Football players tackle local service

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

After fielding questions from reporters about the upcoming Air Force game Tuesday, junior Cierre Wood lit up when he talked about Christian, a young boy he met at the South Bend Center for the Homeless this summer through a one-credit service learning course offered by the Center for Social Concerns.

Co-taught by Professors Bill Purcell and Mike Hebbeler, the class combined guest speakers and lectures in the morning with community service activities in the afternoon. "The class" gives [students-athletes] a way to engage with the community to learn about themselves," Hebbeler said. "To be stretched, to be challenged and hopefully to experience opportunities that really speak to them in hopes of going forward.

"Wood said becoming friends with Christian through the class reminded him of how blessed he was.

"Everybody isn't lucky enough to have a regular, normal life," Wood said. "I see [these kids], and they're still laughing and having fun, and taking life for what it is. It just makes you appreciate the little things you have in your life.

"Wood said he keeps a picture see SERVICE/page 4

Steve Jobs, Apple founder, dies at 56

Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former CEO who invented and masterfully marketed sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, died Wednesday. He was 56.

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause. He died peacefully, according to a statement from family members who said they were present.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives," Apple's board said in a statement. "The world is immeasurably better because of those innovations." see JOBS/page 3

Online forum facilitates academic life dialogue

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

As an online forum for students, by students, The Hub works to spark dialogue about academic life at Notre Dame through a digital medium.

As The Hub nears its first anniversary, seniors and Co-editors-in-Chief Kirsten Adam and Paul Baranay said the website successfully established creative conversations at the University during the past year.

"We wanted it to be a forum for academic dialogue, but we wanted to redefine the definition of academic," Baranay said. "To us, your academic life isn't just what you do in the classroom."

Adam said any student with a Notre Dame ID could post on the website, found at thehub.nd.edu, about research, study abroad experiences, service, written work or any idea that gets them talking.

"It's peer discussion, students having fun and taking life for what it is. We wanted it to be a forum for students," Adam said.

When the two began planning the website in spring of 2010, their first objective was rallying a staff around the idea. When they assembled a team of nine students, The Hub editors worked on realizing content in a web interface.

"The biggest hurdle was the technical one — coding and developing the site," Baranay said.

Baranay said since the team overcame this first challenge, they pitched the idea of The Hub to different academic offices on campus. The website received sponsorships from nine different offices, he said.

Once autumn arrived, The Hub made its debut. Since its launch, The Hub has gained a following of at least 450 visitors per week.

The editors-in-chief said the website grew in popularity mainly through word of mouth, though they recently launched the "Poster Wall" campaign. see HUB/page 4

Jenkins honored as leader

Observer Staff Report

An Indiana youth center honored University President Fr. John Jenkins Wednesday as a role model making a significant difference in the lives of young people, according to a University press release.

The Wrenn Youth & Family Treatment Center recognized Jenkins with the 2011 National Catalyst for Change Award at a ceremony and dinner Wednesday, the press release stated.

"Wrenn is a family-focused, child-centered agency that provides opportunities for the growth and development of troubled children and their families — individually, interpersonally and socially — through caring programs and healing relationships," the release stated.

Located in Richmond, Ind., see JENKINS/page 5

Student injured in bike crash

Observer Staff Report

A Notre Dame student received treatment at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for injuries sustained in a bike accident on South Quad on Wednesday evening.

The student crashed his bike at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday near Howard Hall. Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and emergency technicians treated the student at the scene, and an ambulance transported him to the hospital shortly after the accident.

The student's rector said he is still disoriented from the crash but will recover from his injuries.

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IN BRIEF

Returned Peace Corp volunteers will join us on campus starting today to help the University celebrate the Peace Corps’ 50th Anniversary. They will be on campus until Saturday.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Institute for Latino Studies Jessica Brock will host a presentation titled, “Realizing the DREAM Act” today from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The presentation will be held in Room 1140 in the Eck Hall of Law. She will discuss issues of development and education for alien minors in the United States.

Howard Hall will host its third annual Trotter for Water a 24-hour trotter-marathon to support the Global Water Initiative. The event will begin this evening at 5 p.m. on South Quad.

Associate Professor Julia Douthwaite will host a lecture titled, “The Queen and Us, or Why Cosmopolitanism has not been a Force in America.” Today’s lecture will run from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. The lecture will be held in Room 118 DeBartolo Hall.

A production of Mary Zimmerman’s “The Secret in the Wings” will show tonight in the Phillin Studio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Student tickets cost $7.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers.nd.edu@gmail.com

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH HOLIDAY IS BETTER, SUNDAY, OR ST. PATRICK’S DAY?

Francie Crowell
Junior
Welsh Family

Ellen Carroll
Junior
Badin

Nick Daegele
Junior
Alumni

Derek Novacek
Junior
Dillon

Bill Shields
Senior
Lyons

Alexa Wilson
Junior
Dillon

“St. Patrick’s Day.”

“St. Patrick’s Day.”

“St. Patty’s Day — no scary monsters.”

“Halloween.”

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“Halloween.”
App alerts students to discounts

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Students will receive reminders to visit local businesses that offer discounts by downloading Vidappe, a mobile application that connects users with 41 discounts in the South Bend area.

