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Garcia listed in serious condition after accident

Student fell from third story window overnight, did not suffer life-threatening injuries

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

A Notre Dame senior who fell from the third-floor window of his apartment at Eddy Street Commons early Thursday morning is listed in serious condition at Memorial Hospital, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

The student, 21-year-old Marcus Garcia, was listed in critical condition throughout Thursday before his condition was updated to "serious" Thursday evening, said Maggie Scroope, manager of media relations for the hospital.

Scroope said she could not legally comment on the nature of Garcia's injuries, but University President Fr.

John Jenkins said Garcia did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

"University officials were made aware of the accident involving Marcus early this morning and have been with him and in communication with his parents ever since," Jenkins said Thursday. "We thank God that his injuries are not life threatening and pray for his full recovery."

Capt. Phil Trent of the South Bend Police said the

exact cause of Garcia's fall is unclear.

"We know when he fell and we know where he fell, but what we don't know is why he fell," Trent said. "As of right now, it stands as an accident. If he gets better like they say he is going to, maybe he can shed some light on [what happened.]"

Trent said an employee at a local bar saw Garcia's legs hanging out his apartment window above the south end of the Hammes Bookstore's Eddy Street location as she left work around 4:30 a.m. He fell about 25 feet onto the sidewalk below the window. She then called 911.

Garcia was in and out of consciousness while medics

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Marcus Garcia



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Senior Marcus Garcia fell out of his third-floor apartment window at Eddy Street Commons early Thursday morning.

Students urged to be proactive

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

As the school year begins, student government and the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) advised students to protect themselves while off campus this year by proactively using safety resources and learning about local policies.

"The advice I give to off-campus students is no different than the advice I give to those who live

in the neighborhood year-round," Sgt. Patrick Hechlinski said. "If you see something suspicious, call the police. I've noticed apprehension in students for calling us, but we can come out and check."

Hechlinski urged students to lock their doors, leave porch lights on, use alarm systems and make friends with neighbors for safety.

"SBPD works closely with Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and landlords to put on

safety talks," he said. "For the last two years we've worked closely with student government with the Student Crime Watch. It puts out announcements of crimes against students to keep them informed of situations."

Through Student Crime Watch, officers from SBPD and NDSP post alerts about crimes in the local area on the off-campus student website. Police posted two alerts earlier this month about a

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Notre Dame great work place for young alumni

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Young alumni beginning their professional careers "under the dome" agree Notre Dame has a great work environment — and not just because they're working at their alma mater.

Stephanie Mola, a 2009 Notre Dame graduate as a marketing major, now works as the young alumni programs manager for the Alumni Association.

She said her job "really couldn't have been a better fit."

"Coming to your job every day, you're coming to be with family," she said. "You're having a hard day, [and] you can go to the Grotto. You have a mentor, or five, around campus you can turn to."

Mola is not the only Notre Dame employee that feels this way. The Chronicle of Higher Education honored Notre Dame on its list of "Great Colleges to Work For" for the third consecutive year.

The Chronicle compiled its 2011 list of "Great Colleges to Work For" from survey responses submitted by nearly 44,000 people at 310 institutions.

Survey respondents responded to 60 statements using a five-point scale, ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree." According to the Chronicle website, they also rated their satisfaction with benefits and responded to two open-ended questions.

Tammy Freeman, director of Talent and Human Resources Strategy for Notre Dame, said the colleges on the list receive high rankings in leadership, careers, compensation and workplace satisfaction.

"One thing that has been consistent is recognition of our great facilities and ... benefits program for employees," Freeman said. "Those two [aspects] in my mind stand out as outstanding for the university."

Freeman said University employees are typically in sync with the larger goals and values of Notre Dame.

"I do think that employees overall connect to the mission, and that brings in a different dynamic from any other work environment," she said.

Freeman said many Notre Dame graduates apply for positions with the University. "[Alumni] is one of the candi-

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Class of 2015



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The freshman class processed from their residence halls for their first visit to the Basilica and the Grotto to begin their first year at Notre Dame on Thursday.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?



Jack Yusko
*sophomore
Dillon*

“Float On.”



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*junior
Lyons*

“Imma Bee.”



Drago Dimitrov
*freshman
Fisher*

*“Elba by E.S.
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Kelly James
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“Gucci Gucci.”



Jack Heinrich
*senior
off campus*

*“Old Pine by
Ben Howard.”*

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Students from the School of Engineering grill and serve burgers on South Quad Thursday. The event gave other students, especially the freshman class, a chance to learn about engineering at Notre Dame.

OFFBEAT

Skinny jean ban ends as district gives in to pressure
CATASAUQUA, Pa. — Students in a Pennsylvania school district have gotten approval to remain fashion forward.

The Morning Call of Allentown reports that Catasauqua (cat-uh-SOCK’-wuh) Area School District approved a revised dress code this week. It allows students to wear so-called skinny jeans.

The tight-fitting jeans had been banned under an earlier dress code. But parents complained they were having a hard time finding jeans that wouldn’t be banned under the district’s definition.

