazzling formation of the solar system and the development of earth from microorganisms to dinosaurs. In order to get the required shots, Malick painstakingly sent his crew around the globe to capture mesmerizing footage of earth’s natural wonders. The results are breathtaking and even critics who dis -liked the film recognized the cinematography’s brilliance.

On display through Nov. 13, these paintings, which celebrate the Mexican-American culture and heritage, focus less on politics and social issues and more on emotions and internal expression.

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Said one of Jack’s younger brothers did leave even more philosophical questions unanswered for a tortured older Jack. “The Tree of Life” is an unorthodox and complex visual feast. Most of this is achieved by Malick’s intricate editing, which constantly whirls us around his cinematic Eden. In fact, one theatre in Italy played the reels in reverse, showing the second half of the movie before the first, for a week. However, not a single audience member mentioned the error due to the film’s abstract style.

Certain theatres even had signs telling customers that this was not a regular Brad Pitt film and all sales were final. Some viewers expected “Mr. and Mrs. Smith” and instead got subject matter usually found in the writings of Nietzsche and Aquinas. As Roger Ebert stated, “The only other film I’ve ever seen with this boldness of vision was Kubrick’s 2001. A Space Odyssey and it lacked Malick’s fierce evocation of human feeling.”

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**SPORTS AUTHORITY**

**Open road ahead**

This is the fourth 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.

Despite lockouts, substance-abuse scandals and the occasional players’ strike (sorry 1994 Montreal Expo!), the U.S. professional sports-locking order has remained relatively constant over the last two decades.

ESPN and the NFL have enjoyed football, basketball, ice hockey and baseball in almost every season.

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**NFC**

**Rookie LB to start for Giants**

Associated Press

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Peyton Manning has quarterbacked the Indianapolis Colts every Sunday since Sept. 6, 1998. He won’t this weekend.

Manning will be in street clothes when the team opens the season at Houston, still recovering from neck surgery while Kerry Collins starts in his place.

“It’s going to be a little different without Peyton,” coach Jim Caldwell said. “He’s one of a kind. When you look across our league, most teams have had quarterbacks that have missed time. Ours has just been highly unusual.

The streak is the second longest in history among NFL quarterbacks behind Brett Favre, whose 297-game run — 321 including the postseason — ended last season just before he called it a career.

Collins, who played for rival Tennessee last year, will open the season with three new starters on the offensive line, including right tackle Anthony Castonzo and a fourth, former right tackle guard Jeff Saturday has never snapped the ball to another quarterback to start a game during his pro career. In fact, no player on Indy’s roster has participated in a regular-season or playoff game for the Colts without No. 18 at the controls.

Giants quarterback Eli Manning, Peyton’s younger brother, now holds the longest active streak for a quarterback with 110 starts and been to two Pro Bowls.

“He knows what it’s like,” said Eli Manning, the New York Giants quarterback and Peyton’s younger brother. “He understands. He knows what’s going on. I know he wants to be out there. He gave his all and he will give his all to be back out there.”

The Colts had the 35-year-old Manning would be able to recover during the backup plan. Collins, who was brought out of retirement just two weeks ago to run the Colts’ offense, has been preparing as though he would start.

“Make plays when they’re there, he smart with the ball,” he said. “The东风 reads, good decisions, get us into the right plays when the situation calls for it. I’m going into this week thinking I’m going to run the offense as best I can.”

Defensive end Dwight Freeney said the Colts still expect to play at a championship level. “Obviously, we’re not used to not having him (Manning) out there,” Freeney said. “He’s a great player. There are 52 other guys on the team, and one guy does not win the game.”

The Texans don’t expect an easy game because Manning won’t play. They are familiar with Collins, who played for rival Tennessee last year.

“I think he’s a hell of a player,” Texans coach Gary Kubiak said of Collins. “He’s been successful against us. I’m sure that right now is on our team. We’ve got to get ourselves ready to play. It doesn’t matter who you play, or whatever, it matters how you play in this business. We’ve got to prepare to get ready to win a game.”

