Week challenges all forms of intolerance
StaND Against Hate initiative calls on community to respect LGBTQ students and others

Researchers discover the nature of diabetic wounds

By EMMA BORNE
News Writer

Notre Dame researchers led by Mayland Chang, Notre Dame research professor and director of the Chemistry-Biochemistry-Biology Interface (CIBI) Program, have identified the enzymes responsible for diabetic wounds, as well as those that are remedial.

Chang said diabetic wound research is important today due to the harm these wounds inflict on patients and the lack of treatment for them.

“Our focus on diseases of the extracellular matrix for which there are unmet medical needs. The refractory nature of diabetic wounds result in 66,000 lower-limb amputations every year in the U.S.,” Chang said. “There are no therapeutics for the treatment of diabetic wounds and currently treatment is mostly ... to remove dead tissue and keep the wound clean from infection.”

Chang said the lab group working on the problem consists of about 30 people, mostly postdoctoral students and senior scientists with a few graduate students.

The research group’s biggest success has been reaching an understanding of the behavior of the enzymes active in diabetic wounds, Chang said.

“The key was understanding the basis of diabetic wound healing, the enzymes involved in why wounds do not heal ... the enzymes that play a role in discussing bisexuals and transsexuals titled “What About the ‘B’ and the ‘T’” on Wednesday.

The series of events will conclude Thursday with a candlelight prayer service at the Grotto. Ricketts said he is especially pleased with the Wednesday event that will address the concerns of bisexual and transgender students.

“I am most excited about Wednesday’s panel, ‘What About the ‘B’ and the ‘T’’ Too often, bisexual and transgender students are left out of the conversation when their concerns are lumped...”

Alumnus finds ways to harness solar power

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
Managing Editor

Patrick McCullough, CEO of Amonix, the world leader in solar system efficiency, spoke Tuesday in the Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune.

McCullough graduated from Notre Dame in 1995 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and was one of the first two engineers to unite the MBA program with an engineering degree.

Amonix is the industry leader in solar system efficiency, said McCullough.

“Two of the six jets were piloted by both a Naval Academy graduate and a Notre Dame graduate. We were grateful that the weather cleared just in time for the flyover and the game.”

Friday’s pep rally was the first...
QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite childhood book?

Michael Vella
senior
Siegfried Hall
“If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.”

Chau-Ly Phan
sophomore
Badin Hall
“When I grow up I want to be a flower”

Margeaux Prinsner
senior
Walsh Hall
“Where the Wild Things Are.”

Mandy Gilbert
junior
Le Mans Hall
“The Cat in the Hat.”

Devin Redmond
senior
Regina Hall
“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.”

Georgiana Klem
sophomore
Le Mans Hall
“Little Red Riding Hood.”

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THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Wednesday
Info Session: “Common Good Initiative”
Geddes Hall
12 p.m.-1 p.m.
Internships for graduate students.

Orlando Menes
Reading
Hammees Bookstore
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Poetry by NB Creative Writing professor.

Thursday
Estonian National Symphony Orchestra
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Guest Silver Animaёме.

Film: “Sister”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
2012 film directed by Ursula Meier.

Friday
Even Fridays Family Swim
Rockne Memorial
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Registration required on RecRegister.

Saturday
SATAWAY Classes
Rockne Memorial
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
TRX suspension training.

Film: “The Pirogue”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Chronicle of immigrants sailing to Europe.

Sunday
Men’s Basketball
Joyce Center
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Tickets $15-$40 for game against Stetson.

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Group amends Council of Activities’ constitution

By KELLY KONYA
News Writer

Saint Mary’s student senate met Tuesday night to discuss the changes to the constitution of the Council of Activities and other updates from the various committees on campus.

Student body president Kat Sullivan said the Student Government Association (SGA) has been working to propose various changes to the constitution.

“The mission of the Council of Activities is to have its primary aim be to enrich campus life through the collaboration and coordination of campus programming,” Sullivan said.

“Before, there were no attendance standards or responsibilities listed in the constitution,” he said.

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In terms of growth from 2005 to 2010, however, solar power has seen a 52.7 percent increase, he said. Solar power will see more jobs over the next four years, especially in CPV.

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“Whether you’re doing technical or commercial work, you can do something you’re proud of,” he said. “You can make a difference.”

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with those of lesbians and gays,” Rickets said. The panel aims to create a space where these groups can share their experiences and answer questions about bisexual and transgender communities, Rickets said. “With our panels, we’re addressing two controversial but salient topics: the involvement of allies in helping end discrimination, and the lack of discussion about bisexual and transgender students in both straight and LGBTQ communities,” Rickets said. “Especially in the case of transgender students, this is a topic that campus has been silent on.” PrismND passed out T-shirts Monday to show support for all students. Rickets said bringing people together to talk about issues of hatred will remind people that no one should be left out and that the university should continuously work to increase inclusion and respect. Student body president Alex Coccia said student government wants to ensure students feel welcome and safe on campus and have a sense of ownership of their learning environment. “We are very supportive of the efforts of PrismND, the Gender Relations Center and MSPS to host StaND Against Hate Week to promote an inclusive environment to all, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression,” Coccia said. “This week is an opportunity for us to make clear that we are a student body who are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.” PrismND is Notre Dame’s LGBTQ and Ally student organization, and this is its first year as a club, Rickets said. “We provide a safe space for LGBTQ students and their allies to develop community, engage in programming and service, such as StaND Against Hate Week, and discuss things relevant to them and their lives, both on campus and outside it,” he said. Rickets said he worked as part of the initial group of students who implemented PrismND on campus. “StaND Against Hate Week, for me, has been a time to talk about things that are frequently left untouched by the LGBTQ community and by those who interact with it,” Rickets said. “It’s a way to be honest and open with ourselves and others about how our actions have real and lasting effects, and the responsibility each of us has to be understanding and respectful.”

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McAuliffe wins Virginia gubernatorial race

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Associated Press

TYSONS CORNER, Va. — Terry McAuliffe wrested the governor’s office from Republicans on Tuesday, capping an acrimonious campaign that was driven by a crush of negative advertising, non-stop accusations of dodgy dealings and a tea party-backed nominee who tested the limits of swing-voting Virginia.

McAuliffe received 47 percent to Cuccinelli’s 46 percent, with 97 percent reporting. He immediately promised to reach across party lines, starting with a pledge to meet with Republican lawmakers to find areas where they might collaborate.

“Over the next four years most Democrats and Republicans want to make Virginia a model of pragmatic leadership,” McAuliffe said. “This is only possible if Virginia is the model for bipartisanship cooperation.”

