Students network with employers

By VICTORIA MORENO
News Writer

Over 2,000 determined students dressed in business formal attire braved the rain to attend the Career Center’s Fall Career Expo on Thursday. The event allowed 149 participants in the Expo to offer business advice to current students interested in internships and future career options.

“We expect the students who come talk to us to have done some research on the company so they can tell us why they would be a good fit,” UIY representative Rina Madias said. “It simply shows initiative.” Enterprise Rent-A-Car representatives said confidence and quality conversation skills are the key to a successful first impression.

“More than anything we want the student to show that they are confident because that’s what you need in sales,” Enterprise representative Rick Willis said.

Enterprise representative Nikki Secret said the students should primarily direct the informal interview process. “We will guide the conversation but ultimately we want to see if a student has the ability to keep the conversation going,” Secret said.

Junior management and consulting major Michael Barnett said it would have been beneficial to know these tips before attending the fair. “I wish I knew what they were talking about and telling them something that they don’t really want to hear.”

Students in fields outside of business said they were discouraged by the event. “When I approached my first company they told me they were only looking for finance majors,” senior psychology and design major Jenna Spizzirri said. “When I approached another company they told me they were only looking for finance majors,” senior psychology and design major Jenna Spizzirri said.

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Senior Elizabeth Douville talks to potential employers at the Career Expo on Thursday. Over 2,000 students attended the event in the hopes of securing a summer internship or full-time job.

“Engineers are not just scientists,” he engineers at the Edison Lecture. Dr. Michael Griffin, who is also the incoming president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, talked about the dynamic role of engineers at the Edison Lecture.

“Engineers and systems engineers are not just scientists,” he said. “They are designers who synthesize knowledge to create new artifacts.” In his speech, “System Engineering: What it is; What it is not,” Griffin said undergraduates do not receive much vital background in design. Rather, the focus is solely on engineering science.

“The world we live in is designed, and we as engineers are helping to design it,” Griffin said. Although he said art is the basis of the engineering field, Griffin said science has helped it accelerate as a discipline. Griffin also said the roots of what is now modern system engineering are planted in the Cold War era. The 1950s were a time of large engineering projects, including the creation of new weapons.

“If the Cold War was a tax on humanity, it has had at least a few consequences that involved good,” Griffin said. Griffin said the aftermath of the Cold War wasn’t completely victorious major Mariana Diaz, a native of Guatemala, was looking for a way to help her country and involve the Notre Dame community at the same time, she co-founded the HANDS organization.

“Instead of creating new projects, we aimed to maximize the impact of existing ones by channeling human resources in existing initiatives,” Diaz said. HANDS, a student-run organization, specializes in finding volunteer placements for club members.

“Our most popular programs are during the summer, however this year we will offer alternative full and spring break service trips,” she said. “For fall break, we partnered with a local organization Consuelo Casa, which builds new homes for low-income people in Guatemala.” Diaz said volunteers spend one week helping...
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Marie Cole

freshman McGlinn   
sophomore Carroll   
freshman Lyons   
“Notre Dame apparel”   
junior Fisher   
freshman Howard

“A ticket to the Michigan game”   
“Lots of Cheerios and strawberry bars.”   
“A bike.”   

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OFFBEAT

Carjacker gets ride to jail
KANSAS CITY — When a man with a gun jumped on the hood of her car in Kansas City and demanded she drive, Rayna Garrett obliged — all the way to the police station.

Prosecutors charged Dionette L. Price Wednesday with unlawful use of a weapon and felonious restraint. Garrett said Price, 26, was standing in the middle of U.S. Highway 71 in Kansas City Tuesday. When she tried to go around him he leaped onto the car hood.

She sped up to try to knock him off, to no avail, and then headed to the Kansas City police station, a 2-mile drive. Garrett pulled up to the police garage and honked several times.

Finally, she rammed into the garage door and he jumped off the hood and fled. Moments later, after she alerted police, Price was arrested at a bus stop without incident.

Questioned by police, Price admitted jumping on the vehicle but not to having a handgun. No motive was given for the incident.

Supernova dazzles astronomers
LOS ANGELES — Astronomers have found the closest, brightest supernova of its kind in 25 years, catching the glimmer of a tiny self-destructing star a mere 21 million light years from Earth and soon visible to amateur skywatchers.

The discovery was made in what was believed to be the first hours of the rare cosmic explosion using a special telescope at the Palomar Observatory near San Diego and powerful supercomputers at a government laboratory in Berkeley.

Scientists behind the discovery say the phenomenon — labelled by the rather obscure designation PTF 11kky — will likely become the most-studied supernova in history.

“It is an instant cosmic classic,” said Peter Nugent, the senior scientist at UC Berkeley who first spotted it.

It is expected to reach its peak sometime between September 9 and 12, when it will become visible to stargazers using binoculars or a small telescope.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The second lecture in the Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series will be today from 10:40 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The speaker will be Daniel Akerson, CEO of General Motors.

There will be a roundtable discussion entitled “Caudero de Memorias Colombianas” in C004/105 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies today from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop in Portuguese and Spanish is cosponsored with the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) and the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

Today at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium there will be a panel discussion entitled “Strategies of Peace after the ‘War on Terror’: A New Era in Global Politics? A New Role for the U.S.?” The panel will feature Andrew Ravech, professor of International Relations and History at Boston University, Robin Wright, Middle East journalist, and Nobel El-Ansary, Chair of Islamic Studies at Xavier University.

The Deliartolo Performing Arts Center will be showing the film “The Tree of Life” today at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.

Today from 8 to 9:30 p.m., come see short plays written, directed and acted all within 24 hours. The performances will occur in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obnews.nd@gmail.com

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DPAC faculty aim to inspire

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

This year, faculty at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center chose a schedule of events aimed at not only enhancing student’s education outside the classroom, but also inspiring audience members to develop a different view on life.

The majority of things we’re presenting are things that are designed to educate, inform, enlighten and inspire people to think about the world in a new perspective,” Senior Associate Director Ted Barron said. “And that’s always the best feedback that I get.

Barron said DPAC works in conjunction with campus offices and faculty to provide music, theater, dance and cinematography that reflect the University’s mission.

“We’ve been doing a lot to make connections with courses, faculty interests, general campus interests so that we know our program isn’t just a program for its own sake but connected to other interests on campus,” Barron said.

Barron said he periodically reviews course listings and considers whether DPAC’s projects might be relevant to any of the classes. If they are relevant, he contacts faculty directly, or faculty contact him.