Manning had been listed as doubtful for the game, but losing for any time is a shock to Indy fans, not to mention his teammates. Not only has the four-time NFL MVP never missed a start, he’s rarely missed practice.

“To say I am disappointed in not being able to play is an understatement,” Manning said in a release from the team. “The best part about football is being out there on the field playing with my teammates. It will be tough not to be out there playing for the organization and our fans. I simply am not healthy enough to play, and I am doing everything I can to get my health back. The team will do fine without me, and I know for sure that I will miss them much more than they miss me.”

Manning had neck surgery to repair a nerve May 23, but the recovery has taken much longer than the expected 6-8 weeks that would have put him back on the field for the start of training camp. Instead, he started camp on the physically unable to perform list and wasn’t activated until last Monday.

He did limited work at practice last week, which led to complaints about back pain. The team issued a statement saying that team doctors had re-evaluated Manning and instructed him to stop practicing while he undergoes more tests. No additional surgery has been scheduled.

“Collins had been out of retirement for a month,” said Caldwell. “The best part about football is being out there on the field playing with my teammates. This is tough for a quarterback with 110 starts and been to two Pro Bowls. He’s thrown for 40,000 yards. He can throw the ball,” Caldwell said.

Collins has made 177 career starts and thrown for 11,666 yards. He took the Carolina Panthers to the 1996 NFC Championship game and the New York Giants to the Super Bowl after the 2000 season. He helped Tennessee post the AFC’s best record (13-3) in 2008.

Still, he has had less than two weeks to learn Indy’s offense, which has traditionally called the plays at the line of scrimmage. He didn’t even play with Pro Bowlers Reggie Wayne or Dallas Clark in a preseason game, and the expectation is that the Colts will open the season with three new starters on the offensive line and a fourth, former right tackle Ryan Diem, moving inside to guard.

He also now carries the expectations of fans hoping Indy can become the first host team to play in the Super Bowl in February. Collins says he’s ready to step in.

“I really do feel like I’ve come a long way in a short period of time,” he said. “Now that we’re into game planning, things are a little more focused and a little more centralized on what we’re trying to accomplish. My comfort level is still pretty high.”

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NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera remembers being home that day and feeling the game start as a beautiful morning. His mother-in-law was watching the game and he heard her screaming. The first plane had hit the World Trade Center. Then another did it one day the same.

Just as Posada was at the hospital with his ailing son when he heard the commotion in the hall, Rivera thought “the worst was coming.”

Derek Jeter recalled meeting all those families and firefighters who lost loved ones.

“It was hard,” Rivera said, “for everybody.”

Three longtime stars with the Yankees stood out on 9/11 as the team marked the 10-year anniversary with a ceremony that featured a game against the Baltimore Orioles.

Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld took part in the on-field tribute to soldiers, rescue workers and victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The salary-free game was at Yankee Stadium because the team was already in the middle of a long road trip Sunday.

“What I remember of those days is that the whole country got together. That’s a beautiful thing,” Rivera said.

The game news conference opened with a message from first lady Michelle Obama. “I wish it was just as much — maybe even more so — than the families. We got an opportunity to hear how much we mean to these families, how we had given them something to cheer for at least three hours a day. It was an experience I’ll always remember, but it was uncomfortable at the beginning,” he said.

The ceremony began with a message from first lady Michelle Obama. “I wish it was just like that, but it’s not. The whole country got together. The whole U.S got together and it was amazing. Everybody helping everyone. It didn’t matter who you were or color you were. We were here for one nation and we all move forward and that’s exactly what we did.”

“We’re baseball players. People look at us as heroes, but we got to meet these families and firefighters and EMS workers. Those were the true heroes at the time.”

Derek Jeter

Yankee shortstop

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Yankees game to have 9/11 tribute

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Guillermo Moscoso held Kansas City hitless until rookie Salvador Perez singled with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Royals 7-0 Wednesday.

Moscoso, who took over in the ninth inning after Luke Hochevar gave up a home run to Alex Gordon, gave up eight hits with one walk and two strikeouts in the shutout win.