McAuliffe, a Democrat, ran strong among unmarried women, voters who made abortion a top issue and those who call the suburbs of Washington, D.C., home, according to preliminary results of an exit poll conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks. Cuccinelli, meanwhile, fared well among tea party backers, gun owners and among the state’s rural residents — but there were not enough of them to yield a victory. In winning, McAuliffe broke a stubborn streak in state history. During the past nine governor’s races, the party that controlled the White House at the time has always lost.

That’s not to say voters rushed to back McAuliffe’s vision for Virginia. Turnout was low, and both candidates worked through Election Day to reach as many potential voters as possible. Only 52 percent of voters said they strongly backed their candidate, while the rest had reservations or backed a candidate because they disliked the other options, according to exit polls. Neither major candidate’s ideological views seemed “right” for a majority of Virginians; 50 percent called Cuccinelli too conservative and 41 percent said McAuliffe is too liberal.

The exit poll included interviews with 2,176 voters from 40 polling places around the state. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points. Voters’ dissatisfaction couldn’t overshadow the fight on television. McAuliffe enjoyed a 10-to-1 advertising advantage over Cuccinelli during the final days. “I think that every single person in Virginia is glad now that the TV ads are over,” McAuliffe said to laughter and applause. In his emotional concession speech, Cuccinelli also noted the lopsided spending and vowed he would not give up on his fight against Democrats’ national health care law.

“The battle goes on,” Cuccinelli said.

The campaign’s tilt turned many voters off. “I really hated the negative campaigning,” said Ellen Tolton, a 52-year-old grant writer. “I didn’t want to vote for any of them.”

Richard Powell, a 60-year-old retired IT manager who lives in Norfolk, described himself as an independent who frequently votes for members of both parties. He said he cast his ballot for McAuliffe, although not because he’s particularly enthusiastic about him. He said he was more determined not to vote for Cuccinelli, who he said overreaches on a variety of medical issues.

Voters were barraged with a series of commercials that tied Cuccinelli to restricting abortion, and while Powell said the negative advertising “got to be sickening,” abortion rights played a factor in his vote. “I’m not in favor of abortion — let’s put it that way — but I find that restricting abortion causes far more social harm than allowing abortion, so that was an issue for me,” he said.

Diabetes

repairing the wounds, (and also) the discovery and development of inhibitors that selectively target the detrimental enzyme while sparing the beneficial one.”

Chang said, in a Notre Dame press release on the research, this new discovery would help improve treatments.

“Currently, advanced wound dressings containing collagen are used for diabetic wound healing,” Chang said. “The collagen provides a substrate so that the unregulated [harmful enzyme] chews on the collagen in the dressing, rather than on the wound. It would be better to treat the diabetic wounds with a [harmful enzyme] inhibitor to inhibit the culprit enzyme that is impeding wound healing while leaving the beneficial [enzyme] uninhibited to help repair the wound.” According to the press release, the team has done most their work using mice, but Chang said they want to move the project forward in the wake of their latest discovery. “We plan to study chronic wounds in diabetic patients,” Chang said. “The standard of care is debridement of the wounds. We want to analyze this wound tissue in diabetic patients to determine which [enzymes] are present. This will support that the animal model is relevant to the clinical situation and gives us confidence that what works in animals will work in humans.”

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What About the ‘B’ and the ‘T’?

Notre Dame Room; 8pm-9:30pm

When addressing the needs and concerns of the LGBTQ community, often times the ‘B’ and ‘T’ end up left out of the conversation. So, what about the issues that face bisexual and transgender students? This panel presentation will look to address some common questions regarding these communities, from a variety of perspectives: the approach of theology and pastoral ministry in working with students within our Catholic context; the profession and discipline of Gender Studies, the practitioner viewpoint of Counseling Psychology, and the voice of our students themselves. Join us as we look to begin a dialogue around the struggles that these communities face, and how we can offer them support and inclusion within our campus community.

“For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate.” Wisdom 11:4

Multicultural Student Programs and Services

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SAN DIEGO — Border Patrol agents will be allowed to con- tinue using deadly force against rock-throwers, the chief of the agency said, despite the recom- mendation of a government- commissioned review to end the practice.

The Police Executive Research Forum, a nonprofit group that advises law enforcement agen- cies, recommended that the Border Patrol and its parent agency, Customs and Border Protection, stop the use of deadly force against rock throw- ers and assailants in vehicles, Border Patrol Chief Mike Fisher said.

CBP rejected both recom- mendations, which were part of a broader internal review of the agency’s use-of-force poli- cies and practices that began last year. The measures were not included in a revised policy an- nounced on Sept. 25 that calls for more training and better record-keeping.

CBP considered the proposed cuts “very restrictive,” Fisher told The Associated Press. Under current policy, agents can use deadly force if they have a reasonable belief that their lives or the lives of others are in danger.

“We shouldn’t have carve-outs in our policy and say except for this, except for that,” Fisher said. “Just to say that you shouldn’t shoot at rock-throwers or vehi- cles for us, in our environment, was very problematic and could potentially put Border Patrol agents in danger.”

CBP has not released the full findings of the Police Executive Research Forum. Fisher’s com- ments are the most publicly de- tailed about them.

The internal review began last year after 16 members of Congress raised concern about the CBP’s use of deadly force. It was prompted by a report that he’s gay could mean big contribu- tions from gay rights groups.

Associated Press

PRISTINA, Kosovo — Authorities may not tally lo- cal election results in northern Kosovo after hard-line Serbs al- legedly attacked a polling station there, but the country’s prime minister insisted Monday the votes would be counted.

It was the first time voters in all of Kosovo were choosing local leaders since the former region seceded from Serbia and declared independence in 2008.

Serbs were dogging their polling places in the north after the Kosovo Serbs’草民 Group released a statement saying that it will not allow Kosovo to function as a democracy.

“Every attack is being counted,” said Serb MP Ljubisa Dikic.

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Serbs sabotage voting booths

Candidate pressured to reveal sexual orientation

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The congressman who wants to un- seat Maine Gov. Paul LePage says he’s gone through more than a dozen elections without anyone questioning his sexual- ity. Now the entire world knows he’s gay and has a gay mother, who’s been in the dark.

The 58-year-old U.S. Rep. Michaud said Monday his mother didn’t know he was gay until he released an op-ed. She responded with gunfire 339 times in the 2011 fis- cal year, more than any other type of assault, according to the CBP’s annual report. They responded with gunfire 33 times and with less-than-lethal force 209 times. The CBP rejected both recommendations.