“I got a call today from the folks at the Medieval Institute because they’re really excited that we’re going to be showing ‘Monty Python and the Holy Grail’ at midnight [the evening of Oct. 1], so we’re trying to figure out a way to work together on that,” he said.

This semester, the Center will also screen several films that relate to the University’s liberal arts courses.

“We have our sci-fi series, which is actually a course that’s taught by [Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters] Paulette Curtis and it’s kind of builds on things she’s showing in her class,” Barron said. “There’s an entire history class that’s looking at the actor Daniel Day Lewis because he has all these films that are American historical films.”

The Center also shows films that follow in the faith of the University.

“We do events that have very obvious Catholic elements to them,” Barron said.

“We have the ‘Films and Faith’ series that we present every year with FTT (Film, Television and Theatre) and Theology. Those are films that specifically deal with religious issues,” Barron said.

Barron said the University’s Catholic character also influences which non-religious movies DPAC screens.

“It also extends to thinking about how film can espouse certain values and particularly issues of public service, he said. “The ‘Screen Peace’ series (organized in conjunction with the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies) is a really good example of that. It’s not specifically about Catholicism, but I think it’s in line with Catholic teaching in terms of providing service to those in need.”

Barron said DPAC also hosts the film series “Europe Beyond Borders” with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the “Worldview” (Film, Television and Theatre) series, which is actually a Catholic teaching in terms of promoting public service,” he said.

According to Barron, the majority of the series are films that specifically deal with religious issues.

“I got a call today from the office of the President,” he said.

Barron said DPAC also aims to show premier and indie films that are not screened at local cinemas.

“We try to do these things that have obvious academic connections, but we try to do fun things as well,” Barron said. “We started our ‘Midnight Movies’ series last year. We kicked off with a screening of ‘The Rocky Horror Picture Show,’ which was a lot of fun. People threw things. It was a great night.”

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By ABIGAIL FORNEY
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To deal with the accomplishment of new and complex systems, engineers working in this field need to be prepared and welcome failure, Griffin said.

“The system engineer must strive to anticipate ways the design will fail,” Griffin said.

When working with these complex systems, failure can occur when something is not actually wrong. The system can perform a function or action that was not anticipated by the designer,

he said.

“Systems fail because something happens that is unanticipated,” he said.

However, failure is nothing new for systems engineers. Reducing unintended interactions is the goal of a systems engineer, Griffin said, and creating the right design prevents further failures.

Griffin said his position causes him to continually analyze how the field has changed.

“What’s stature and prominence I have enjoyed as an aerospace engineer, it has caused me to reflect upon engineering as a discipline here in America, particularly in aerospace,” he said.

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Other students said the fair was very helpful.

“The fair went really well,” junior American studies major Emily Pusateri said. “I now have a better idea about what I want to do this summer and after graduation.”

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SMC to observe 9/11 anniversary

By CLARE MAHER

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This Sunday, Saint Mary’s College faculty will pay special tribute to the anniversary of Sept. 11 with a ceremonial event entitled “We Remember.”

The event was created by Saint Mary’s faculty, and provides a way for students to remember and reflect on past history through music, dance and poetry.

“If we don’t remember our history, it will cease to be our history,” music professor Laurel Thomas said. “This event allows us to remember, but also offers a way to interpret the event through an artistic media that has the power to heal.”

The recital was planned in advance, but when faculty realized the event would fall on Sept. 11, they decided to alter the content of the recital to honor the event.

“When we realized that this year’s [recital] would fall on the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, we were left with two options: cancel or somehow commemorate the anniversary,” Thomas said. “We hope the art will speak for itself.”

Students said they are happy the College is hosting a recital to commemorate the event.

“It is a hard thing to talk about,” sophomore Jackie Rivera said, “but so much emotion can be captured through art. It gives you a different way to look at things. I think this is a great way to remember what happened ten years ago and still hold on to that.”

First year McKenna Schuster reflected on the nation’s ability to come together following the tragedy.

“As hard as that day was, I think it helped bring out the best in people, too.”

McKenna Schuster first year

“Plans are to be released sometime tomorrow,” the post stated. “We will need to stay close here to the hospital, rehabilitation center as he will have daily rehab work outs along with the many scheduled doctor’s appointments.”

Garcia will need another jaw surgery in the next week, her post stated.

“INCREDiBLE that here we are just two short weeks later with him being released, and yes, all in one piece (maybe screwed and wired and stapled together) but in one piece,” her post stated.

“Hopefully the next few weeks will go by quickly, and Marcus’ strength and progress will continue to amaze us all and his body will be ready for the trip back home. Please keep us in your prayers, God close to your heart and your faith stronger than ever,”

in an email interview earlier in the week.

Students are encouraged to attend at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Little Theatre. The performance is free and open to the public.

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A student volunteer works on a project for HANDS, a service organization that assists people at home and abroad.

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New U.S. terror threat detected

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said Thursday they were investigating a detailed al-Qaida car bomb plot aimed at bridges or tunnels in New York City or Washington to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the first tip of an "active plot" targeting that date. The Homeland Security Department said the threat is "credible and specific, but unconfirmed." The nation's terror alert level has not changed, but it was under consideration Thursday night.

Security has been heightened around the country in the weeks leading up to the 10th anniversary. Law enforcement officials have been wary, particularly after information gleaned from Osama bin Laden's compound in May indicated that al-Qaida had considered attacking the U.S. on the anniversary and other important dates. Law enforcement officials were investigating three people who recently entered the U.S. The threat came in late Wednesday night and is the first tip the U.S. intelligence community has received about an "active plot" targeting the anniversary, officials said.

The threat came in a single piece of information and was so specific — and came at such a time of already heightened alert — that it could not be ignored. The officials described the threat to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security matters.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly planned an evening news conference to discuss the threat. President Barack Obama was briefed on the threat information Thursday morning and directed the counterterrorism community to redouble its efforts in response to the credible but unconfirmed information, a White House official said. White House officials said there were no plans to change Obama's travel schedule on Sunday in light of the threat.

Lee had devastated thousands along the east coast. New Yorkers examine the rising floodwaters outside their homes. New U.S. terror threat detected.

A Capitol Hill police patrols the grounds outside the Capitol building Thursday in Washington.

Tropical Storm Lee forces evacuations, rolls through Northeast

Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — The remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped water on top of the already soaked Northeast on Thursday, closing hundreds of roads and forcing evacuation orders for more than 100,000 people from the Susquehanna River's worst flooding in nearly 40 years.