Board member Patricia Snyder tells The Morning

Call the district was trying to prevent students from wearing suggestive clothing. But ultimately the district determined jeans could be skinny but still appropriate.

The board also gave in to requests to back off a ban on hooded sweat shirts. Low-cut tops, leggings and ripped pants are still barred.

Squirrel implicated in case of missing flags
TOLEDO, Ohio — Police in Ohio have discovered that small flags being swiped from a police memorial were being squirreled away.

Two Toledo officers watched on Wednesday as a squirrel quickly

snatched a flag off its wooden dowel and ran off with it. Lt. James Brown told The Blade newspaper the bushy-tailed critter was too quick to catch.

Later, police noticed a squirrel hanging out on a tree branch outside a third-floor window at their headquarters building. They also spotted a squirrel’s nest made of leaves and branches — and at least two of the little flags.

Brown says at least three of the flags have gone missing in recent days.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student Players will perform Oscar Wilde’s play “The Importance of Being Earnest” today from 4 to 6 p.m. on West Quad.

The volleyball team’s Shamrock Invitational tournament will feature Idaho vs. Butler at 4:30 p.m. and Notre Dame vs. Eastern Michigan tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Fall Festival sponsored by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore begins at 5 p.m. tonight outside the Bookstore. The festival will benefit the Family and Children’s Center as well as United Way. The festival will feature food, live music and a Tailgate Toss Tournament.

The documentary titled “Cave of Forgotten Dreams” will be shown in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for students.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will host the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival’s production of “The Merchant of Venice” tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students and can be purchased at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>

IRISHenanigans will begin at 9 p.m. in the Lafortune Student Center and will feature free food and multiple activities and events.

The Upright Citizens Brigade improv show begins tonight at 9 p.m. in Lafortune Student Center as part of IRISHenanigans.

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

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Garcia

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treated him at the scene for a severe head injury. His roommates were asleep at the time and did not know what caused him to fall from the window, Trent said.

Garcia is a psychology and sociology major from Turlock, Calif., according to the Notre Dame sociology department website.

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Safety

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student robbery Aug. 17 and a home invasion Aug. 19.

Student body president Patrick McCormick said student government is committed to increasing the safety of students both on and off campus.

Student government will host a safety summit with local officials at the Irish Green on Aug. 31. McCormick said the summit would be an opportunity for students to learn about safety and to ask questions of local law enforcement.

Another available resource is the “Good Neighbor Guide,” which provides students with advice for living in off-campus neighborhoods.

“This goes beyond student safety,” McCormick said. “This is about the safety of the community, and working on the former will improve the latter. The best thing to keep yourself safe is to be aware of your surroundings and trust your gut.”

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau said new local laws would also help improve overall safety.

“There was a no-texting-while-driving law passed in Indiana over the summer,” Rocheleau said. “Operation Pull Over is also going on through Sep. 5. Police officers are setting up roadblocks and checking for intoxicated driving.”

The South Bend Common Council also passed a reform for the city’s taxi laws Monday, Rocheleau said.

“This is an even safer way for students to get off campus,” McCormick said. “Another option is the 7A Transpo route, sponsored by student government. We hope students take advantage of the safe transportation student government is providing.”

Rocheleau noted that student arrests in South Bend were a huge problem last fall, but he said police have not yet arrested any students during this school year.

“We’re working with SBPD to improve the situation from last year,” he said.

McCormick said his administration is open to any questions or concerns felt by students.

“We can’t predict the future, but we can assure each and every student they’re safe on campus or off,” he said.

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Dining hall surveys SMC

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s students are the No. 1 voice in the Noble Family Dining Hall, according to dining hall general manager Barry Bowles, and next week they will have another chance to make sure their favorite foods are available this year.

Bowles said he will circulate a student survey next week that has inspired major changes to the dining hall in past years.

“When you ask what’s new in the dining hall, [the dining hall staff is] going to wait until students tell us what they want to see new in the dining hall,” Bowles said. “There were a lot of really good changes last year that we’re keeping for this year, because students seem to be extremely happy with them. But who knows? Maybe they’re going to come up with something even better.”

The survey, created by Bowles and a member of the Student Government Association (SGA), will ask students what they would like to see change in the dining hall.

Last year, the survey yielded around 560 responses, Bowles said. Some of the changes included dinnertime music, taco and hummus bars, new salad dressings and more cereal choices.

“I take student concerns and challenges very seriously,” Bowles said. “I’m hoping they’ll

come up with something great.”

Bowles said he takes every answer to heart and tries to act on it.

“[The survey] kind of takes [dining hall decisions off my shoulders], and I’m just not making this arbitrary decision,” he said. “I hate making those types of decisions. It’s more so, give me your feedback, and give me what you guys want to see.”

Junior Jenny Gracyalny, who took the survey last year, said she is pleased to see the dining hall made an effort to listen to student concerns.

“I do see some changes [in the dining hall]. For example, last year, a bunch of girls commented about how they wanted Caesar dressing at the salad bar, and low and behold, we now have Caesar dressing, and a taco bar and hummus out all the time,” Gracyalny said. “[The dining hall staff has] always been very good about listening to our comments.”