“We’ve long held that deadly force should be limited to the most exceptional circumstances,” said Andrea无障碍论坛 founder of Alliance San Diego, who at- tended a meeting with Obama administration officials at the request of Rep. Debbie Dingell that covered the topic.

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Being a nerd

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News Writer

Today, the word “nerd” has negative connotations, oftentimes associated with being a social outcast or even clinically depressed. I do not believe this is correct, and I believe being a ‘nerd’ is something to be proud of. Many students are embarrassed of their reading glasses, happily studying his or her book of gadgets. This is not necessarily the case for me. While I do not wear giant reading glasses, I do call them and I fail to do any of my actual work for the evening. I often think to myself after completing a written reflection or a creative writing piece, “How will learning this material help me to become a better young sister?” Of course, I do not really understand that show or have never been a huge fan of it. Being a nerd does not mean having one area of focus, but rather, having multiple interests in various disciplines. I am focused on writing diverse pieces, such as poetry and fiction, and I have an interest in learning concepts in biology and physics. It is important to realize that nerds are not simply a candy or a Dr. Seuss creation. They are students that are passionate about finding success through learning — even if they don’t wear giant reading glasses when completing school work.

Adam Newman
Science Potentia Est

It sometimes amazes me that Ronald Reagan, who famously played George “Gipper” Gipp in “Knute Rockne, All American” and who has been out of presidential office for 25 years, has become the modern-day hero of the Republican Party. This has become even more true as the party has lurched to the right over the past few years. The issue is that many Republican politicians and media figures forget that positions they oppose today are ones Reagan once held. 1. Reagan increased deficits: One of the greatest myths about Reagan was that he was a fiscal conservative (someone who believes in a balanced budget). The average deficit from 1946 to 1980 ran approximately one percent of gross domestic product (GDP), based on data from the Office of Management and Budget. However, between 1981 and 1989, when Reagan was in office, the average budget deficit was 4 percent. Some of these budgetary deficits were caused by the recession that lasted from July 1981 through November 1982. But even as the economy grew, the deficit exploded due to Reagan’s tax cuts and defense spending increases. This increased the national debt (the total of all past deficits) in Reagan’s presidency from $1 trillion to $3 trillion. Thus, referring to Reagan as a fiscal conservative is like saying Bernie Maddoff was an ethical businessman.

2. Reagan raised taxes: Reagan is known for his large tax cut in 1981 that cut individual and corporate rates while also increasing tax exclusions and deductions. While applauded by many, these cuts created huge deficits. In response, Reagan signed tax increases into law in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987. Reagan increased payroll taxes (1982), ended loopholes (1984, 1986 and 1987), and ended the gasoline tax (1982) and cigarette tax (1985). The phrase “the goal is simple and just: to see to it that everyone pays his fair share,” sounds very similar to what President Obama and congressional Democrats have pushed for in recent years. However, this statement was made by President Reagan in August 1982 when describing why he signed tax increases into law.

3. Reagan signed immigration reform: Perhaps what Reagan is least known for is signing into law comprehensive immigration reform that granted amnesty to 3 million undocumented immigrants. As Reagan said in a presidential debate against Walter Mondale in 1984, “I believe in the idea of amnesty for those who have put down roots and lived here, even though sometime back they may have entered illegally.” Once again, this sounds very similar to the language used by Democrats in the immigration debate.

Many forget that Reagan was once a governor of California, a state with a major influx of undocumented immigrants. Reagan was forced to deal with the undocumented population and understood how having an immigration system that brought people out of the shadows was not just humane, but could help grow the economy as well. Reagan compromised: Underlying all of this is the simple fact that Reagan could compromise with the opposition. Reagan faced a House of Representatives controlled by Democrats during his eight years in office and a Democratic Senate for his last two years. Reagan knew that, as president, he could not ignore the opposition, but rather, had to work with them.

As Reagan’s chief of staff, James Baker, once shared, “President Reagan wanted to succeed, and he knew that to succeed in politics, particularly with a Democratic Congress, he would have to compromise. He said to me many times, ‘I would much prefer to get 80 percent of what I want than to go off the cliff with the flag flying.’” The truth is that Reagan was a much different person than the ultra-conservative, ultra-partisan politician that ideologies paint him as today. Rather, Reagan was a pragmatist who understood that one should always compromise when necessary on policy, but never compromise on values. If only today’s Republicans could emulate the man Reagan was than the man they imagine him to have been, America would be much closer to Reagan’s vision of a shining city on a hill.

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Weighing in on ‘Irish Bachelorette’

Hi, students of Notre Dame (or Observer readers),

I’ve never written one of these before, but I thought that a joke with some of my friends turned into some ideas that I wanted to share with you all, so I appreciate your understanding and patience with me. On Monday, I tuned in to NTNtv for the first time since my last “Budy” caving and watched “Irish Bachelorette.” I thought it was hilarious. Some of those guys were really funny, and the production and entertainment value were great. Afterwards, my friends and I jokingly began a support group for one of the contestants who, unfortunately, lost, and I failed to do any of my actual work for the evening.

Here’s why I am taking up some of your time: I think we have to be really careful about understanding how we think about this show and its potential effects on our community. I think it’s hilarious and entertaining — and it encourages me to trivialize my relationships with women into a competition. I don’t think anyone should take life too seriously, but unfortunately, relationships can often be sources of real pain in people’s lives. People struggle immensely with rejection and love lost, and I don’t think this show does justice to how relationships actually work. I am particularly concerned with how someone truly struggling with these issues may feel as a result of the values promulgated by this series.

I appreciate your patience, and understand that by no means am I any sort of relationship guru. I’m not a gender studies major, and I often slip up on this sort of thing. But it is scary to me that we thought it was okay to portray an acceptable start to a relationship as similar to a young lady choosing meat at a butcher shop. I believe that as Notre Dame men and women, we deserve better in our relationships.

So yes, I will most likely tune in again next week, but part of me is hoping that it all turns out to be some sort of giant social experiment or something. Like “Lost” or whatever — I never really understood that show.

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My great-grandpa fled Spain in the early 1900s to escape a military draft for Spanish imperial ambitions in North Africa. He retreated to Mexico for Spanish imperial ambitions in the early 1900s to escape a military draft and to avoid the obligations of the Spanish crown. He lived a life of constant travel and hardship. He was born in a different country and was therefore treated differently by my great-grandpa’s society. However, my great-grandpa never encountered the kind of discrimination that he did.