Moscoso took an Oakland record for retiring 20 consecutive batters — the final 13 against Se- atle last Friday and the first 7 against the Royals. He walked Kansas City’s Aikides Escobar with two outs in the sixth.

Perez broke up the no-hit bid by lining a clean, opposite-field field single to right. Moscoso recorded 16 of his outs on fly balls to the outfield, 10 to center fielder Coco Crisp.

The A’s added another run in the fourth when left fielder Alex Gordon mishandled Michael Taylor’s fly ball into a two-base error, allowing Kurt Suzuki to score.

Earlier, Taylor lost a hit when he was thrown out at first base by shortstop Yunel Escobar. The 9-3 putout was just the fifth in the AL since 1974.

The Royals have a major league-best 48 outfield assists, 25 of them at home plate. Fran- coeur has 95 career outfield as- sists, most in the majors since he made his debut in 1995.

A’s reliever Brandon Allen was giv- en the day off. Melvin said he’ll wait until after Thursday’s off-

day to decide if he wants to use an extra pitcher into the rotation, with pitcher Josh Outman the leading candidate. Pitcher Brandon McCarthy (8-7, 3.41) will start for the A’s at the Texas Rangers on Friday.

McCarthy has thrown back-to-back complete games, including a three-hitter in his last start.

Pitcher Luke Hochevar (10-10, 4.76) starts Thursday’s game in Seattle for the Royals. Hochevar will pitch at Safeco Field for the first time. It’s coming off an im- pressive victory in which he did not allow an earned run in eight innings.

Athletics pitcher Guillermo Moscoso works against the Royals during the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday in Oakland.

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BEREA, Ohio — Colt McCoy wears No. 12. For the Cleveland Browns, he’s also No. 10.

It’s a number they’d like to stay stuck on.

On Sunday against Cincinnati, McCoy will become the 10th different quarterback to start a season opener for the Browns since 1999, an astonishing statistic and perhaps the single biggest reason the franchise has failed miserably during an expansion era of losses.

McCoy follows Ty Detmer, Tim Couch, Kelly Holcomb, Jeff Garcia, Trent Dilfer, Charlie Frye, Derek Anderson, Brady Quinn and Jake Delhomme as quarterbacks to begin the year as Cleveland’s starter.

“I hope it stays like this for a while,” McCoy said Wednesday.

In the NFL, quarterback consistency is vital to success. With a revolving door at the game’s most important position, it’s no wonder the Browns have made the playoffs only once and lost at least 10 games nine times in 12 years.

Cleveland has been searching for a leader to guide them from the dismal darkness and back to respectability.

McCoy, who showed grit and toughness in eight starts in 2010, has found his leader — at last.

“Now is when it counts,” he said. “That’s when you know you have a guy.”

Shurmur thinks so, too.

Cleveland’s fifth coach since ’99, Shurmur has been impressed with everything about McCoy. During the labor lockout, he was McCoy who organized practices in Austin, Texas. At those workouts, dubbed “Camp Colts” by his teammates, McCoy and the Browns took their first initial steps in learning Shurmur’s West Coast offense, a pass-oriented system that feels perfectly suited McCoy’s accuracy — if not strong — right arm.

McCoy also took it upon himself to visit Brett Favre, hoping a few days in Mississippi picking the brain of the former league MVP would help him better understand the new offense.

McCoy came to camp prepared and then made the correct reads and the plays for him — he’s not going to turn the ball over, he’s going to fix it.

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Shurmur adds, “He basically did what we expected him to do.”

McCoy proved he belonged, completing 23 of 33 passes for 281 yards despite being sacked five times and pressured numerous others. It was there, at the confluence of Pittsburgh’s three rivers that many of Cleveland’s players became convinced they had found their leader — at last.