Star Li, a 2010 graduate of Cornell University, and a friend developed the free application for the iPhone and Android to remind people when they are near businesses that offer special deals.

“It’s kind of like having a service following you around reminding you to do stuff,” Li said. “You would start getting alerts for all 41. Within the settings, you can choose what type of alerts you get. If you don’t want to get alerts for restaurants, you can turn that off.”

Users subscribe to receive alerts for a specific program of discounts, Li said. They then indicate whether they are walking or driving, and Vidappe alerts users when they approach businesses in the program. Students can redeem discounts with their Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s identification cards.

“It’s definitely quite different from a lot of apps out there that you download and forget about immediately,” she said. “The app has been very successful, especially on my phone. There’ve been two or three different upgrades so far.”

Li released the iPhone application in June and the Android version in August, she said. There are currently six users participating in Vidappe’s Student for South Bend Program.

“I think it has actually really had time because all the students were out for the summer, so even though [Vidappe] has been out for a while, we haven’t had the ability to get a hold of anyone,” Li said. “It’s popular in odd pockets of the U.S. right now. It’s popular in small areas like Notre Dame and on the student government website, so many students don’t know about them.

“The app is a nice way for our discounts to be promoted and we’ve seen a couple of new campuses carry around papers and remember what that discount is,” he said. “I think the users have actually been positive so far.”

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Steve.

Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems in August. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — before resigning as CEO six weeks ago. Jobs became Apple’s chairman and handed the CEO reins to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

Outside Apple’s Cupertino, California, headquarters, three flags — an American flag, a California state flag and an Apple flag — were flying at half-staff late Wednesday.

"Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve over the last 12 years have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor," Cook wrote in an email to Apple’s employees.

"Steve leaves behind a company that he built with his heart and his soul and his spirit and his forebears. It is my fundamental belief that Steve would want every Apple employee to continue to believe that it matters deeply that you help shape the future of the world through your work at Apple."

However, the new head of shareholders had been dreadfully happening since day after day caused the Apple unveiled its latest version of the iPhone, just one in a procession of devices that shaped technology and society while Jobs was running the company.

Cultivating Apple’s cultural sensibility and a minimum of redesign. Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of dire economic downturns and his own failing health.

He helped change computers from a geeky hobbyist’s obsession into a necessary part of modern life at work and home, and in the process he upended not just the technology industry but nearly all the cellphone and music industries.

For transformation of American industry, he has few rivals in the recent history of personal computer age — contemporary. Bill Gates, and has influenced an entire generation of creative geniuses such as Walt Disney. Jobs died as Walt Dis-

playing the Saints

St. Teresa of Avila: First Woman Doctor of Catholic Theology
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Saturday, October 8, 2011
10:30 – 11:30 am
Andrews Auditorium
Lower Level, Gedeon Center

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in his locker that Christian
gave him in gratitude of his
friendship.

“Everyone was playing duck,
duck, goose, and [Christian]
was just over there by himself.”
Wood said. “I didn’t really like
to see him over there by him-
self so I wanted to go over there
and introduce myself to try to
make a new friend. He gave
me a picture, and on the back
it said ‘Thank you for being my
friend. I really appreciate ev-
tHING that you’ve done.’ It
really hit home for me.”

According to a University
press release, organizations
participating in the course in-
cluded the South Bend Center
for the Homeless, the Logan
Center, the Red Cross, La Casa
de Amistad, Healthwin and the
Perley Primary Center.

Although open to all stu-
dents, the class was geared to-
ward student-athletes, whose
chedules restrict them from
engaging in much community
service during the school year.

Hebbeler said, “One of the purposes of the class is to give these student-
athletes the opportunity to experience what the major-
ity of Notre Dame students are experiencing.”

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A one-year birthday party
for The Hub will be held in the
CUSE Think Tank, found at
233 Geddes Hall, Wednesday,
Oct. 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
The gathering will include
food and casual conversation.

Baranay said The Hub planned
to bring the dialogue to the students through next semester.

“One thing we have planned for the spring is a symposium
called ‘Notre Dame Thinks Big.’” he said. “In it 10 profes-
sors and people of the commu-
nity will give talks on things
students can get involved with.”

Until spring, however, The
Hub editors-in-chief said they
would focus on continuing to
improve the website.

Adam said while many peo-
ple visit the website and read
its articles, she would love to
see more students contribute
content.

Submissions of student re-
search, experiences abroad or
in service, poetry, short stories
and even informal blogs were
welcome, Adam said.

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cell said both the student-
athletes and the community
members whom they helped
this summer gained from the
experience.

“There’s a mutuality,” Pur-
cell said. “There’s building
the common good together by
learning from each other.
Fifth-year senior David Ruffer
also worked with children at
the Center for the Homeless,
and he said the friendships he
made with the children there
were truly genuine.

“They broke down all these
barriers and saw us as people
who wanted to hang out with
them, and as a result, they
just wanted to hang out with
us,” Ruffer said. “It’s pretty
rare that people just look at us
as people as opposed to Notre
Dame football players. It was
really refreshing that these
kids were so straight with us.”