As a nation, we carry the weight of history’s injustice, is that I am responsible to all for all. That is why I try to remember. I don’t mean to remember the big dates, the big names or the big places of history. Frankly, these things only have tangential interest to me. The history that interests me involves the stories of the losers. I want to know what my victories have brought about and what I can do about them. You might justifiably ask now, somewhat incredulously, “Are you claiming that every one of us has irrevocable guilt for every injustice that has been committed in the world up to this point in time, and because of this guilt we have an irrevocable duty to dedicate our lives to the amelioration of these injustices?”

Yes. Yes I am.

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What does it take to be the Irish Bachelorette? According to senior Matthew McCurdy, executive producer of NDTV's new show, she needed to be, drum-roll please: a conversationalist. Yes, folks, believe it or not, the producers selected Kirsten Fernandez as the leading lady based on her ability to drive through awkward social situations and create some good dialogue.

“We also wanted them to be pretty,” McCurdy said. “Looks were important.”

Added to the strange animal that is Notre Dating plagued by the “ring by spring” mentality, Irish Bachelorette is bound to be one heck of an uncomfortable ride.

Fernandez, a junior in Badin, had less than two weeks to get to know 11 Notre Dame bachelors, who were selected based on their energy, quirks and the variety of personalities they offered to the show. Social skills and an open mind were must-haves if this show was going to be a success.

Senior Jeff Gerlomes, the show’s host and director of Special Programming at NDTV, said he was able to channel his inner Chris Harrison because his mother and an open mind were must-haves if this show was going to be a success.

“I was able to follow the lovely drama of Des and Brooks this summer, so I’ve gotten to know the convention of how they run things, the fan culture, the format,” Gerlomes said.

Gerlomes said he tried to be Fernandez’s ally throughout the dating process.

“Harrison really advocates for that character [on The Bachelorette], and [Kirsten and I] got to be fairly friendly by the end of the show,” Gerlomes said.

McCurdy said the skilled production crew of about 15 members didn’t give Fernandez or the bachelors any direction during the hectic filming period.

“We showed them we were serious,” McCurdy said. “It was a full weekend of filming, and everything fell into place. The first impressions were genuine — none of the guys knew her beforehand. Seeing the guys go down the stairs and see her for the first time, that was really special for me after two months of work.”

Divided into six episodes, McCurdy said the team tried to recreate “The Bachelorette” with as many Notre Dame elements as possible. For example, Fernandez gave out shamrock hats instead of roses and will only expect a dating relationship out of her final selection, instead of an evening in the fantasy suite and a marriage proposal.

McCurdy said the approximately $800 production was filmed over two weekends between Oct. 3 and Oct. 13 and the team only encountered a few weather-related snafus while they filmed.

Creator and producer Caitlin Crommett said the team brainstormed cute date ideas that would be specific to Notre Dame. Crommett, a junior, said she was friends with Fernandez before the show and thinks the Bachelorette benefited from the dating process.

“She was coming out of a long-term, long-distance relationship, so now she has a good idea of what dating is like on campus,” she said.

Crommett said most of the students who auditioned to be on the show “wanted to have fun and meet new people.” No one had any reservations by the time they got to the audition room in Alumni Hall.

Junior Mike from Duncan was the favorite at creator and producer Caitlin Crommett’s viewing in Walsh hall on the night of the premiere, but unfortunately for Mike, McCormick decided to send him home.

“Everything went without a hitch, which was surprising because we thought it would be treated like a joke,” Crommett said. “But all the guys were serious about it, she was serious about it. It was weirdly perfect.”

McCurdy said the production team came up with the idea for the show during the S40-sponsored media retreat the weekend before school started this year.

“We were all sitting around a campfire, brainstorming different spoofs on current TV shows,” McCurdy said. “We started getting serious about Irish Bachelorette, and by the end of the weekend, it was the talk of the retreat. Everyone was sold, so we had to follow up.

“No one has watched NDTV before, and now people are talking about it.”

When asked about the possibility of “The Irish Bachelor,” McCurdy said it was “too early to tell.”

“The Irish Bachelor” has been discussed and is in the planning process, he said. “We’ll see how the season progresses.”

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New EPs worth a listen

By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN
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In recent weeks, the indie music world has been gifted with EPs from both active up-and-comers and groups that have laid low in recent years. Whether these mini-releases were meant to follow up recent full-length albums, transition into a new sound or just remind fans that they’re still around and making music, they have been a refreshing taste of what the alternative scene has to offer. Here’s a look at five recent EP releases from bands to keep on your radar.

Best Coast – “Fade Away”
Frontwoman and songwriter Bethany Cosentino and bandmate Bobb Bruno are back at it again with a seven song EP, “Fade Away.” The duo, known as Best Coast, released the EP on Oct. 22, the first since their 2012 full-length album, “The Only Place.” While their last album was largely unimpressive, “Fade Away” brings energy and depth to the band’s discography. The opening song, “This Only Morning,” shows that not only has Beach House recovered from their last album’s misstep, but they have grown as artists and refined their lo-fi, surf rock sound into a powerful set of songs worth a listen.

Ducktails – “Wish Hotel”
In addition to Beach House, fellow West-Coast native Ducktails put out a five-song EP, “Wish Hotel,” last month after his well-received album “The Flower Lane” released earlier this year. Ducktails is the solo project of Matthew Mondanile of the band Real Estate. But while Real Estate is dedicated to their beachy sound, Ducktails has explored and incorporated electronic music and psychedelic rock into his newest project while still perfecting the beach rock genre. Think of Real Estate crossed with Tame Impala, then add a little Caribou for good measure, and you’ll have “Wish Hotel.”

Widowspeak – “The Swamps”
Yet another West-Coast band, Widowspeak, is a group to look out for. After releasing their second album, “Almanac,” in January, the indie group put out six songs under the name “The Swamps” last month. The band claims “The Swamps” is a transition from their most recent music into a newer sound, and the release is certainly compelling. While the trio has largely exuded a catchy, poppy sound, this EP shows the group’s transition into a darker, more bluesy genre. Complete with sound effects of swamps and filtered guitar, singer Molly Hamilton’s vocals sound better than ever — a promising look at what’s to come.

Active Child – “Rapor”
Amale harpist and former choirboy doesn’t exactly seem like the best candidate for indie rock fame, but that exactly describes Pat Grossi of Active Child. In recent years, Grossi has released two albums and received comparisons to Washed Out and Elite Gymnastics. But in his newest EP, “Rapor,” Grossi has released six disappointing songs that sound far more like bad Depeche Mode than any of the interesting, beautifully orchestrated songs on his previous albums. The EP’s single, “Evening Ceremony,” showed promise, with some clear R&B influence and a James Blake-like sound, but the remaining tracks miss the mark. Even with the help of collaborators like Ellie Goulding and Mikky Ekko, “Rapor” fails to come together and is ultimately difficult to enjoy.