Motorists who were evacuated were ordered in and around Wilkes-Barre, where the levee system is just high enough to hold back the river if it crests at the predicted level. Even if the levees hold, 800 to 900 unprotected homes were in danger. If they fail, thousands of buildings could be lost.

"This is a scary situation," said Stephen Bekanich, Luzerne County's emergency management director. He and other officials were confident the levees would work but sought volunteers to lay sandbags on both sides of the river.

In Hummelstown, another Pennsylvania community along the river, Donna MaLeod had to be rescued from her home.

"I'm heart sick," she said. "I know I lost two cars and everything that was in my basement and everything that was on the first floor. But I have my life and I have my dog, so that's all that matters.

Upriver in Birmingham, N.Y., a city of about 45,000, the Susquehanna crested into the streets and climbed halfway up lampposts at a downtown plaza. Mayor Matt Ryan said it was the city's worst flooding since 1930, when walls were built in the 1930s and 40s.

Road closures effectively sealed Birmingham off to outside traffic as emergency responders scrambled to evacuate holdouts who didn't heed warnings to leave. Buses and then boats were used to evacuate residents, and National Guard helicopters were on standby.

"It's going to get worse," Northeast Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett said, warning people to leave when they get the order.

Up to nine inches of rain fell in parts of Pennsylvania, and rain and floodwaters pushed into Maryland and Massachusetts, and experts said more flooding was likely.

The storm compounded the misery for some people still reeling from back from Hurricane Irene.

Some of the areas hardest hit by last month's August storm, such as Vermont, avoided the brunt of the latest bad weather. But in Paterson, N.J., where the Passaic River was rising, about 75 people were still in a shelter behind a police station.

"We just finished cleaning up from Irene," said Edith Rodriguez, 66, of Paterson. "I have no food, no clothes, no medicine.

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She was worried about her house, just 100 feet from the levee, but knew she had to leave.

"We lost everything," she said, "but my life is not."

Bekanich said several thousand people left their homes, but he did not yet have a complete count. Sheds on Lee forced into central Pennsylvania, two in northwestern Virginia and one in Maryland, along with some damaged, were left unhurt, or killed when it came ashore on the Gulf Coast near Mississippi.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett warned of "a public health crisis," because sewage treatment plants are underwater and no longer working.

"Flood water is toxic and polluted," he said. "You don't have to be in it, keep out."

Up to 75,000 residents in eastern Pennsylvania were ordered to leave. The Susquehanna, which has flowed or passed or approached flood stage from Maryland to Massachusetts, and experts said more flooding was likely.

"It's accurate that there is specific, credible but unconfirmed threat information."

Matt Chandler

Department of Homeland Security

New U.S. terror threat detected. New Yorkers examine the rising floodwaters outside their homes Thursday, Lee has devastated thousands along the east coast.
Inside Column

CrackBerry

I recently joined the hordes of smartphone owners on this campus. My weapon of choice is the new BlackBerry Torch, with touchscreen and QWERTY keyboard. In related news, I have a new phone number on top of new email, text and instant messaging lists. Those of you who don’t know, the BlackBerry blinks a little red light whenever you have a message waiting. That little red light becomes impossible to resist, even with classes going on.

Addicted users call it “a CrackBerry.” And I’m slow to notice the symptoms — I’m just not sure where to begin. Smartphones are taking over our daily communication and entertainment. We’re slowly growing into a generation that does nothing but check their phones constantly.

Yet, this problem speaks to a much larger and scarier conclusion — what do we lose when we stop noticing this? Perhaps we are becoming addicted to handheld technology? Used to being able to pass off a phone, not just BlackBerries, always have some attention divided away from the present interaction. The instant the phone flashes, vibrate or dings means they drop what they’re doing to respond. To be fair, writing this column I received three text messages and three emails in the time it took for me to type all of them were responded to before I continued writing.

Beyond stealing our time, smartphones are making us a lazy society. When is the last time you memorized a phone number? The convenience of the Contacts function means you don’t have to search until your phone dies and you need to call someone. The same laziness applies to meeting someone one or going out. What did people do before mass text messages of locations or calling a friend that you lost at the mall? People interacted with other people in more personal ways than we do now.

We also lost all attention span on our smartphones hit our hands. With hundreds of thousands of Apps and web surfing capabilities, the smartphone has become the ultimate procrastination and distraction device. If something doesn’t grab and hold our attention from the very moment we first encounter, we move on to the next thing. No longer are we forced into watching or reading one item, or, God forbid, playing one game. This conclusion can be reached because it means we will eventually turn away from difficult things. We won’t take the time to ask why something is hard, so we don’t want to expend the effort.

Don’t forget the expense of smartphones. Phones might be discounted or free, but wireless carriers make money on expensive data plans, apps and accessories. As the smartphones are hitting our hands, they are also hitting our wallet.

Even with all of this considered, I won’t give up my BlackBerry. It is my passport. However, I hope these points come back to me when I find myself being mindlessly on the buttons. Perhaps I’ll learn to push down the phone to interact with people face-to-face. It’s the first step to giving up every admitting you have a problem?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Fair share of careers

Stress. High pressure. Competition. That’s the atmosphere on campus right now. Two career fairs were held this week and all eyes are on the prize — an internship or full-time offer. Particularly for seniors, all talk is of resumes and job interviews. Many students have already secured jobs and many more will be interviewing for positions in the coming weeks.

But for those still looking, the focus is on landing that job right now, as many of our peers are doing, only makes the task seem even more daunting.

Of the 12 members of the Observer Editorial Board, only one currently has a job offer for after graduation. We are comprised of one graduate student, seven seniors, including one from Saint Mary’s, three juniors and one sophomore and represent 18 different majors, ranging from Arts & Letters to Business to pre-med.

Of these 12 people, only three even considered going to yesterday’s Career Fair. The prevailing thought amongst us, and amongst a large population of the Notre Dame student body, is that there is no point in going to the career fairs.

Even with so many companies attending, there are few that hold career prospects or interest for students with interests outside of business or engineering. With large groups of students in business attire wandering through the Joyce Center Fieldhouse handing out resumes and meeting company representatives, many sat at home, discouraged at their lack of job prospects.

Engineers had their career fair Tuesday. Architecture students will have theirs in March and last night served much of the business school and a selection of Arts & Letters majors.

The Fall Career Fair offered fantastic opportunities for students interested in industries such as finance, banking and technology. However, for students hoping to pursue careers outside of these fields, the night offered few draws.