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rience was making friends with
a young boy named Eric.

“Me and my buddy Eric
played a game where basic-
ally I had to kneel whenever he
pointed his finger at me, and
I was on ground, so that was
a lot of fun,” he said. “You
could tell he had a lot of
potential and happy.”

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Service offers support for Belles

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s community gathered on Library Green for a prayer service to remember all of those impacted by mental illness as a part of “Support a Belle, Love a Belle” Week on Wednesday evening.

“The prayer service was a very moving experience,” senior Katie Ciresi said.

The event was one of several during the week that was sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) to promote awareness for and assist students who may be suffering from mental illness, anxiety and depression. Upon arrival, participants were given a candle and instructed to stand in a circle. The service began with the song “Christ Be Our Light.” Following the opening song, scripture passages and petitions were read.

Participants were then asked to offer up their own prayers in front of the group in order to honor the memory of loved ones who experienced mental illnesses. The service concluded with attendees exchanging the sign of peace.

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Alumni in the Field

Madeleine Philbin ’81
Clark Gibson ’83
Winifred Fitzgerald ’83

6:30pm TONIGHT! — Eck Visitor’s Center

Reception with former Notre Dame Peace Corps volunteers to follow
For more information visit: kellogg.nd.edu/fordprogram

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the center annually works with about 200 children and families from Indiana and Ohio. The Catalyst for Change Award recognizes national, region and local honorees, a philanthropist of the year and an alumnus each year. Jenkins, who is being recognized for his work as a University faculty member and administrator, delivered the keynote address Wednesday evening.

The recipients are positive role models for children, teens and adults dedicating their own lives to better the lives of youth, especially those at-risk,” the organization’s website stated.

Wernle’s president and chief executive officer is Darrell “Flash” Gordon, a member of the 1988 Irish national championship football team. According to the release, Gordon earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Notre Dame in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Other recipients of the award from the Notre Dame community include alumni Regis Philbin and Nicholas Sparks, as well as former Irish football coaches Lou Holtz and Charlie Weis.

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How to be a Nerdfighter

Hello, fellow ND students. Chances are that you, like me, are a huge nerd — I mean that in the most complimentary way possible. Being a nerd simply means that you have a passion for something, whether it’s language, science, art, sports, or, hey, you don’t even have to be good at it. Nerdfighters are a kind of superhero — they use their passions to make the world a better place. The term is also used to describe the community that sprang up around the Vlogbrothers YouTube channel.

Nerdfighters is a video blog project started by John and Hank Green more than four years ago. It began as a year-long experiment called Brotherhood 2.0 in which they agreed not to communicate by textual means (e-mail, text messages, etc.) and instead post a new video every weekday.

The Vlogbrothers are John and Hank Green — both nerds in their own right. Hank started the environmental technologies website Vlogbrothers.org and John is the Printz Award-winning, bestselling author of young adult novels, including “Looking for Alaska” and “Paper Towns.” Their videos range from songs about anglerfishes in the ocean's depths and “flis” from songs about anglerfishes in the ocean's depths and “flis” and quirks and Harry Potter, to philosophical insights into society, from tirades about the complexities of ponies and front lawnss to analyses of political struggles around the world.

One of my favorite things about the Vlogbrothers, though, is how they use their interests to benefit a wide variety of social causes. For instance, Nerdfighters have raised over $40,000 for KidsVS, which helps people living in poverty start their own businesses.

Sound interesting? You, too, can be a Nerdfighter in just five steps! (Steps 1 and 2 optional, but highly recommended.)

1) Check out the Vlogbrothers on YouTube. They’ve collected some of their best videos (out of 880+) into playlists, and now they go up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If they don’t post, they must perform a punishment of the Nerdfighters’ choosing, like eating a blended McDonalds happy meal. Those have their own playlist, if schadenfreude’s your thing.

2) Learn the lingo. Now that you know who “Nerdfighters” are, you can incorporate it into your everyday life. Other essential phrases: “french the llama” and “DFTBA” (do not forget to be awesome!).

3) Decrease “world suck.” Get involved! Check out Kony2012 and the Project for Awesome for ideas or find service opportunities around campus.

4) Increase awesome. Write a book, discover a new species, build a time machine — or just put stuff on your laptop and do a funny dance. (What? It’s fun!) Big or small, find some way to make your passion come alive with the world.

Congratulations! You are now a Nerdfighter. Go forth and use your powers for good.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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ND grad explores storms and struggle in fiction work

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Assistant Scene Editor

It’s really true. It doesn’t matter what degree you graduate from Notre Dame with, be it Engineering, Arts and Letters, or Architecture, you really can do anything you want. David Michael Belczyk, a 2003 graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and author of two collections of poetry and one work of fiction, is living proof.

Belczyk returns to campus this weekend to promote his latest work, “Elynia,” his fiction piece, with a book signing at the bookstore. In his words, “Elynia” is about a storm.