Unknown Mortal Orchestra – “Blue Record”
If you haven’t checked out Unknown Mortal Orchestra’s second album, “II,” you have another chance with their EP, “Blue Record.” The EP features five acoustic songs, including three covers of songs from their most recent album and two covers of other artists, Beck’s “Puttin it Down” and The Dirty Projectors’ “Swing Lo Magellan.” While the group certainly isn’t known for anything acoustic, the covers somehow work, simultaneously sounding unlike anything else they’ve made while maintaining their cool, psych-rock sound. Yet another reason to love Unknown Mortal Orchestra.

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‘ENDER’S GAME’ A LOSS

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Over fall break, I had the chance to read the book “Ender’s Game,” and what a ride it was. This novel was published in 1985 by Orson Scott Card and has led to a series of 12 novels, 12 short stories and 47 comic book issues. The universe Card created is very interesting, and he has definitely set himself apart as a premier science fiction writer. To date, he is the only science fiction writer to have won both the Nebula and the Hugo awards (the two most important literary awards for science fiction novels) for two consecutive years. This book has finally received a much-deserved cinematic adaptation, which came out Nov. 1.

Prepare to be introduced to the universe of Ender Wiggin.

The book and movie offer a window into a faraway future when the human race has made contact with an intelligent alien race that humanity refers to as “Formics” or “Buggers.” However, the alien race has revealed itself as hostile. The name “Buggers” should point to the rather obvious conclusion that the aliens are insect-like, and as in most other science-fiction universes, insect-like in this universe translates to a hive-mind mentality.

The plot centers around a child named Andrew Wiggin (Ender), who is born into a world where there is an ever-present danger of impending alien invasion. The beautifully insane premise of the movie is that an International Fleet has been forced to resort to recruiting and training brilliant young children, essentially beginning at infancy, to be the commanding officers of the entire fleet. This is arguably a natural culmination of the necessities of the fleet, since children are veritable crucibles of creativity. They lack the cynicism and fear that would hold back an adult from trying some of the crazy tactics that might lead to victory.

What happens when the human race is faced with the very real threat of extinction? The armed forces go about creating the super soldiers required to increase Earth’s chances of survival — at any cost. With no oversight, the International Fleet offers these child soldiers a guiding hand in tactical thinking with hopes that the children’s creative-thinking skills will define the coming war. It is fascinating to see how the storyline unfolds in this author’s vision of a world where the cost of survival is morality, and perhaps to a greater degree, our humanity.

The movie’s cast has a few big-name Hollywood stars, including Harrison Ford and Ben Kingsley, and was co-produced by the author, Card. This should have guaranteed that Hollywood would do justice to the intricate world Card had painstakingly created for the better part of three decades. Unfortunately, this movie falls short and almost falls completely into the trap of relegating itself to being just another visually stunning science-fiction blockbuster (we’re looking at you, “Transformers 2 and 3”). The problem with trying to transform “Ender’s Game” into a movie was finding a balance between the child side of the main character and the side of him that appears to have wisdom far beyond his years.

Asa Butterfield, who played Wiggin, performed admirably, but was unable to transcend convincingly from child to an adult confined to a child’s body. Although it was a valiant effort, it seemed as though the child side of the character was undoubtedly able to dominate the film, and this failure to capture the gravity and pressure that Wiggin experiences inevitably detracts from the seriousness of the situation. This is quite sad because the material had some solid potential to go far deeper into the psyche of this troubled child and the trauma he had to endure so that the innocents of Earth could have a chance at survival.

I will admit, though, that just because it didn’t meet my expectations of what the movie could have been, does not mean it was necessarily a bad film. The lack of character development was a little disheartening, but the action sequences were a highlight. The battle room fights were awesome but were surpassed by the crowning jewels of the action, the space battles. If you are looking to watch an action flick, go right ahead, I guarantee you will enjoy it. However, do not expect the storyline or the characters to reach even half of the potential exhibited in the books.

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“Ender’s Game”
Chartoff Productions

Starring: Harrison Ford, Ben Kingsley, Asa Butterfield
Director: Gavin Hood

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A weird sort of respect exists between longtime rivals. Bears and Packers fans understand this: the glare of their franchise first played each other in 1921, when Bears and Packers fans have been more than a little suspicious of one another. Bears fans can’t understand the allure of those silly cheese hats, and Packers fans hate how Chicagoans drive like highway speed limits don’t exist and state troopers will never catch them.

But somehow, the fans and teams from Green Bay and Chicago respect each other. The crazies in green-and-yellow and navy-and-orange acknowledge they need each other. The Bears might despise the Packers, but without those ridiculous Cheeseheads, there is no rivalry. Without the Bears and the lunatic drivers who are their fans, there is no rivalry.

This does not mean the Bears or the Packers would like to see each other succeed. Absolutely not. Come Sunday (or Monday or Tuesday), both sides would like to see the other get obliterated.

Still, with pride comes the necessity of having someone to wield pride over. It’s even better when a team can hold their suc- cess over the heads of another historic team.

The Bears beat the Packers 27-20 Monday, but they earned more than the right to brag about that score.

When the tides turn in the Bears-Packers rivalry, the winner takes over more than 80 years of bragging rights. The Bears and the Packers respect each other because their collective history makes the rivalry exciting and one of the best in professional sports. Their col- lective success is even stronger than one team’s history.

Monday night’s storyline would have been interesting without the backdrop of the rivalry. Behind backup-turned-starting quarterback Mike McCown, the Bears and rookie NFL head coach Marc Trestman challenged the division-lead- ing Packers, who had beaten the Bears in six consecutive matchups.

The not-so-Big Ten struggles in bowl season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — No. 4 Ohio State is chasing per- fection and a chance play for a national championship. No. 18 Michigan State has five games to sidestep the Big Ten championship game.

Four other conference teams are bowl-eligible and Iowa could join that list with a win this weekend.

But with only four weeks left in the regular sea- son, the Big Ten is looking at the possibility of coming up short in postseason play again — even before the bowl lineups are an- nounced. With eight bowl tie-ins, six qualifiers and Iowa on the cusp, the last available spot will have to be filled by one of three teams that are a combined 1-8 in conference play.

"I think it’s pretty evi- dent to our guys that our backs are against the wall," Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald said Tuesday. "We’ve had every opportu- nity these last five games and unfortu- nately we haven’t coached our guys well enough or our guys haven’t executed well enough in games, especial- ly in the fourth quarter, to win. It’s disappointing but with the last five games we have, we have opportunities and really we just have to coach our guys to play better and if we do that, we’ll be all right."