Unfortunately, the Fall Career Fair has always held more opportunities for business majors. While Arts & Letters students can look forward to a service fair and the Winter Career and Internship Fair, the pressure and prevailing attitude on campus to find a job now is overwhelming. And with employment rates still running low, especially for recent college graduates, it’s no wonder students who don’t have a business major feel the pressure to choose something more “practical.”

For students following career paths outside of those represented at the Fair, the Career Center is a fantastic resource for those willing to seek out its assistance.

The Center’s advisors have helped countless students to find jobs outside of the Career Fair and will continue to do so.

It is easy to be stressed as those around you secure their post-graduation plans, but jobs exist beyond the month of October.

But many students do not know how to begin seeking out those opportunities.

While the Mendoza College of Business does a fantastic job preparing its students for future careers, our students outside of and inside the classroom, Arts & Letters students gain little of this insight during their course work.

Even for those seeking a post-graduate degree, little help is offered.

The Career Center does offer resources for those applying to graduate schools, but with the multitude of fields that make up the College of Arts & Letters, it would be difficult for the Career Center to have a good handle on each one.

Currently the best way for a Notre Dame student applying to graduate programs to find help is to contact a professor directly or speak with someone in the process.

The Career Center, the College itself or the individual departments should be making more of an effort to facilitate this mentoring.

The College of Arts & Letters, as well as the departments under its umbrella, should consider taking a page from Mendoza’s book — tell your students a career exists for them outside the classroom and how the skills they have developed within their major are beneficial across many industries.

Encourage students to explore the countless jobs available and cultivate more resources and connections to aid them as the business, engineering and architecture schools do.

Similarly, offer more assistance and resources for those applying to graduate programs or preparing for other post-graduate opportunities.

Arts & Letters majors often feel intimidated when preparing for graduation and in comparison to their peers who secure jobs so early in the year.

These students are capable and the opportunities exist, but without some help and some direction offered to so many other majors and career focuses, Arts & Letters majors, or any student unsure of their future career, often feel stuck.

With more resources, better contacts and a greater emphasis on career exploration, the many campus departments and institutions could relieve some of this burden and lead their students to greater success and reduced stress in their search for a job.

Letter to the Editor

Remembering Tina

The world lost an amazing woman Wednesday night. She wasn’t a current student, or a former professor or former college president but that doesn’t mean she is any less deserving of inches dedicated to her in The Observer.

Tina Durski has been employed at Notre Dame in various positions since the 90s, but most recently she was the administrative assistant for the Band of the Fighting Irish. I’ve known Tina and her family for the past six years after meeting her daughter, Krista, in Spanish class during my first year at Saint Mary’s. She quickly became my Mom away from home letting us do our laundry at her house and making sure we were fed well.

Sophomore year, my best friend joined the band and I got to know Tina on a different level. She loved every single person who she loved her each day. If that isn’t the definition of a good life that we should celebrate, I don’t know what is.

Tina was a mother away from home to all of us, and I’m sure I speak for a lot of people when I say that she will be missed greatly and her loss will be felt immensely.

Rest in Peace, Tina. Thank you for touching my life and helping make my time at Saint Mary’s great.

Liz Harter
Class of ’09, Former Saint Mary’s Editor
Cincinnati, OH
Sept. 8
Love me or hate me, but don’t call me a liar. One of my critics recently attacked the truthfulness of my last piece. I do believe in and practice jour-
nalistic integrity even though it makes me look like not a journalist. I am an editorialist, and in my opinion columns I don’t have enough space to stick in a source. It ruins the flow. But this time I will make an exception so I can correct a few vile allegations against my good name. According to anarticle.org, which mirrors closely De-
partment of Defense statistical numbers, the following are combat deaths in Operation Enduring Freedom. 2008 1,297, 2009: 317, 2010: 499. In 2011: 210. A summation of these numbers gives you a total of 1,291 KIAs in Afghan-
istan. In Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008-present the number is 576 KIAs. So actually, America’s wars have been very costly. Now I do this not just to newline my name and put egg on the face of an-
other liberal know-nothing, but also to illustrate a bigger point I have. America is tired of wars without a mission. We want swift and decisive engagements, not for us to have tomust have them. These aren’t just numbers, these are people we are talking about. When you graduate, some of your classmates will go off to fight for us overseas. They will be put in danger and their lives and their friend’s lives will be at risk. People, we know now, people we eat with at the dining hall and go to class with, could potentially be slain in some hell hole far away from home. But they signed up to do it anyway because they have a higher calling to service. I don’t want to see their sacrifi-
cice wasted, and I certainly don’t want their lives cut short with a one way ticket home in a hacket. We have a duty to our military to promote freedom abroad and protect it at home, but we also have a duty to our countrymen to not waste their commitment to our shared defense with pointless engage-
ments. I am the biggest war hawk I know. Not only do I believe the United States should intervene abroad to promote freedom and demo-
cracy, but we are obligated to do so. Soldiers don’t sign up for the military so they can stay around the base and drink beers and blow stuff up once in a while. They sign up to fight the ene-
ies of America and free people of the world, and to protect our citizens and our allies. We spend the most out of any in the world on military technology. Why? If we are not going to use it to risk American lives and oppos-
tion, then what is the point? What is the point of having an all-volunteer military that can fight three wars plus pirates plus drug cartels, while the rest of us go about our business? Is America going to take advantage of its bennings to share peace and wealth with other nations, or will America greedily hoard its blessings and hope others follow suit on their own terms? The fact is there is still trouble and injustice in the world that I believe the United States can defeat single-
handedly, if we only had the courage to try. However, we won’t do that if we engage and get bogged down in con-
flicts that eat up resources and don’t show significant results. We’ve tried our country’s way. Can it be: A minimalist nation can save that god-forsaken place at this point in time. One day, Afghan-
istan will be rich with the valuable ore locked away in its mountains, and our libetation of its people from the Tal-
iban will be a bright spot in its history, but today they are so far behind the rest of the world it doesn’t matter how much money we pour into it. We have to leave now. Not a gradual drawdown, but a swift removal like Saigon in 1975. Last chopper out. I recommend Bush for his compassion-
ate effort to try and turn the country around instead of cratering it with a nuclear response, and he made a good run, but it was setup for failure from the beginning. I support Obama in that fact, and unfortu-
nately many American families have paid the price since. There are new battlefronts opening up where the United States is needed. We must reconcile our forces to be able to fully engage in these new loca-
tions. The “Arab Spring” was a great opportunity for us to stop the enemies of freedom in the Middle East, but I fear that opportunity may have passed by us. We must prepare for the next time, where we can make a real difference in the course of hu-
mankind. There are no longer Bush’s wars. Obama has had three years to end the conflicts like everyone thought he would and instead he has either escalated them or has been extremely timid in drawing down our troop strength. It is a fantasy to believe that he deserves his Nobel peace prize after what we have witnessed over the course of his term. The takeaway from this: If you inherited a war you don’t agree with, don’t kill thinking it. American blood is too precious to waste on combat without a mission. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not neces-
sarily those of The Observer.