One thing the book does is cover four generations of characters who are interconnected in an unusual way,” Belczyk said. “And each one of the chapters is a very intimate look at one of their particular struggles. And along with that perspective on struggle, there is a particular storm that kind of like the endurance of their trials,” he said. “[This] is really one of hope. Out of that endurance there comes communication of all these people, and the unity that transcends the barriers of life and time ... and there is a beauty that underlies their endurance and transforms life’s struggles.”

“Elynia” captures this idea of hope and beauty, with images at both ends of the book highlighting these ideals. The images are similar, involving the same characters, a young boy and his grandmother. At the book’s opening, the two are searching a cemetery for graves, but the young boy doesn’t actually know what graves for which he is looking. The book ends with a scene on a porch, where the boy and his grandmother, both cold, huddle together watching the rain, waiting to see if a rainbow will appear.

This last scene encapsulates the idea of hope within suffering. These two characters, earlier that same day, had wandered through a graveyard searching for the graves of family members, and at the end of the day they are still cold and waiting out a rainstorm. But they look for the rainbow. They hope beauty and goodness will emerge from their despair.

Belczyk said he is excited to return to Notre Dame to promote his book and sign copies for fans. Not only is he thrilled to receive exposure, but also to return to the place that helped inspire the work. While the project has been a few years in the making, the original idea came from Belczyk’s experiences with storms on campus and with friends. He saw themes developing from his ideas about people out in storms and wanted to unite them into something larger.

In his writings, Belczyk draws influence from writers like William Faulkner, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and e.e. cummings. He said he especially loves Marquez because “You just feel like you’re seeing the same things through different eyes.”

You realize the world is a lot more vibrant in places you didn’t know,” he said. “That’s something I always try and put in my writing. I’m always trying to take relatively ordinary things and turn them into allegories so that even the mundane things of life have a secondary identity.

Mundane objects do gain new identity and life in “Elynia.” Belczyk’s approach to writing in a poetic, lyrical manner allows images to arise from the pages of the work and bring life to the story. The sun lighting up, warming a flowing river takes on new meaning, a new personal-ity beyond that which we have experienced. And then Belczyk applies this approach to all other objects and people.

To students who want to break into the writing business, Belczyk had a few pieces of advice. One, he wanted to remind writers to just be themselves because you can only be who you are, and you need to be interested in who you are. But also, he was worried about the state of modern poetry.

“I think that modern poetry is in danger because everybody thinks they have to go to school for it,” Belczyk worried. “And I think that what the art needs is a whole lot of people who are out there living life and are in the fray and are going to talk about the fray.”

So, to non-English majors, to non-Arts and Letters majors, try your hand at something new. It might surprise you. And don’t forget to discover the beauty of struggle in “Elynia.”

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On campus
What: “Elynia” book signing
Where: Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
When: Hammes Bookstore
How Much: Free
Head to the LaFortune Ballroom tonight to hear up-and-coming band Gentleman Hall play a concert featuring songs from their new EP “When We All Disappear.” The band recently won MTV’s “Best Breakout Boston Artist” award and even has a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream flavor in their honor.

These classical stories are presented in a very unconventional way and feature fantastic designs and costumes to accent the bizarrely wonderful narrative. The play will show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

One of the summer’s biggest blockbusters comes to Notre Dame this weekend. Shia LaBeouf joins the Autobots to fend off another plan to destroy the world by the Decepticons. “Transformers 3” promises big spectacles to amp up your weekend.

The Department of Music presents a program of music that spans the cultures of Europe by Fleur de Lys. The ensemble, which features violin, wooden flutes, violas, harpsichord and vocals, will focus on Baroque chamber music of France, Italy and Germany.
Heading into week 5 in the NFL, signs of a heated debate between owners and players are hard to find. Attendance remains high, TV ratings are up, players and owners are still making money hand-over-fist. ESPN, NBC, CBS, and Fox all have retained television rights.

Fans are even enjoying the integration of the West Coast offense into every team’s game plan, as passing is becoming more the norm (as the Like the Founding Fathers, less the powdered wigs). Both sides concessions were in the name of football and excessive salaries, but the ultimately reached an agreement that prevented the loss of the 2011 season.

The NBA could take a hint from the NFL. On Tuesday, Stern and the National Basketball Players Association once again met to discuss the deal, unsuccessful, leading Stern to threaten the remainder of the preseason and effectively putting the possibility of the 2011-2012 season’s existence in serious flux.

The two parties have yet to schedule a follow-up meeting, which could take as long as three weeks try to four weeks to happen, and Stern has threatened cancelling the first two weeks of the regular season. That means millions of lost profits for players and owners starting on Nov. 2, the expected start of the season.

Not to be forgotten are the hundreds of thousands of fans who would go to any of the NBA’s 30 teams, who depend on 41 home games as their primary source of income. It’s not that easy to leave the country to sign with a Euro- league team just to scan tickets.

Standing out might be the most Important of the Big Four Commissioners. No nonsense Goodell is the clear commissioner leader, followed closely by the NFL’s Gary Berenson, who Busch USED re- moves the rights to home field advantage from the All-Star game, which always be near the bottom. But Stern may just take the cake if he is going to do a full season. Players have already signed contracts abroad. Kobe Bryant is getting ready to ink a one-month, $3 million deal to play in Italy.