For the Big Ten, this is not an unusual predicament.

The league failed to pro- duce enough bowl-eligible teams to fill its allotment four times it the last five years and it could happen again. The lone excep- tion during that five-year span came in 2011 when conference officials had to find a bowl game to take the Fighting Illini because there were more bowl-ele- gible teams from those Confer- ence than available than actual game commitments.

A league spokesman wrote in an email to The Associated Press that Commissioner Jim Delany was not available for com- ment Tuesday because of meeting and his travel schedule. But clearly, this is not how the conference envisioned the final month of play.

"We’re all trying to do that (win six), and we’re all trying to do better than that," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "I think we really just try to get our guys focused on the week hand. I think most coaches do that. That’s what it’s all about, so if you want to be somewhere good at the end of the season, then you have to handle each step along the way. If you do that, the more apt you are to be in a good place at the end." Most analysts expect the six Big Ten teams playing for bowl berths to be Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Penn State, Iowa and Northwestern.

Winning six bowl games was a strange form of respect, but it doesn’t happen every year.

The Badgers, peren- nial powers Michigan and Nebraska and surprising Minnesota all have at least six wins, enough to fill out the New Year’s Day allot- ment with one team left over for a non-New Year’s Day game — the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl in Texas or the Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl. Iowa’s best chance to join the club comes this weekend when it travels to reeling Purdue (5-4, 2-3).

But things could get trickier if the Boilermakers end a six-game losing streak, Iowa (5-4, 2-3) would then have to beat either Michigan at home or Nebraska on the road to clinch a bowl berth.

Then there are other three: Northwestern (4-5, 0-5), only ranked in the top 20, is trying to get healthy during this week’s bye. It needs to win two of its last three with home games against Michigan and Michigan State and a trip to Illinois.

— The Illini (3-5, 0-4) have lost 18 straight conference games, yet somehow still have a shot at a bowl berth. No Illini wins three of its last four — at Indiana, home against Ohio State, at Purdue and at Northwestern — it’s in.

Indiana’s best chance may have evaporated with a fumbled lateral in the fi- nal 30 seconds last week- end. That mistake dropped the Hoosiers to 3-5 (1-3), forcing them to win three of their last four — home against Illinois, trips to Wisconsin and Ohio State, and the home finale against Purdue — to reach the six- win mark.

There could be a way out, though it’s a longshot. Last year the Big Ten didn’t allow the possibility of putting 5-7 teams in the postseason but only if there weren’t enough qualifiers to fill ev- ery bowl slot and then only if a school ranks in the top five of football’s Academic Progress Rate.

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"I think that’s part of football, part of life, there’s always the pressure on you to succeed," Illini coach Tim Beckman said. "We came darn close this last week (at Penn State) to having that first success, I want these players to feel those suc- cesses. So yeah there’s pres- sure on you each and every football game to be better, but in my opinion that’s how the programs that are being built get better be- ing able to succeed in those pressure moments."

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The not-so-Big Ten struggles in bowl season
Ask Irish head coach Tim Welsh to name the best race he has ever seen from junior Zach Stephens — one that sticks out more than the others — and he might have a difficult time choosing just one.

“There have been lots of them,” Welsh said. “I know at one point, we kept moving him around, and he kept doing well, and we thought, maybe we should just ask him what he could swim.”

For now, Stephens seems to have found his place in the 200-yard breaststroke, an event in which he holds a school record in a blazing 1:55.21, set at last year’s Big East Championships. And his record did he break? “He’s a modest, unassum- ing guy, so you’re not going to hear any bragging or boast- ing from him; you’re not go- ing to see any trash talk from him,” Welsh said. “He just takes care of business.”

That combination of suc- cess and modesty has made a popular teammate out of Stephens, whose sister, Jessica, swam for the Irish from 2003 to 2007. “He is a team player,” Welsh said. “When he’s with the guys him, on the bus traveling to meet, wherever, he’s a team player. The guys like him, he likes the guys, and he’s very supportive of the program.”

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Stephens will next put all the past two-plus season and the accolades he has collected, including last year’s Monogram Club Most Valuable Player award, voted by his teammates, Stephens has reason to be a little con- fident. But Welsh said confi- dence never translates into cockiness on the pool deck. “He’s a modest, unassum- ming guy, so you’re not going to hear any bragging or boast- ing from him; you’re not go- ing to see any trash talk from him,” Welsh said. “He just takes care of business.”

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Stephens will next put that competitive drive on display Saturday, when the he and the Irish take on Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech in Pittsburgh.

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NCAA BASEBALL

The NCAA cleared the way Tuesday for teams to start using a new baseball in 2015 in hopes of increasing the number of runs scored.

The Division I baseball committee’s unanimous vote allows conferences to adopt the new ball for regular-season play. The ball, shown by researchers to fly farther, will be used during the NCAA baseball tournament in 2015. The ball will have flat seams and be similar to the kind used in professional baseball. A raised-seam ball is now used in the college game.

Clemson’s Jack Leggett and Rice’s Wayne Graham led the call for a new ball after di- aled-back bats put into play in 2011 led to a drop in of- fense to levels not seen since the wooden-bat era before 1974. An American Baseball Coaches Association sur- vey this fall found that 87 percent of coaches who re- sponded wanted to make the change.

“When a guy nails a ball really good and squares up on it, a ball that should be a home run should be a home run and not wind up on the warning track,” ABCA ex- ecutive director Dave Keilitz said.

The decline in offense has been most visible on the game’s biggest stage, the College World Series. Last year, there were three home runs hit in 14 games — the fewest since there were two in 1966. The .234 CWS bat- ting average was the lowest since it was .227 in 1974, the year metal bats replaced wood.

The CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011, the same year the new bat standards went into ef- fect. The dimensions are identical to those at the old Rosenblatt Stadium, though TD Ameritrade sits lower and the wind typically blows in.

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“How many more home runs it leads to,” he said, “we have no way of knowing.”

There was an average of 33 home runs over the last 10 years the CWS was played at Rosenblatt. There have been a total of 22 home runs hit at TD Ameritrade Park in three years.

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There was an average of 33 home runs over the last 10 years the CWS was played at Rosenblatt. There have been a total of 22 home runs hit at TD Ameritrade Park in three years.

The committee’s decision affects only the height of the seams. Other specifications remain the same.

Leggett said while he’s pleased the flat-seamed ball was approved, one more change is needed. He said a slightly harder core, match- ing the specs of the minor- league ball, would give an additional bump to offense and wouldn’t risk player safety.