“He wasn’t scared,” Brown said. “That’s one of the toughest defenses in the National Football League and he went in there and he held his own. Then we put him in there against New Orleans, New England. Go back to some of the games he played and you look at his aura on the field and his demeanor, you just know that if you surround him with the players that can make plays for him — he’s not going to turn the ball over, he’s going to make the correct reads and the better part is, if he makes those mistakes, he’ll work his tail off to fix it.

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— Sheldon Brown

Browns cornerback

Browns coach Pat Shurmur talks with quarterback Colt McCoy at the teams’ NFL football training camp in Berea, Ohio on Aug. 15. McCoy started eight games in the 2010 season.

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“He basically did what we wanted and now the next step is to do it for 60 minutes in a regular-season game,” Shurmur said. “He has been passing the tests as we’ve gone along and, Sunday will be the next test.”

McCoy has done his homework.

“Now is where it counts,” he said.

Composed whether he’s calling a play in the huddle, facing a blitz or surrounded by cameras at his locker, McCoy insists he’s not feeling any added pressure as he embarks on his second season as a pro. A coach’s son, this is what he’s been groomed to do since he was a kid.

Now is when the fun starts.

“I’ve come a long ways,” McCoy said. “But I’ve still got plenty of work to do, no question. This team is ready to start, ready for the regular season. This is where it starts counting. For us, we’ve put in a lot of hours, a lot of time. We’ve worked hard together, now I think we kind of know some of the things we’re good at, some of the things we’re not as good at. Those things we’ll keep working on. But I think we’re ready to put a plan together and go see what happens.”

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shots on goal. The Irish were able to keep their numbers Friday, crushing Tulsa in both categories, 39-4 and 16-2, respectively.

However, with upcoming games against powerhouse Santa Clara and Stanford, all the pieces will need to be in place to maintain those kinds of numbers.

Waldrum said that although he was overall with the play of his individual defenders, the defense as a unit still lacked cohesion, possibly because of an inconsistent line-up.

Sophomore Keica Morris could play because she had a concussion on Friday after [freshman] Taylor Schneider had to step in," Waldrum said. "She stepped in this past week with the fact that we haven't had the confidence in the ability and potential of his defensive squad and expects him to build the type of cohesion that past Irish defenses have experienced.

"As far as individual players, they're doing great, but I'm not sure we've come together cohesively yet," he said.

Waldrum said he has full confidence in the ability and potential of his defensive squad and expects him to build the type of cohesion that past Irish defenses have experienced. The first step will be the two tests that lie ahead this weekend in California. Waldrum believes his defense is well on its way.

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Rae, in his first year running cross country at Notre Dame, finished 74th in the NCAA last year while helping the Irish to a 25th place finish.

"I like running because it's very simple and very competitive," Rae said. "It's one person versus another person, and the only person in blame is you.

Rae was even more successful during the track season, both indoor and outdoor. During indoor season, Rae finished first in the Big East mile race, while also helping the distance medley relay team to a Big East title. Rae ran a 4:08.01 mile.

During outdoor track season, Rae won the 1,500-meter run in the Big East championship, clocking in at 4:36.38.

"I want to keep winning that title," Rae said. "The coaches have been stressing a team title a lot. This year, the goal going forward is to get those ten points for the team total."

Using his Big East championship as a springboard, Rae then competed in nationals, finishing ninth overall in the 1,500 and earning second team All-American honors. The All-American tag marked the 21st consecutive year that the Irish have had a member with that distinction.

He was not, however, at full strength due to a lingering Achilles tendon injury.

"It was a bothersome injury throughout outdoor season and frustrating at nationals knowing it wasn't my best," Rae said.

"When I'm healthy, it's completely different. I expect to be in the top-five this year."

The injury has also put much of Rae's cross country season in jeopardy. While he may be able to race at the Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30, Rae said he will probably start racing at the conference championships. Despite his absence, Rae still believes his team is a strong one.

"The guys look really good," Rae said. "We have a solid group of guys that will be good for us. There is no reason we cannot be in the top 10 in the NCAA. Since our first team meeting, that has been the goal for us and we're building towards that."

The Irish are ranked 23rd in the nation and 4th in the Great Lakes region. Notre Dame will host the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16.