The preseason is gone, and a Laker (Derek Fisher) has been brought back to represent the players’ interests. As expected, the divide between the two sides comes down to economics. Players have fewer their demands of total bas- ketball-related income (BRI) down to 24.4 percent while players have raised their offer to 47 percent. The league suggests a 50-50 split.

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As fans, we have little control over the negotiations, but we do have options. The NFL season is around the corner, the NFL and college football keep us busy on the weekends and college hoops are in sight.

In the meantime, welcome to the NBA, “Where Caring Happens.”

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A squirrel interrupts the at-bat of Cardinal Skip Schumaker in the second inning of Game 4 of the NLCS.

“It’s good to get some early runs, for sure,” Oswalt said. “I felt pretty good, but I can’t use that as a good sign for bad pitches.”

The biggest jobs for the Car- dinals came from their seventh- place hitter. Freese was 2 for 12 with two home runs in the first three games with one BFF before finishing the fourth of the Phillies’ ace.

Freese’s two-run double down the third-base line in the fourth put St. Louis up 3-2. His two-run double to straightaway center in the sixth whistled the crowd into a towel-waving frenzy.

Oswalt walked Berkman and hit Holliday, making his first start of the year to start the fourth, and Freese made a fine running catch on the right field warning track to rob Yubel Molina of extra bases but Freese jumped on a hanging curveball with a drive down the left-field line.

Holiday singled with one out in the sixth and Freese hit a 1-0 pitch to the pasture in straightaway center, not far from where a squirrel made an early appearance, for a three-run homer and cost the Cardinals running across the plate an instant after Oswalt’s pitch to Skip Schumaker passed for a ball.

Oswalt argued with plate ump. Arnie Schuerholz, asking for no pitch. On the next, Schumaker flew out.

In Game 3 Tuesday, a squirrel was seen scampering in foul terri- tory along the third base line. Five pitches into the game, the Phillies had a 2-0 lead with an as- similate post-game afternoon play- ing conditions.

Jay, standing in bright sunshine, white shadows, took one step in on one leadoff man Jimmly Rollins’ drive on the first pitch of the game and retreated too late for a ball just over his glove that bounce off the wall for a ground-rule double. Uptil tripled just inside the first base- line three pitches later and was then out on an infield single on the next pitch.

ST. LOUIS — Big swings by a slugging hitter, clutch innings by a journeyman pitcher. Suddenly, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking very dangerous.

As for the Philadelphia Phillies? They have turned downright squirrelly.

David Freese, shut down by Pujols after the first three games, became a hometown star Wednesday night. He homered, doubled, and drove in four runs as the Cardinals defeated nemesis Roy Oswalt and first baseman for four fifth inning in their NL playoff series by beating the favored Phillies 5-3.

“This is what you worked for,” said Freese, a local prop star who came to the Cardinals in a trade for Adam Lindom after the 2007 season. “Just to do this in front of the fans of St. Louis and a bunch of friends and family, it’s amazing.”

Center fielder Jon Jay made a sliding catch of Pujols hit fly ball for the final out, and was already pointing his index finger behind his ear.

“We’re not looking at this like it’s we’re just happy to be here and it’s David and Gallia,” Cardinals slacker Lance Berkman said.

“Pujols had his moment,” the Sluggers have made his well known on defense, catching Chase Utley going for an extra base in the sixth. Utley drove a leadoff walk and kept running on Hunter Pence’s grounder to short, but Pu- jols alertly jumped off first base to catch the throw and made a sharp retief to third for the out.

“This is obviously the playoffs, but that’s a play I can make in the regular season,” Pujols said. “If I would have stayed on the bag, it was going to be tough to get the runner at third. Obviously, that killed the rally right there.”

Edwin Jackson, who came in from a rocky beginning to win his first playoff start. After giving up two runs on his first five pitches, he would up throwing six solid innings. Jason Motte worked a per- fect ninth for his second save of the series.

Phillies cleanup hitter Ryan Howard, like Freese a St. Louis native, drove in three runs with three strikeouts. He is 0 for 8 the last two games with five strikeouts and has hit only one ball out of the infield.

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The most outstanding man of the entire series, to start the fourth. Chris Carpenter — they played to- gether in Toronto for five years.

“They’re good friends and old teammates, and Carp was really collaborating with the opportunity to pitch against Roy on full rest,” Carpenter said. “I was able to throw outstanding games. Jason Motte worked a per- fect ninth for his second save of the series.

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Belles hungry for revenge over rival

By MATT UNGER Sports Writer

Since 2006, Hope has won all eight of its matches against Saint Mary’s, five of which have been decided by one goal. However, tonight’s game between the conference foes carries added significance for the Belles as the team looks to even its MIAA record at 4-4 and remain within reach of a conference playoff spot.

“If we want to stay in the hunt for a top-four finish to make the playoffs, [this] is a very important game for us,” Belles coach Mike Joyce said. “[If we slip to] 3-5 through the first eight conference games, we’ve left ourselves a lot of work to do.”

Winning tonight’s match will prove to be a test of endurance for both squads as they play the second of three games in five days.