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Letters to the Editor

Caution appreciated

Dear Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students,

Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy as you exited the stands and walked outside for the game to resume last Saturday. Your safety is a foundational concern for us. While you may occasionally feel that our abundance of caution is overly punishing, it is important that you recog-
nize that there are occasions or patterns of danger that you cannot see. An approximately 17 minutes to evacuate (most) of the stadium. The dramatic bolt of lightning west of the stadium (that precipitated its total evacuation) was the visual and audi-
torial evidence of our officials’ concerns. What you couldn’t have seen were the other 334 lightning strikes within a 10-mile radius of Notre Dame during the two game delays. The closest strike was 7/10ths of a mile from the stadium and carried an electric current of about 20,000 amps — some 100,000 times the lethal dose. I bring this to your attention to affirm the importance of your cooperation with emergency warnings. It is a safe envi-
ronment for your cooperation. Your safety officials issued an alert about any emergency — via text, phone, e-mail, the Web, or the campus-wide public ad-
dress system — you can be sure that the dangers that prompted this practiced response is essential to your safety. We ask you to continue responding in the general man-
er recommended. Please be perpetually conscious of your own well-being, and in the spirit of Notre Dame’s mission, a duty of our community for the safety of those around you.

Rev. Thomas P. Doyle
Associate Vice President
Sept. 8

Mike Seamon
Associate Vice President
Sept. 8
Football Saturdays are some of the best days at Notre Dame, without a doubt. But even that doesn’t mean the weekends don’t have home turf advantage can’t be just as epic. Whether you are watching the game in South Bend, at a bar or other venue, here are some tips to make your weekend memorable and amazing.

What to Eat
Sustenance is a hugely important part of any day, but especially game days, when you might be tailgating in triple-digit temperatures or sipping on cold beverages. The right food will help keep your energy up during the whole game and help avert rough Sunday morning hangovers. If you want your strength for the pushups we will all hope-fully be doing in excess tomorrow? For those of you staying home and watching the game, chili is a great option. This delicious stew is a great crowd-pleaser and easy to make for all the friends gathered in your living or common room.

If you are heading to an opposing stadium, pack your grill and brats. Tailgating is a fantastic way to meet rival fans and engage in friendly competitions to prove the worth of your team. Furthermore, the proximity to enemy fans provides excellent opportunities for heckling them — in a friendly manner, of course — for their poor taste in sports teams. Food inside the stadium or at nearby restau-rants may be expensive or subject to long lines, so tailgating is the way to go.

Where to Watch
If you are headed up to the Big House with a ticket this weekend, or to any away game this season, you are one of the chosen few. Enjoy your time in enemy territory and keep up the spirit even amidst rabid opposing fans. For those without a ticket, going to a local bar is a great alternative. This option may only be for those 21+, depending on the rules of the pub. However if that is you, going to bars is a great way to enjoy all the fun an away game has to offer. You can meet the locals, still en-gage in some friendly taunting and watch the game from inside if the weather goes foul.

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The film earned the ire of critics and failed to make an impact at the box office upon its release in 2001, but has since become a cult classic. “Wet Hot American Summer” features Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks, who reunited with di-rector David Wain for 2008’s “Role Reversal.” The film currently holds a 19% Fresh rating with the Top Critics, while 83% of audience members liked it. Tom Maurstad of the “Dallas Morning News” deemed the movie, “an almost laughless bomb,” while Sean Axmaker of the “Seattle Post-Intelligencer” called it “harmless, amiably entertaining and completely pointless.” Although even the film’s good reviews were not especially flattering, any audience can enjoy a pointless, funny movie.

While “Wet Hot American Summer” is not the best work of any of its actors, the ensemble cast turns in admirable performances in this summer camp farse that does any-thing but take itself seriously. For moviegoers who enjoy recognizing people from other things, hearing camp stories or taking a light-hearted comedic trek down memory lane, “Wet Hot American Summer” is a movie you might want to check out.

“Wet Hot American Summer” is currently playing at the DelBartlo Performing Arts Center Saturday at 11:59 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and are available online at performingarts nd.edu.

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 Speakers:

 **By PATRICK MCMANUS**

 Some movies make us think. Some movies make us wonder what it means to be human. “Wet Hot American Summer” is not one of those movies.

 The film earned the ire of critics and failed to make an impact at the box office upon its release in 2001, but has since become a cult classic. Written by Michael Showalter and David Wain, directed by Wain and featuring an all-star comedy cast, “Wet Hot American Summer” is a sa-tiric homage to summer camp mov-ies, in the tradition of the classic Bill Murray film “Meatballs.” “Wet Hot American Summer” fol-lows the events of August 18, 1981—the last day at Camp Firewood for the many kids and counselors. The camp’s inhabitants seek to end their summer on a high note.

 Wain and Showalter, both alums of the early ’90s MTV sketch com-eedy show “The State” and the Com-edy Central series “Stella,” made the movie a family affair. They brought in Michael Ian Black, a fellow veteran from both series to play McKinley, and Ken Marino from “The State” to play Vic-tor. Marino is perhaps best known for his star-ring turn as Ron in “Parks and Recre-ation” or dorm room, if space allows. If it doesn’t, rally the troops in one of the lounges in your dorm. Assign different people different snack items to bring, from chips to salsa, soda to brownies. As long as your friends and delicious snacks surround you, you will have a great time — sure to be even better if the Irish do well.

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Based on the best-selling 2003 nonfiction book of the same name by Michael Lewis, “Moneyball” follows the journey of Billy Beane, general manager of the Oakland A’s, and the revolution he started in Major League Baseball in the early 2000’s. The trailer gives glimpses of the mathematical approach that Beane and his assistant general manager, Paul DePodesta, pioneered — a feature of the film that any baseball fan should find fascinating. Equally interesting is the human story that the trailer presents. In real life, Beane is a man known for his incredible charm and dedication to his team, but also for his uncontrollable rage and struggles with his emotions. Much like “The Blind Side” a few years ago, this film has a chance to be a great sports film that appeals to more than the typical football fan.