“Trust me, we’ve taken bat- ting practice with the minor- league ball, and it’s not like balls are flying out,” Leggett said. “It just helps to get the ball off to the gap. It’ll make a difference but not something so noticeable it would change the game drastically.”

The 2013 CWS statistics re- flected what happened dur- ing the season. Entering the CWS the national batting av- erage of .274 was the lowest since 1973 (.273), team scor- ing of 5.28 runs a game was the lowest since 1973 (5.07) and team home runs per game of 0.42 was lowest since 1973 (0.42).

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Irish travel to Syracuse for ACC matchup

By MERI KELLY
Sports Writer

Coming off a successful weekend with two back-to-back wins, Notre Dame traveled to Syracuse, N.Y., to compete against ACC opponent Syracuse this weekend.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said in order to win, the team needs to continue the momentum of offensive production, a skill she said the team excelled at last weekend.

"Last weekend we did really well generating more kills and having greater efficiency, and I think it is really important to keep that emphasis," Brown said. "Even though this is something we have been working on all season, I feel like we really made it over the hump."

Notre Dame (10-13, 4-8 ACC) had a quick turnaround from its last game, with only one day between Sunday's match against Pittsburgh and traveling to Syracuse. Nonetheless, Brown said the Irish prepared as well as they could, looking over film and attempting to get to know Syracuse (11-13, 6-6) a little better.

"Syracuse has a couple efficient hitters with high kills, but the thing that is a little more challenging is that they use a different lineup a lot, so we don't know the exact lineups," Brown said. "But we do know the hitter tendencies, and we want to use that to our advantage."

Brown said she hopes knowing more about Syracuse's playing style will assist Notre Dame in slowing down the Orange's offensive and shutting down their top hitters.

The team usually has a set schedule before away games to establish consistency, Brown said, but something that stands out about this game is the arena where the game will be held. The Carrier Dome has a capacity of 49,250, compared to Purcell Pavilion's capacity of 9,149.

"We have never [played] in something this big," Brown said. "We are eager to get in there early today, to get in some serving and passing, to get used to it."

Brown said Syracuse and Notre Dame are very similar, but the Irish have their work cut out for them if they expect to win.

"We know this isn't going to be easy," Brown said. "We also know it's going to be very competitive, but certainly, we are going in with every intention of winning."

Notre Dame and Syracuse will play at 7 p.m. tonight in the Carrier Dome.

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Ellis paces Mavericks in win

Associated Press

DALLAS — Monta Ellis had 30 points and nine assists, Dirk Nowitzki was one of seven Dallas players in double figures with 11 points and the Mavericks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 123-104 Tuesday night.

Ellis, Nowitzki's new pick-and-roll partner, put on a show for Steve Nash, the big German's buddies and old running mate. He was 11 of 14 from the field, made all eight of his free throws and had just one turnover.

Nash was scoreless until he faked Pau Gasol's arm for the layup. Gearoid Crowley had 10 points — all in the first half — of 5-6 from 3-point range in the second half, and pushed the lead to 26 early in the second half.

The Mavericks never trailed, led by 20 late in the first half and pushed the lead to 26 early in the second half after Ellis got them off to a quick start with a jumper and two assists, including one when Nowitzki took the pass and dunked under a defender's arm for the layup.

Jose Calderon had 12 points on 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point range, including one that put Dallas ahead 90-60 with 4:33 left in the third quarter. The Mavericks were 13 of 27 from long range.

The Lakers tried to make it interesting with a 19-4 run, but Delux Blair stopped it by blocking a layup attempt by Chris Kaman, leading to a 3-pointer by rookie Gal Mekel after Nowitzki passed out of a double team.

Mekel scored again on layup off a steal from Blair, who had 10 points — all in the first half — and eight rebounds.

The top three scores came off the bench for the Lakers, who were blown out for the second time in two road games with over Kobe Bryant. After Young, Jordan Farmar and Jodie Meeks had 11 apiece.

Jae Crowder kept the Lakers from getting any closer by going 4 of 5 from 3-point range in the second half, and getting a breakaway dunk on assist from Ellis. He finished with 18.

Nowitzki didn't get his first points until he faked Pau Gasol and drove for a dunk to put the Mavericks up 59-39 with 3.3 minutes left in the first half.

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All-American Reaney steadily leads team

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Junior breaststroker Emma Reaney started off her college career with a bang and has never looked back.

Named MVP by the Monogram Club her freshman year, Reaney has broken school records in seven events, was named an All-American in two events, given honorable mention All-America in two more events and competed in the U.S. Olympic trials after her freshman year. Reaney was also named to the 2013-2014 National team, based on her performance at the U.S. Open.

"My 200 breaststroke this summer at the U.S. Open was one of my favorite races ever," Reaney said. "I was really ready for that race and I knew it." Reaney said despite all the success, she's always tried to stay humble and focus on the next race.

"I try not to let it get to my head," Reaney said. "My family has always taught me to be humble and thankful for all I have and that's all I can do." Instead of allowing the success to heighten her expectations in each race, Reaney said she has continued to work hard and focus on every individual competition with what she calls her "Let's do this" mentality.

"I don't think about it too much," Reaney said. "I just try to have fun and dance out the nerves before I get up on the blocks but other than that I pretty much try to think about anything but swimming."

Reaney said she first looked at Notre Dame after getting a call from her former club coach in Lawrence, Kan., current Irish coach Brian Barnes.

"When he called to recruit me, I hadn't even been thinking of Notre Dame," Reaney said. "I decided I'd give it a shot because of the reputation the school had and that Brian had as a coach."

Reaney's decision has paid off. In her junior season, Reaney was named ACC swimmer of the week after her first weekend of competition — the first ACC honor awarded to an Irish swimmer. In just three meets this season, Reaney has already qualified for the NCAA B cuts in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke.

A leader on the team competitively since her freshman year, Reaney said she hopes she has become a leader for the Irish in and out of the pool.

"I think I'm a leader in that I will speak up for the good of the team or the good of a few people when it needs to be done," Reaney said. "I also hope that I am a leader by example when it comes to hard work, technique and dedication in and out of the pool."

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Irish junior forward Vince Cicciarelli chases down the ball during Notre Dame’s 1-1 (2OT) tie against then-No. 5 Maryland on Oct. 8 at Alumni Stadium. Cicciarelli scored the only goal for the Irish in the first period.

season in the 60th minute. Only 37 seconds later, junior forward Vince Cicciarelli gave the Irish a two-goal lead and notched his fourth goal on the season. Cicciarelli has scored in the past two games.