The Belles kicked off the stretch with a 2-1 road win over Trine on Tuesday, led by goals from senior Katelyn Tondo-Steele and junior Ashley Morfin.

“Starting off with a win helps a tough week of games,” Belles’ coach Michael Joyce said. “Most teams in the conference have the same setup so I suppose it evens out for the most part.”

Hope is expected to offer more of a challenge than Trine, which has only has one win in MIAA play.

The Flying Dutchmen defeated Calvin 3-2 Tuesday, despite being outshot 17-10. Junior goalkeeper Megan Altieri saved seven shots on goal and has saved 73 percent of shots attempted on the season.

“Hope is good this year and is regionally ranked,” Joyce said. “We played very well against them last year and I think we match up well against them.”

The Belles will also have to contain the Flying Dutchmen’s scoring tandem of senior defender Danielle Petzak and freshman forward Nora Kirk. Petzak leads the squad with five goals on the season and has added two assists, while Kirk is second on the team with four goals, including two in the Calvin game.

Following Thursday’s match against Hope, the Belles return to Michigan on Saturday to face Olivet at noon today at 7 p.m.

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were on getting the ball toward the net, the Irish raked in the only one that mattered and went into the half with a 1-0 advantage.

With just 12 minutes left in regulation, Wildcats senior forward Oliver Kupé sent the tying point past Notre Dame’s senior goalkeeper, Will Walsh. Walsh played the entire 120 minutes for the Irish and had two saves.

Clark noticed increased offensive determination from the Wildcats leading up to Northwestern’s equalizing goal.

“There was a period in the second half where they were fighting to get their goal back where they obviously applied a lot of pressure,” Clark said. “After they got the goal back, we took over the game again. It would have been nice if we had gotten our second goal before they tied it up, but it wasn’t to be.”

Aside from their second half burst of offensive power, Northwestern’s unconventional style of play was another challenge for the Irish.

“They set out playing a 4-1-4-1 formation,” Clark said. “They had a sweeper in the midfield. It made it quite difficult for us. It took a while for us to sort that out, but once we did, more gaps appeared, and we got more chances.”

On the defensive side of the game, Clark credits both defenders, senior Aaron Maund and junior Grant Van de Castelee as crucial for Northwestern’s particular style of play. “I thought that the defenders handled their aerial game very well. Aaron [Maund] and Grant [Van de Castelee] were superb in that department, just handling every time they played.”

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experienced thus far this year, it has not been an easy road for Rydberg. She missed all of last season due to an injury to her lower back.

“It was a result of my body not being able to handle the mileage I was running,” Rydberg said. “It was disappointing not to be able to race. It was heartbreaking to watch my team work out and race and not be able to be with them, doing what I love.

In spite of not being able to participate in races, Rydberg said she made her presence known in other ways.

“I did my best to encourage the other girls and support them as best I could,” she said.

Now that she’s healthy, Rydberg is continuing to support her team but has also taken on a greater role. Along with winning the National Catholic Championship and placing second in the Crusader Invitation al, Rydberg led the Irish in the 56th annual Notre Dame Invitational, placing 25th out of 225 runners. It was the third consecutive meet she had set the pace for her squad. In a team setting, Rydberg says she’s trying to lead by example.

“I would like to think that I’m a good example of hard work and dedication, and that I am able to provide advice to the younger girls,” she said.

If Rydberg continues to stay healthy and run well, she should have no trouble reaching the goals she set for herself this season:

“One of my primary goals is to stay healthy, mentally and physically,” she said. “It’s difficult to race year-round and burnout is pretty common, so I want to avoid that. I think it’s possible for me to be an All-American in cross country, so that is my ultimate goal for this season. In the shorter term, I’m working hard to be the best leader for our team so that we can all perform to our highest potential.”

Rydberg and the Irish will next race in the Wisconsin Invitational on Oct. 14.

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I'm really looking forward to it,” Frilling said. This will be the first time Frilling takes the court this season and she said she is ready to see where her game is at beginning the new season.

“I'm also really excited to play my first tournament of the fall and hopefully start the season on a positive note,” she said.

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New caddy wants focus on Tiger’s game

Tiger Woods waits for his put on the eighth green with his new caddie at the Frys.com Open on Oct. 5.

Associated Press

SAN MARTIN, Calif. — Tiger Woods offered Joe LaCava the job as his caddie, and it wasn’t a difficult decision for him.

“Why? Because he’s Tiger Woods,” LaCava said Wednesday, offering very little by way of elaboration. “Enough said. It’s no-brainer, isn’t it? That’s my thought. It’s Tiger Woods.”

LaCava is among the top caddies on the PGA Tour, having spent most of his 25 years with Fred Couples, a former Masters champion and No. 1 player in the world who was the biggest draw during the peak of his career.

So big crowds will be nothing new for LaCava.

He just never imagined working for three players this year, the last one Woods.

Couples was playing less and urged LaCava to work for Dustin Johnson, regarded as the top young American talent. Johnson, who already has five wins and played in the final group at three majors, was runner-up at the British Open and won The Barclays. By then, however, Woods had fired Steve Williams and was looking for a replacement.