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likely finish much higher. Silva said she didn't realize her place in the rankings early on.

"I was actually surprised to find out," she said. "I don't follow personal statistics too closely. Obviously I want to do the best I can, but I never look that closely at stats."

Silva said that while her dedication over the years has paid off in the form of some impressive career results, she gains more satisfaction from wins on the court.

"It's nice to know that the career statistics are an affirmation of hard work counting for something, because we all put in a lot of work," Silva said. "Volleyball is such a team sport, though. It always means more to me to be an important part of the team success. That's what I look at."

Because of her unselfish dedication to success, Silva has enjoyed an increase in output each of her three full seasons. She began this season in the same fashion and credited her improvement to the leaders in the program.

"I definitely think I see personal improvement," Silva said. "I can see myself freshman year — and I can see the freshmen now — and see how much I've grown. Being in the program, we become students of the game, especially playing at this high level. Having all the training really pays off."

Silva said she has also seen personal growth in another challenging aspect of collegiate sports — juggling academic responsibilities.

"You learn how to manage your time really well, especially being in a fall sport because you jump right in," she said. "You have to know how to work on buses, work on planes and just be able to get stuff done."

Now with over three full years of college under her belt, Silva said it is different to think of herself as a senior, but she enjoys sharing her wealth of knowledge with younger teammates.

"When I really think about it, it's a little weird," Silva said of being one of the veterans. "You have a perspective on what the older seniors were doing when you were a freshman, all the things that go on behind the scenes. I enjoy having all the experience that I do so I can help them with things that are second nature to me now — what classes to take, where to go, things like that."

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CLEVELAND — Another game slipped away from the Cleveland Indians. The whole series did, in fact.

Rather than move closer to Detroit, the Indians were swept by the AL Central leaders this week.

Justin Verlander won his 10th straight start and earned his 22nd victory overall, helped when Victor Martinez hit a late grand slam that sent the Tigers over Cleveland 8-6 Wednesday.

Three straight losses left the Indians 9½ games behind Detroit.

"We just got swept," said first baseman Shelley Duncan, who hit a pair of two-run homers off Verlander. "We're a little down right now.

"It's easy to see why.

In less than three weeks, Cleveland has lost eight games in the standings to Detroit, taking the Indians from legitimate contenders to playing for pride in the season's final 22 games.

"So far, we've met a head-on challenge pretty good.

I'm still not going to say anything other than we have put ourselves in a good position.

Have we accomplished something? Absolutely.

Jim Leyland
Tigers manager

"We lost all three games, that's never fun no matter who you're playing," Indians starter Justin Masterson said.

"We're going to have to win a lot of ballgames.

"We can't give up. Things can change in a week, but you have to start with Day One.

The Indians managed to stay in contention despite going extended periods without several key players, including regulars Grady Sizemore, Shin-Soo Choo, Michael Brantley, Travis Hafner and Jason Kipnis, as well as starting pitchers Josh Tomlin and Carlos Carrasco.

"These guys have come back from everything," Acta said. "If we don't win (Thursday), it's not because this series is lingering. They've gone through worse and they have bounced back.

The Tigers are 16-4 since Aug. 19 and have beaten the Indians seven straight times. Detroit swept three games from the Chicago White Sox prior to this series to take command of the division, but Detroit manager Jim Leyland isn't ready to declare his team champions.

"So far, we've met a head-on challenge pretty good," he said. "I'm still not going to say anything other than we have put ourselves in good position. Have we accomplished something? Absolutely.

The Tigers designated hitter Victor Martinez runs the bases after hitting a go-ahead grand slam in the seventh inning. Detroit won the game 8-6 and now leads Cleveland by 9.5 games in the division.

Masterson (11-9) left after Detroit loaded the bases on two singles around an error in the seventh.

Joe Smith came on and gave up a RBI single to Miguel Cabrera that got the Tigers within 4-3.