“Cicciarelli continues to be a threat to any team he faces,” Clark said. “And Harry Shipp did what he always does. He did an amazing job.”

With 59:37 on the clock, Shipp received a pass from junior midfielder Robby Gallegos at the top of the box and placed a bank shot off the right post into the net to give the Irish a 1-0 lead. With 60:14 on the clock, Cicciarelli, assisted by senior forward Leon Brown and sophomore midfielder Patrick Hodan, ripped a shot from eight yards out of the penalty box and beat Spartan sophomore goalkeeper Zach Bennett to the near post.

“Getting two goals that quick was definitely was a big contributor [to putting away the Spartans], but it was still a contest right up until the end of the game,” Clark said.

“We played very well in the second half, and when we got the two goals, it definitely made it hard for them to get back in the game.”

The Irish were unable to get a lot of offense going in the first half, putting only two shots on goal, while Michigan State mustered four. The Irish defense staved off the Spartan attack until the two goals sprung the game open.

“We opened the game very well, actually,” Clark said. “Somehow we got dragged down a little bit. We dropped back too much defensively, maybe. But we came out strong in the second half.”

Bennett made five saves on the night from 16 Notre Dame shots, while Irish senior goalkeeper Patrick Wall made five saves on 15 shots. It was Wall’s sixth shutout of the season.

The win over the Spartans comes three days after a 3-1 Notre Dame victory away at No. 13 Wake Forest on Saturday. Clark said the travel may have been an issue in the first half but did not affect the Irish overall.

“Every game on our schedule is a problem,” Clark said. “We always create a tough schedule for ourselves. We don’t have one game that we can check in our win column. That was always going to be a challenge, but this team has risen to every challenge it meets.”

The Irish face their final challenge of the regular season as they host ACC foe Pittsburgh on Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.
Michigan State on Tuesday. That’s 1,640 miles, two top-20 teams, and two wins in the span of a little under 72 hours. Notre Dame is undefeated on the road with a 6-0-1 record.

And let’s not forget that on top of the grueling schedule the Irish face, they are in a completely new conference — one of the best conferences in the nation. Every ACC team they play is unknown territory. Yet, their conference record? 6-1-3.

It is quite impressive what the Irish have done so far this season, and they deserve the No. 1 spot, but Irish coach Bobby Clark said the ranking has no effect on his team.

And it shouldn’t. “We never discuss it,” Clark said. “(Rankings) have never been mentioned in our locker room. And they won’t be. Rankings are for the media and the fans. To the players, it means absolutely nothing. We won’t talk about it internally until the end of the season.”

The Irish still have conference opponent Pittsburgh at home Friday to worry about before they enter into the ACC tournament and then the NCAA playoffs. The Irish mentality is that every game is a playoff game, and their performance reflects that.

Notre Dame is firing on all cylinders. Its defense boasts a 0.68 goals-against average, while the offense looks to be finishing opportunities as of late.

But a No. 1 ranking can only carry a team so far. When it comes down to double overtime in single elimination, anything can happen. So, the Irish need to take advantage of the chances they get on offense.

The Irish can’t become complacent with their powerful defense. If they sit back and can’t connect on opportunities, nights like the 2-0 loss to Virginia on Oct. 16 will happen again. It is Notre Dame’s only loss on the year, but from it comes a valuable lesson: be aggressive.

In the past two games, the goals that have been scored by the Irish were within five minutes of each other. In the Wake Forest game, the first two Irish goals were just four minutes and 17 minutes apart, while in the Michigan State game, the goals were scored 37 seconds apart. After a goal, the Irish cannot sit back and hope its defense will hold onto the lead. In these playoff matches, overtime golden goals can go either way.

At the end of the season, the Irish want to say they were the No. 1 team in the country — and have the hardware to prove it.

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FOOTBALL

Call ‘em out

Pittsburgh tight end J.P. Holtz calls out ‘cocky’ Notre Dame; Nix should return against Panthers

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
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Pittsburgh sophomore tight end J.P. Holtz made no attempt to hide his feeling for Notre Dame.

“I just think they’re really cocky and their coaches are really cocky. I just don’t like that,” Holtz said to reporters Monday.

Holtz’s Panthers (4-4) will look to do Saturday what they could not last year — take down Notre Dame. The No. 23 Irish (7-2) enter Pittsburgh on the heels of four consecutive victories and back-to-back offensive performances of 45 and 38 points against Air Force and Navy, respectively.

“We found a pretty good rhythm, offensively, over the last few weeks,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “We want to build on that.”

Despite his offense’s recent success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success, Kelly said the unit cannot lead the Irish to a BCS success.

“We found about him from last year,” Kelly said. “Big, physical defensive line, and he will be somebody that we will have to game-plan and find a way to slow down.”

In last year’s 29-26 triple-overtime Irish win, Donald had seven tackles, including one for loss.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Panthers have struggled to find consistency. In their last three games against BCS conference opponents, the Panthers have rushed for a combined 26 yards, including a minus-8 figure against Georgia Tech last week.

Still, Kelly said running the football is a staple of Pittsburgh teams.

No. 1 Notre Dame defeats No. 18 Michigan State

Squad secures big road win

By ISAAC LORTON
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In a repeat of last season’s NCAA Championship second-round matchup, the No. 1 Irish traveled to No. 18 Michigan State on Tuesday and came home with a 2-0 win.

Much like last season’s 3-0 playoff victory over the Spartans (9-4-3), Notre Dame (10-1-5) has a lot riding on the line.

“It was a very important win for us,” Irish coach Bobbie Clark said. “[Michigan State] is a high RPI team in our region. It will help our RPI from here on out, because we beat a very good ranked team on the road.”

After a first half without scoring, the Irish netted two goals in quick succession midway through the second half to take a 2-0 lead they never relinquished. Senior captain and forward Harrison Shipp scored his team-high seventh goal of the season.

Irish senior forward Harrison Shipp dribbles during Notre Dame’s 1-1 (2OT) tie with then-No. 5 Maryland on Oct. 8 at Alumni Stadium. Shipp scored the first goal Tuesday for the Irish against Michigan State.

Irish face tough schedule ahead

Early Tuesday morning, the Irish were named the No. 1 team in the country.

Later that afternoon, they proved why, with a 2-0 victory over No. 18 Michigan State.

Now as the No. 1 team in the country, it would be expected that the Irish beat the No. 18 team, but it is not that simple. It is Notre Dame’s second away game in three days against ranked opponents. The Irish beat then-No. 12 Wake Forest 3-1 Saturday, returned home, had one practice and then beat