LaCava told him he was interested.

“When you say was it a hard decision, it was hard in the fact Dustin was great to me,” LaCava said after his first official day of work for Woods. “Was it hard to tell him I was leaving to go to work for Tiger? Yes. Was it hard to go to work for Tiger? No.”

But the timing made some people question the move.

Johnson already has proven to be a cash machine, with more than $12 million in earnings after four years on the tour, and headed for another top-10 finish on the money list.

Woods is winless over the last two years, and has managed to play a full schedule only once in the last four years because of injuries or chaos in his personal life.

LaCava was asked if he was betting that Woods still had great golf ahead of him. This brought a smile of confidence.

“Of course, no question,” LaCava said. “I know he does. I’m not betting on it.”

LaCava has been around Woods often over the last 15 years, starting with practice rounds that Woods played with Couples at the Masters and U.S. Open as an amateur. LaCava was prepared to work for Woods at the 2005 Presidents Cup when Williams went home to New Zealand for the birth of his son. Couples, however, made the U.S. team and Woods hired Billy Foster for the week.

LaCava broke the news to Johnson after the Tour Championship, then came out to CordeValle for a tournament that was never on his schedule. For Woods, the Frys.com Open is his first tournament in seven weeks, and his last PGA Tour appearance this year.

There will be some adjustments, as always, but not that many.

“He’s trying to envision how far I hit the golf ball and what I would like to hear for certain numbers through bunkers or carries,” Woods said. “So he kind of got all that. And he basically said, ‘OK, just let me know what you want on each hole.’ And that’s how we kind of did it. So he got a feel for what I liked, or would like to think or see, and he’s got a good understanding of it.”

Woods is longer off the tee than Couples, shorter than Johnson.

Then again, caddies go through these adjustments all the time. Jon Yarbrough, for example, went from caddying for Morgan Pressel on the LPGA Tour to working for Gary Woodland on the PGA Tour (with one stop in between).

The attention around Woods will not be that much different for LaCava, either.

“Back in the day, Fred had the biggest crowd,” LaCava said. “Obviously, it’s bigger today because golf is bigger. But back in the day, Fred had just as big a crowd in relation to how many people were out there.”

Woods’ pro-am group had some 300 people at CordeValle. No other group had more than a dozen.

LaCava doesn’t typically stop to give interviews, either, although he understood why all the attention on his first day at work. He is only the third full-time caddie Woods has employed in his 15 years.

“I understand it’s the first week,” LaCava said. “I don’t want to not talk to people anymore just because I work for Tiger. But at the same time, I want to fly under the radar. He’s the one hitting the golf ball. I’m just caddying for him.”
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16. It connects to the wrist
17. Ecologically coal sources
19. Aces slogan beginning in 2000
20. Did you ___ that?
21. Acts freely among the holidays, say
23. Deep Blue’s opponent in chess
28. Choi rising at dawn
29. The Gay Nineties and others
30. Tools

Down
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ARMS-MAKERS (9-21-1984) There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you are focused and willing to adapt to the changes being made. Don’t limit your emotional abilities to a lack of productivity. Earnestness and follow through with your plans and you will be successful.

TACUS (April 30-2000) Don’t agree to something you may regret, and try to see around before going all the facts. Put greater emphasis on consensus and you will avoid a situation that can put you in a vulnerable position professionally, as well as financially.

GEMINI (May 21-20) The quality of your work will lead to a better offer. A creative or innovative project you set apart from the competition. You are a very original talent if you let your imagination and skills. A celebration will highlight your success.

CANCER (June 22-21 July) Being too quick will lead to a lack of direction and alienation from others. You will be disappointed with the outcome of any move or self-improvement make today. It will be hard to handle negative changes.

LEO (July 22-23 August) Take the initiative and do the work yourself. Bonding to someone else’s information will be your downfall. Take action in order to insist on your own. Your dedication, energy and good times will help you to create what you want. Love can be more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Opens up on your imagination, fluctuations and future plans. Harmony will allow you to express your way into situations that begin unusual could not. Too much past experience, but also to no continuous attraction holds you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Emotional demands are off the wall, if you refuse to discuss problems. You can out, but you cannot hide. Fear controlling hang on your ears over one of yours. Your answers will bring you work and control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Express your opinions and listen to the advice being offered. Apply the experience you’re acquired and put relationships to help you out your own creation and avoid making a similar mistake. Be ready and what give you peace to what others foreshadow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Tell what you’ve to offer and you will get what you deserve. Your unique way of approaching things, originality and intuition will allow you to impress any adoringlass. Any time the ideas about what is important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will end up confusing them if you keep making the same mistake. Trust your own judgement and forget about the demands being put on you this. You may have to take more responsibility, but do be ready you got and experiences and progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do not keep secrets that may incapacitate you. It is vital to be up with potential partners. There are ways to make you feel you are unloved. Your ability to come up with solid and unique ideas will pay off.

PIGS (Feb. 19-March 20) You will recognize what must be done to get you what you want. Don’t let this emotions cloud the way of a good decision. Connect someone from your past to order to avoid legal and financial losses in the future. Focus on a generally.