Sipp replaced Smith and the switch-hitting Martinez turned around to the right side and hit the first pitch into the left-field seats for his second career slam, both against the Indians.
Orioles defeat Yankees with RBI single

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NEW YORK — Eduardo Nunez and the Yankees were as sloppily as the weather.

Mark Reynolds hit a tiebreaking single in the 11th inning after the New York Yankees outlasted the Baltimore Orioles outlasted New York 5-4 on Wednesday in another rain-delayed tangle between two sleep-deprived teams.

"We gave them a lot of their runs today. That's the bottom line, and that's why we lost this game," Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said.

"It's a long season and it's late, and that's a good thing," Girardi said. "It's been a grind. There's no doubt about it."

Nolan Reimold hit a two-run homer off A.J. Burnett and the last-place Orioles took advantage of four Yankees errors, two by Nunez as he filled in for Alex Rodriguez at third stop. Both teams looked sleepy and sluggish on offense — with good reason, too.

With few options for a make-up date, the teams played out a rain delay of 4 hours, 3 minutes on Tuesday night to play a game that ended at 1:50 a.m. New York players rushed home while the lights were snapped off to their hotel to get a few precious hours of shuteye before heading back to the field Wednesday morning for the 1:05 p.m. start.

New York tried to extend this one even longer, putting runners at the corners with two outs in the bottom of the 11th.

Pinch-hitter Eric Chavez, batting for Nunez, hit a short hop toward the middle and shortstop Robert Andino went to the ground to knock it down. He hopped to his foot and flipped the ball to Curtis Granderson for the final out, ending the game after 4 hours, 23 minutes.

"So many good things today," Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said. "Robby came out there and played as good a game as you can out there and you see played in these conditions, too. I can't tell you how tough that is out there."

Pedro Strop (1-1) worked 1-3 scoreless innings and Jim Johnson got three outs for his third save.

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35 Traffic cop’s org?
36 Group of out mainsteam
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52 “Hir” composer
38 Theologian
39 Tusked animals
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41 Kind of fly, briefly
42 Beginning to knock
43 Chucked
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46 Blue hue
47 Comic’s forte
50 Painted the town red, in a way (2,7)
56 It might come out of a small speaker
56 Naval group
57 Not from a Scot
58 Boundary of myth
59 Liqurized (up)
60 Lamb’skin

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2 Skiing venue
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4 Ghost of Jacob Marley
5 Floor specialists
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8 “Lord, is it...?”
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13 “You wanted to see me?”
14 Use a “care and atch” approach on
21 It’s a tradition
23 I operation
24 Spin things
25 A girl with a “festive-sounding name”
26 Gave a keynote, say

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A: OIST

TASNL

TNTDAE

KBERMA

A: FIBLA

B: LENFT

F: BISON

Honey, why do you get so excited and upset.

Why, that’s none of your business.

Did you know that the most liked pool players die by his goop? (21)

He was one of the most liked pool players to die by his goop.

Birthday Baby... He struggled putting up the wallpaper until he got this... THE HANG-UP!

The London Express

ALEX GRISWOLD AND LEE HAGGENJOS

How do you pick up girls, Ron?
I usually just tell them that I have cake in my van.

Dude, not funny. That’s really disgusting and you should be ashamed of yourself.

Hun? What’s wrong with picking up fat chicks?

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ND Women's Soccer

Honorable mention

Henderson claims Big East Player of the Week after big wins against Tulsa, Indiana

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

In the midst of the Irish dismantling Tulsa and Indiana over the weekend and senior captain Melissa Henderson earning Big East Player of the Week, honors, the Notre Dame defense was shielded from the limelight. But with a game-opening goal allowed in each matchup, a critical injury and continuing efforts to incorporate his younger players, Irish coach Randy Waldrum's focus on the unit has only intensified.

After sweeping the competition at the Notre Dame adidas Invitational, the Irish squad received both offensive and defensive Most Valuable Player awards, the latter going to senior captain Jess Schuveiller. Waldrum cited as his rock in the backfield.