Given that this film is all about a stunt driver with a seedy side job, the trailer portrays exactly the kind of confusion found in all action thrillers. With a starring cast of Carey Mulligan and Ryan Gosling, it showcases beautiful people in some searingly sticky situations. The trailer also features a brief cameo by Christina Hendricks of “Mad Men” fame, which leaves the audience questioning, where does she even fit into this? The best part of the trailer, however, is a slow motion montage of Gosling kicking some serious butt, set to classical music.

In the lead up to the 2012 election, this movie has just enough intrigue to make political sex sexy. Ryan Gosling is a political analyst who is being poached by the enemy because of his talent, but his idealism is what drew him to his candidate in the first place. Oh right, his candidate is none other than the gorgeous George Clooney — who wouldn’t want Clooney as president? At the same time, Gangster Squad is a whirlwind, action-packed adventure to find out who Lautner really is. This self-discovery process, the pair also has to avoid being caught by the sophisticated intelligence service that begins hunting them. Now that Lautner’s covered the bases of a romance movie with the “Twilight” dads, he is starring in a new film that can be classified as action, drama and mystery. For explosions, fight scenes and teenage identity crises, mark your calendars for Sept. 23.

Director Craig Brewer is making a bold move remaking the 1984 Kevin Bacon classic “Footloose.” However, the gorgeous and simplistic Ingrid Michaelson cover of “Can’t Help Falling in Love” floating in the background, we get glimpses of the naturalistic love story acted out by Felicity Jones and the vastly underrated Anton Yelchin. At a hit Sundance, many critics are now convinced by the story of city boy Ren McCormack, who loves rock and roll, yet moves to a small town that bans dancing. Very little can ever match up to Bacon’s fantastic dance moves, but this remake takes a valiant stab, especially with such a star-studded cast. Unfortunately, one place where this new movie really misses the boat is in the dancing. Ren’s dance moves seem to be taken right out of “Step Up”—or one of the affliated sequels—which is not very rock and roll. Overall, though this remake does not seem to egregiously offend Bacon and his classic movie, it may not be worth the $10 in theaters.

MARINA KOZAK | Observer Graphic
Sports Authority

Obession with ranks

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

Sports fans, analysts and commentorers today are obsessed with rankings. In an age when the ESPYS and Top Plays, of WV shows and the BCS, all teams, all players, all plays and all achievements are ranked.

ESPN makes a rank of not only college football teams, which while subjective still matters to some degree, but the teams in each of the ‘Big Four’ professional sports on a weekly basis, which are purely subjective and speculative, and which play no role whatsoever in the leagues themselves. Today’s sports fans is obsessed with trying to answer the question “Who/what is the best?”

But more was this more than clear during the 2011 NBA Playoffs. Yes, the LeBrench-choke is the best-player-of-the-BIG-Three-or-is-it-Big-Two 2011 NBA Playoffs. But the ranking has nothing to do with finding Dirk Nowitzki’s ranking in the history of the NBA.

I heard Nowtizki called one of the top-50 players of all-time, one of the top-20, one of the top-15 and even one of the top-10. On the surface, some of these claims seem quite plausible. Certainly if he is one of the top-50, and even top-20 is possible. But the claim that Dirk Nowtizki and his now one NBA title is one of the top-10 basketball players of all-time is ludicrous.

This column is not meant to bash Dirk. He is an incredible player who had a post-season for the ages. The problem is the obsession with ranking, not that Dirk was one of many players subjected to it.

If I were to ask if Michael Jordan was one of the top-5 basketball players at all-time, the answer would undoubtedly be a resounding affirmative. What about Wilt Chamberlain? Of course. Bill Russell? Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Naturally. Larry Bird? Magic Johnson? That’s six players already. So, through the answer to the question “Is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar among the top-five players of all-time?” seems obvious, it isn’t one of the top-six, but that’s as much as can be said.

It is easy to haphazardly assign ranks to players or teams without putting much thought into it. But by this point, professional sports have a long history and it is very tempting to rank current events higher than older ones – they’re more fresh in our minds. But too often claims are made with no real basis and with very little actual thought behind them.

Why does it matter who is the greatest quarterback of all-time (is it Joe Montana? Is it John Elway?) Who cares which team is the best dynasty of the 2000s (is it the Patriots and their three rings? TheMt. Rushmore of Sports (Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky, Babe Ruth and Muhammad Ali)? What are we doing?

Sports are by nature objective. One team wins and one team lose, based on how many points they score. But it is also incredibly subjective. The strike zone in baseball, charges in football all rely on the subjective judgment of an official. Sports analysts rely almost entirely on the subjective judgment of so-called experts. Subjectivity is not something that can be, nor should be, removed from the world of sports. Just take a minute to think about something before you claim it to be true.

The views expressed in this inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Senior Writing Development Editor

MLB

Braves inch closer to wild card

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chipper Jones earned himself another turn in the two-hole.

Jones looked ready for a formidable start and helping the Atlanta Braves snap a three-game skid with a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets on Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader made necessary by the threat of Hurricane Irene.

The Braves were forced to make a quick stop in New York to play two games postponed Aug. 27-28 after being stranded during the game sweep of the season, by the Phillies. The Braves next head to St. Louis for a crucial set against the team trailing them in the wild card race. Only several hundred fans were on hand to see the start of the twinbill at 4:10 p.m.

Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez tried shaking up his struggling club, losers of five of their last six, by stacking his top 10 on-base percent from the beginning.

Not long after, a matchup of young starters got off to a rough start. Mike Minor (5-2) settled down first, throwing 5 2-3 innings and his team responded with his biggest offensive output in six games.

Schwinden (6-1) gave up three runs in his longest start Saturday.

The Braves scored an RBI single in the first. J. Hector Heyward had the go-ahead hit, an RBI single, in the third off Chris Schwinden.

The run was needed, because the Braves scored on a two-out grand slam in the bottom half. Martin Prado had three hits for just his second multi-hit game this season.

It was nice to see [pitcher Mike Minor] hit a two-run double — for lack of a better word — and give us a nice outing.”

Fredi Gonzalez
Braves’ manager

Atlanta second baseman Dan Uggla attempts to turn a double play after making a force out at second base in the third inning.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The banged up New York Giants’ defense has another injury to worry about, and this involves two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Justin Tuck.

The Giants defensive captain didn’t practice Thursday because of a sore neck, and he indicated he would not play in the season opener against the Redskins in Washington unless it improved.

“I am concerned but I am not panicked,” Tuck said. “Like I said, it has not healed as fast as I wanted to. I am not panicked by it. It is getting better, just not as fast as I want it to.”