Birthday Tidbit: You are determined, passionate, aggressive and quick to change direction.

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JON REPINE

How did you do on the daily?

A recent study examined the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol on children’s cognitive development. Researchers found that children exposed to alcohol in utero had lower scores on tests of intelligence and behavioral problems than those not exposed. The study results suggest that prenatal alcohol exposure may have long-term effects on cognitive development, highlighting the importance of prenatal care and alcohol prevention programs.

The London Express

Alex Griswold and Lee Haggenjos

Sure is boring standing in the same position, day after day.

I know! Today let’s drink some Polyjuice Potion and switch positions!

That was fun!

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Hockey

Notre Dame moves to Hockey East, announces TV deal

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS Sports Writer

The ice of the Compton Family Ice Arena was busy Wednesday afternoon — but not with skates, sticks and pucks. Microphones, cameras and reporters instead filled the ice to hear Notre Dame’s big announcement: The Irish are heading east.

Beginning in the 2013-14 season, Notre Dame will play in the Hockey East conference, leaving the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

“The addition of Notre Dame signals a significant change in the reach of our conference,” Hockey East commissioner Joe Bertagnall said. “When Notre Dame ended the seasons of [Hockey East members] New Hampshire and Merrimack, it was been decided that when we couldn’t beat them, we should join them.”

Preseason No. 1 Notre Dame will join perennial powers Boston College and Boston University in a league that has produced three of the last four national champions and seven overall. UMass-Lowell, Massachusetts, Vermont, Northeastern, Maine and Providence comprise the rest of Hockey East.

“We have been looking to expand Hockey East for quite some time, but with the right partner,” Boston University Director of Athletics Mike Lynch said. “We believe firmly that we have found that partner. We are thrilled to welcome Notre Dame to Hockey East and look forward to many great years together in our conference.”

Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said Notre Dame considered two other options — hockey independence and the newly formed National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) — before ultimately landing in Hockey East.

“We had to make sure to consider all of the options available to us and make the right choice for our student-athletes and our coaches and the University,” Swarbrick said.

Swarbrick cited many reasons for joining the conference, including the student-athlete experience in which missed class time and travel factored into the decision.

“(We want) to use sports to promote the University and we believe our affiliation with Hockey East will be a positive.”

ND Women’s Cross Country

Rydberg leads team by example

By LAURA COLETTI Sports Writer

Junior Jessica Rydberg earned the Big East Cross Country Athlete of the Week distinction after winning the 5K at the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16. She became the ninth consecutive Notre Dame women’s runner to win the meet and, with a time of 17:16, the third-fastest mark in Notre Dame history. Rydberg has also earned the Big East Cross Country Athlete of the Week distinction.

“Rydberg’s victory was no surprise,” Sports Writer Matt DeFranks said. “The senior from Portland, Ore., has been consistently strong this season, and her win in the National Catholic Championships solidified her status as one of the nation’s top cross country runners.”

ND Women’s Tennis

Frilling, Mathews battle for All-American titles

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

Irish senior captains Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling traveled to California earlier this week to compete in the 2011 All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif., which began today.

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Men’s Soccer

All knotted up

Irish hold on through double overtime to end game with a 1-1 tie against Wildcats

By MOLLY SAMMON Sports Writer

A steal from Irish senior defender Michael Knapp in the final seconds looked like it was the winning play the Irish needed in double overtime until his shot on goal was deflected by a Northwestern defender, leading to a 1-1 tie Wednesday.

“I thought we played well in both overtimes, and I thought we looked like the team that was most likely to win the game,” Clark said. “They gave us all we could handle for the game tonight. It wasn’t one of our better games.”

The No. 11 Irish (5-2-4) are 1-2-3 in this season’s six overtime contests. The Irish are well seasoned in overtime play, as six of their 13 games have lasted more than the regulation 90 minutes.

“We have had a lot of overtime games,” Irish coach Bob Clark said. “I don’t know what the reason is, but it would be nice if we could get to bed a little earlier. At least we didn’t lose tonight. That was a positive.”

Notre Dame put a point on the scoreboard first in the 38th minute as junior forward Tyler Miller off an assist from senior midfielder Adam Mena.

“It was a nice pass by Mena to Finley,” Clark said. “Ryan (Finley) sent it away quite calmly. Hopefully that starts him on a run of scoring goals.”

Before the game, Finley and Mena were tied for most goals scored so far this season for the Irish.

After Wednesday’s scoring play, Finley leads Notre Dame with four total, and Mena, the previously established leader of assists with three, tacked on another assist for four on the season.

“Mena has certainly been involved. He’s doing very well, actually,” Clark said.

“All knotted up: Irish junior Jessica Rydberg runs in the National Catholic Championships on Sept. 16. Rydberg won the race.

“In the first half, the Wildcats offensively outplayed Notre Dame. The Irish were out-shot 6-2 with no corner kicks to Northwestern’s two. However unmatched the teams, see DRAW/page 12

“Frilling, Mathews battle for All-American titles: Irish junior forward Danny O’Leary passes the ball down field against Northwestern on Wednesday. The Irish tied with the Wildcats 1-1 after double overtime.

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