"Jess has been essential and a great leader for the defense," he said. "But, I think we need to stop relying on her so much, and the other two on the field need to step up as well."

Though the defense has been fairly successful so far, only allowing nine goals in six regular season games, Waldrum said there is room for improvement.

"This weekend we allowed two soft goals," Waldrum said. "On Friday against Tulsa, it was right from kickoff. Now obviously we were able to beat Tulsa handily, but we just can't make mistakes like that against tougher teams."

"When you're playing a non-conference schedule as tough as ours, with North Carolina, Duke, Stanford, Santa Clara, you're going to be exposed and you can't make those kind of mistakes."

Notre Dame's 3-1 loss against Duke highlighted the lacking areas of the Irish defense. The Blue Devils held a 15-11 edge in shots and a startling 9-2 advantage in shots on target.

Bayliss applies lessons at Notre Dame from past experience

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bobby Bayliss is entering his 43rd year as a legislator's men's tennis coach. During that time, he has made stops at the Naval Academy, MIT and at Notre Dame, now entering his 25th season. Each coaching stint in Bayliss' career has had a significant influence on himself as a leader, as well as his style of coaching.

"At Naval Academy, I could not help but be influenced by the surroundings," Bayliss said. "The two major things I took away from there was the necessity for integrity and accountability. Integrity and accountability are two major things the Academy stands for."

Bayliss, who was also an English professor and squash coach at the Naval Academy, coached in Annapolis from 1970-1984. The highlight of his tenure as Midshipmen coach was in 1980 when he was named National Coach of the Year and Maryland Professional of the Year.

After his tenure in Annapolis, Bayliss took the head coaching reigns at MIT for three years, where he believed he gained perspective while bringing the program to new heights.

"MIT was a place where I gained some perspective," Bayliss said. "We were also able to win the school's first two New England Intercollegiate titles and finish in the top-20 in Division III."

After his time in Boston, Bayliss made the move to Notre Dame and has never looked back.

"The spirit of Notre Dame and the pride among everyone is very important to me," Bayliss said. "I am extremely proud to be a member of the ND family and that membership gives me a great sense of responsibility to win. When we lose, I feel like we are letting the school down."

Considering his sense of responsibility to win, the veteran coach has been successful throughout his tenure with the Irish. In the last 21 seasons, his team has qualified for the NCAA championships 20 times. He has also led his team to 14 Big East crowns since Notre Dame joined the conference in 1995.

While Bayliss believes his coaching style has not changed much recently, he does acknowledge that it is much different from when he began his career. "I have drastically calmed down," Bayliss said. "When I began my career [at Navy], I was very hyper and always had to feel in control, but now I have learned to let things develop."

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Silva focuses on improvement

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Senior libero Frenchy Silva has already cracked one top-10 list and will soon join another. The senior, one of the program's best talents, however, remains focused on other accomplishments.

Silva averaged 3.25 digs-per-set during her first three years in an Irish uniform, good for fourth place on the school's all-time list. She has opened this season digging at a 4.26 clip. Additionally, her 1,041 career digs place her just two away from tying '97 graduate Angie Harris for 10th all-time, though by the season's end she will

Rae looks to perform at elite level for Irish

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

Must be something about the number three. Irish junior runner Jeremy Rae speaks three different languages — English, French and Portuguese. He runs during three different seasons. His favorite movie series — Lord of the Rings — is even a trilogy.

The Lake Erie, Ontario native has particularly excelled in his running career at Notre Dame, qualifying for nationals not only in track, but also in cross country. "I was happy to qualify for nationals last year," Rae said. "Getting there was our biggest goal. It was a great experience. It's the biggest race you compete in."

Big races are not unfamiliar to Rae, who has been running in them for years. In high school, Rae represented Canada at the Pan Am Junior Games in Trinidad while also setting multiple Canadian track records. Most impressive, however, may be his Penn Relays high school record of a 4:08 mile.

Cross Country

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Senior Frenchy Silva goes for the ball in a match against Butler on Aug. 28. Silva is well on her way to breaking many Irish records.

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