Tuck, who was limited in practice on Wednesday, suffered a stinger in a preseason game against the New York Jets on Aug. 29. While the injury feels better, he still has some localized pain.

“I have played through more pain,” he said. “It’s kind of eerie when you are talking about your neck.”

Tuck has talked to Giants linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka about dealing with a neck injury. Kiwanuka missed most of last season with a herniated cervical disk.

Tuck insists his injury is not as bad as Kiwanuka’s, but he does not want to risk his season to play in the opener.

“But if I am ready to play, I am going to strap it on and play,” he said.

There are times that the medical personnel will tell a player that he can play because it won’t make the injury worse. Tuck said that’s not true in his situation.

“I have played through a lot of stuff, hopefully, I can play through this one,” said Tuck, who played with a torn labrum against Tampa Bay in 2009.

Kiwanuka advised Tuck to be cautious.

“I tell everybody that has a neck issue, better safe than sorry,” Kiwanuka said. “One of the best things that helped me out was that as soon as I felt symptoms, I had it checked out immediately, otherwise I’d be in a very different predicament right now. I think erring on the side of caution is a must in that situation.”

Tuck said that he does not need a lot of practice time to be ready to play, noting he has been involved in all the walkthroughs, the team meetings and knows the Redskins well from playing them twice a season throughout his career.

The Giants have already lost cornerback Terrell Thomas and middle linebacker Jonathan Goff to season-ending knee injuries and defensive tackle Marvin Austin, their second-round draft pick, is out with a torn pectoral muscle.

Fellow two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora is rehabilitating his knee after arthroscopic surgery and will not play in the opener. First-round draft pick Prince Amukamara, a cornerback, is out with a broken foot.

Defensive coordinator Perry Fewell insisted his defense would not be limited by the injuries. He admitted he has modified some things in the Redskins’ gameplan because of Goff’s injury, but noted the next player on the depth chart has to step up and do the job.

At middle linebacker, that would be rookie Greg Jones. If Tuck can’t go, the Giants could either switch Kiwanuka from linebacker to end, start Chris Canty at end instead of tackle or simply go with veteran Dave Tollefson at end.

“We’re ready,” Fewell said. “We’re going down there to win a football game Sunday and we’re not crying. We’re locked. We’re loaded. This is a good challenge for us. We’ll be ready to play football.”

Fewell said Tuck has been getting better every day.

“If he plays,” Fewell said, “it will be a bonus for us.”
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Saint Louis in double overtime.

Irish continued from page 16

their first three matches of the season, coating to a sweep of the Shamrock Invitational and a 3-0 record. Brown hopes that last weekend's hiccups against highly-ranked Stanford and Cal are behind them. "It's just something you have to prove to be a just slight setback over the course of the long sea- son. Though two more weeks of matches separate the Irish from Big East play and the likes of Georgetown and Villanova, Brown is quick to point out that there is no preseason. "You'll get into trouble if you ever start looking ahead on your schedule, whether that be to Big East play, the NCAA tournament or anything else," Brown said. "We have to take it one match at a time. Every one counts." While every opponent certainly has to be respected, Brown and the Irish are much more concerned with their own play, particularly with an offense that has struggled at times early this season. Asked what to expect out of the oppo- sition this weekend, Brown was content to keep her focus on her own squad. "We're focusing on us more than on our opponents," Brown said. "And that means improving our offense. We have a lot of work to do, but I've really liked a lot of what I've seen this week." Any discussion of perfor- mance on offense has to start with the duo of sophomore Andreia McHugh and freshman Jeni Houser. McHugh, reign- ing Big East rookie of the year, and Houser, named to the all-conference team last weekend at Stanford, have registered 71 and 51 kills respectively this season to lead the team. The team returns to the court this weekend at the Joyce Center against Lipscomb at 7 p.m. Contact Coach Kelly at cc476@nd.edu

Bowler to leave RCR next season

Associated Press

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their first three matches of the season, coating to a sweep of the Shamrock Invitational and a 3-0 record. Brown hopes that last weekend's hiccups against highly-ranked Stanford and Cal are behind them. "It's just something you have to prove to be a just slight setback over the course of the long season. Though two more weeks of matches separate the Irish from Big East play and the likes of Georgetown and Villanova, Brown is quick to point out that there is no preseason. "You'll get into trouble if you ever start looking ahead on your schedule, whether that be to Big East play, the NCAA tournament or anything else," Brown said. "We have to take it one match at a time. Every one counts." While every opponent certainly has to be respected, Brown and the Irish are much more concerned with their own play, particularly with an offense that has struggled at times early this season. Asked what to expect out of the opposition this weekend, Brown was content to keep her focus on her own squad. "We're focusing on us more than on our opponents," Brown said. "And that means improving our offense. We have a lot of work to do, but I've really liked a lot of what I've seen this week." Any discussion of performance on offense has to start with the duo of sophomore Andreia McHugh and freshman Jeni Houser. McHugh, reigning Big East rookie of the year, and Houser, named to the all-conference team last weekend at Stanford, have registered 71 and 51 kills respectively this season to lead the team. The team returns to the court this weekend at the Joyce Center against Lipscomb at 7 p.m. Contact Coach Kelly at cc476@nd.edu

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Gopher Invitational and 15th at the NCAA Championships. The Razorbacks are led by sophomore Sebastian Cappelen, who finished second in individual competition at the Invitational last year. Cappelen was ranked at No. 25 at the end of his freshman year and had a stroke average of slightly under 72 last year, a Razorbacks best for the 2010-2011 season. Joining Arkansas as one of the favorites is No. 19 Iowa, coming off a record-setting season where it finished tied for 10th at the NCAA Cham- pionships last year. The Hawkeyes fashion a senior- laden lineup headed by Chris Brant. Brant finished seventh in last year’s Gopher Invita- tional and posted the second- lowest average score in pro- gram history. Filling out the field is Hous- ton, one of college golf’s most storied programs with 16 NCAA titles. Yet despite the heightened sense of competition, Kubinski has seen his group progress in ways he felt optimistic that his unranked squad can steal a win this weekend. "We've had a great round to- day. If we play this weekend like we have been during prac- tice and qualifying, I'm confi- dent that we'll have a good chance to win this weekend," he said. "(Our starters) have all been shooting around 70 recently, and we're looking great on our top five. We've been playing some very difficult courses, but they've been play- ing very well." The event is being held at the Spring Hill Golf Club in Wayzata, Minn. for the Gopher Invita- tional on Sunday to start the fall season.

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The Irish defeated Santa Clara (3-0-2) by a score of 1-0 last season with a goal just 3:05 into the game. Santa Clara senior goalkeeper Bianca Henninger recorded six saves in the game and is one of several returning starters on the Broncos’ roster.

Waldrum said he was able to prepare his team for both Stanford and Santa Clara all week in practice because the two teams run a similar system.

“The interesting thing about this weekend is that both teams out west play with the same system and same formation, so there are no surprises there,” he said. “[Santa Clara sophomore midfielder Julie] Johnston played on the under-20 national team. She’s really been a thorn in our side; she came to South Bend [last year] and played really well against us.”

On its last road trip — also against two ranked opponents — Notre Dame came away 0-2 after dropping its first game against top-ranked North Carolina and falling to No. 10 Duke in a Sunday matinee. Waldrum said the key to a successful weekend will be to stay focused and mentally confident.

“It’s so hard to play Friday and Sunday physically, but it’s tough especially against high-level teams,” he said. “Being mentally and physically prepared is huge. We didn’t come out and perform the second day last time, so we are trying to come out and perform the entire weekend.”

Senior forward Melissa Henderson agreed that confidence will play an important role in returning home with two wins.

“Confidence [is key], and I think we need to realize going in that we’re capable of doing it,” she said. “We need to believe in one another, come together and really play for one another, play for our school.”

The Irish outscored their opponents 11-2 over the weekend, and Henderson alone netted four goals. Waldrum said the Irish will have to continue to be patient near the goal and take advantage of good shot opportunities.

“I was happy offensively [this past weekend] with creating more chances and scoring more goals,” he said. “[Santa Clara] probably [has] the best goalkeeper in the country in Bianca.”

The Irish defense remains on top of the list of priorities, however, as the team continues to search for a permanent goalkeeper.

“We’ve been working on defense still, and we’ve got to get goalkeeping up,” Waldrum said. “We gave up two goals this weekend, and we’ve got to be better than we are.”

Opponents have scored seven goals on the Irish thus far, five more than the defense had allowed five games into the season last year, when they went on to win their third national championship.

Senior defender Jessica Schuveiller insisted that the defense is ready to work together and play for the entire weekend.

“Just collectively as a team, we need to be better at all-around defense and playing together as a group,” she said. “I think no matter who we have on the field at a time, we just have to have a mentality that no one’s going to get past us. We have to really support each other when we’re on the field together.”

The Irish will face Stanford on Friday at 10:30 p.m., and they will return to action at Santa Clara on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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“Calvin is a very tall, physical team,” Kuschel said. “We will need to hit much better and use their height to our advantage. This will be a great match if we show up and play our game.”

Even though this is the first home game of the year for the Belles, Kuschel says the mental preparation is no different than if it were a road game.

“It’s always about getting better every time we step onto the court,” she said.

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Irish ready for a pair of California matches

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

An offensive resurgence over the weekend gave No. 8 Notre Dame a fresh start as what is possible before it heads west to face second-ranked Stanford and No. 17 Santa Clara.

Notre Dame (3-2) will open the weekend against a familiar team in Stanford (4-0-1), which fell 1-0 to the Irish in last season's national championship. The Cardinal return six starters, including sophomore goalkeeper Emily Oliver.

"They have a great goalkeeper and, [senior forward] Lindsay Taylor up front is their go-to player," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "From what we've seen of her, she looks really good — [a] really energetic and high-tempo midfielder. They are very good and very professional, like we try to be here at Notre Dame."

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**ND Volleyball**

Team set to return for Invitational

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After a disappointing 0-2 finish at the Stanford Invitational in California last weekend, the Irish will try to rebound this weekend at home in the Golden Dome Invitational.

With her team set to take on Lipscomb, the University of Portland and Valparaiso, Irish coach Debi Brown believes playing at home will help the Irish as a whole, which taking anything less than three matches would be a disappointment.

"It's going to be really nice to be back at the Joyce Center," Brown said. "We will never use it as an excuse, but travel does wear on you. When it comes to playing at home, we're on a mission."

That mission would be to regain the winning ways of two weeks ago as the Irish (3-2) took top-50 of Golf World's list of the world's best college golfers.

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**Men's Golf**

Two seniors bring leadership, experience to Notre Dame

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will kick off its Big East title defense this weekend when it heads to the University of Minnesota for the seventh annual Gopher Invitational to open the season.

The Irish won their seventh Big East title last year when they cruised to victory at the Big East Championship in May, defeating runner-up Louisville by a margin of six strokes.

And for a team that didn't lose any starters, the squad's expectations go beyond just defending their conference championship, senior Max Scodro said.

"Of course we want to repeat our Big East championship, but we didn't lose anyone from the starting lineup so we are going to push for that national championship," Scodro said.

Scodro leads the strong Irish squad and played this past summer in the U.S. Amateur Championships. Scodro made the cut and qualified in a tightly-contested playoff round after shooting a 67 on the second day. But the senior lost in the next round after he drew the No. 1 amateur golfer in the world, UCLA's Patrick Cantlay.

Scodro is also the reigning Big East Player of the Year and was recently named to the top-50 of Golf World's list of the world's best college golfers.

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**Men's Soccer**

Irish to host memorial tourney

By SAM GANS
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Coming off a split in a pair of games at the adidas/Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind., the No. 14 Irish will look to better their performance in two home games this weekend.

Notre Dame (1-1) hosts the Mike BertiCelli Memorial Tournament this weekend, with games against No. 20 Denver on Friday and Bucknell on Sunday.

The Irish got off to a strong start last weekend with a 4-1 win over Dayton, but could not continue the momentum, dropping their next game 2-1 to

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**SMC Volleyball**

Belles to open up with national champions

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Belles will take on defending national champions Calvin in their home opener Friday.

Saint Mary's (1-4, 0-1 MIAA) is coming off a 3-1 loss to Kalamazoo on Tuesday. The Belles are looking to rebound from that loss and carry the positive aspects of their performance into Friday's game.

"We had a great start to the match with a seven-point lead," Belles coach Toni Kusche said. "We need to push and finish the set. We need to eliminate unforced errors." Eliminating errors and minimizing careless mistakes will be essential in facing a team as talented as the Knights (5-0, 1-0). Not only do Calvin boast a perfect record, but it brings in a team with 12 players at 5'10" or taller, including sophomore setter Megan Rietma, who stands 6'2" and was recently named the MI- AAs specialty player of the week for the third time in her career.

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