The dining hall provides other ways for students to submit feedback. SGA established a comment card process at the front desk of the Student

Center.

Bowles said these comment cards go directly into a locked box at the student center desk. Each month, the Office of Student Involvement reviews the comments, and Bowles receives a report on the feedback placed in the box.

“There is no way that I can look at a comment card and just throw it away because I don’t like what it says,” Bowles said. “Somebody else has seen it, and I have to respond to it.

It’s a very, very good system.”

Students can also provide anonymous feedback through the Dining Services section of the school’s website.

“Students have a right to look at their dining hall and [voice their concerns],”

Bowles said. “That’s how we get better.”

Thanks to the efforts of the dining hall staff, Gracyalny said the dining hall is turning into a more pleasurable experience.

“I think that the dining hall has improved on quality since my freshman year,” she said. “Dinners are exciting to go to instead of a drudgery.”

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Jenny Gracyalny
junior

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date pools that we tap into because they know what the university is about, they know the area,” she said. “[That] certainly makes it easy to talk to them about a job here on campus.” As one of these employees, Mola began her position with the Alumni Association in May 2010. Her duties now include working with various groups around campus to try and raise undergraduate awareness of the Alumni Association, working on national young alumni programming and helping to put out a quarterly newsletter. “I just wanted to be back here,” she said. “I feel like I’m really making a difference ... it’s almost like making a new mark at Notre Dame.” Right after Mola graduated, she began working for Johnson & Johnson in a sales leadership position. But she said she had an “intense longing” to come back to Notre Dame, and when she saw a position with the Alumni Association open up, she actively pursued it. “Working with alumni, that’s the most ideal position,” she said. “You get to interact with amazing people on a daily basis.” Linsey Laufenberg, a 2010 Notre Dame graduate, is an

administrative assistant with the Office of Gift Planning here on campus. She said her dream was to come back to Notre Dame and “contribute to the mission.” She began her position just two weeks ago. “So far it’s been really interesting to see the university from the administrative side and seeing what goes into making the university function, where it gets money from, how it’s distributed,” Laufenberg said. “It’s been really interesting for me to learn how it functions from a different standpoint.” Campus Ministry intern Rebecca Sharbaugh, who graduated in May with a degree in psychology and theology, also began working at Notre Dame about two weeks ago. “I knew I wanted to do some sort of ministry and this opportunity with Campus Ministry came along,” she said. She said Campus Ministry hires four interns every year from the graduating class who help to facilitate or lead the various programs while gaining background in ministry. She said she would love to eventually have a full time job at Notre Dame. “I think there’s such an atmosphere of kindness and acceptance and hospitality,” Sharbaugh said. “I just felt very welcomed here.”

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Course lays ground for new minor

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

A new one-credit course offered by the Office of Sustainability will apply environmental issues to subjects across the University’s range of study, professor Maria Pia Miglietta said. “Students will be educated and able to bridge across disciplines,” Miglietta said. “Sustainability involves different perspectives. It’s not just science, but architecture, business, English and more.”

Miglietta, director of the University’s new minor in sustainability, said the course would feature a different speaker each week that will share how sustainability affects his or her field of work. The class, titled “What Sustainability Means to Us,” will feature 14 different Notre Dame personalities.

The interdisciplinary approach to the course is essential to teaching sustainability, Miglietta said.

Professor Anthony Serianni served on a committee of faculty members that began to

plan the minor last year. He said Notre Dame’s approach to teaching sustainability differs from other universities.

“Implementation becomes complicated when you cross the colleges, but it’s important to hear the different perspectives,” Serianni said. “Sustainability is an intrinsically interdisciplinary topic, so it should be treated that way.”

Serianni said the committee decided to introduce the minor gradually with the one-credit autumn course before opening other courses.

“Rather than starting full swing with a class, we wanted to begin with an informal mechanism,” Serianni said. “The gateway class for the minor, an introductory course, will be offered by next spring and taught by four professors.”

Professor Jessica Hellmann also served on the committee that built the minor last year. She said the gateway class, titled “Principles of Sustainability,” would be taught by Serianni, English professor John Sitter, sociology professor Andy Weigert and engineering professor Joe Fernando. The four professors

will be present in class at the same time to lead interactive discussions.

The decision to implement a class with four professors followed the interdisciplinary approach the minor promotes, Hellmann said.

Continuing the innovative approach, the minor’s advisory board will choose four different professors to teach the class each semester. That constant flow of professors will create a dynamic exchange of perspectives, she said.

“We’re really excited. We want this to create some new conversations on campus,” Hellmann said. “It’ll allow students looking for an interdisciplinary education an official credential to show they’ve gone above and beyond.”

Serianni said the faculty members involved in the program are excited for classes to begin and hope to energize students in the same way. Resource stewardship is a critical issue especially when considering the future, he said.

“What motivates me is serious environmental concerns, but beyond that there’s the geopolitical implication of dependency on oil, even on U.S. security,” Serianni said. “Students should be familiar with sustainability, since they will be called upon to answer some of these problems.”

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“Sustainability involves different perspectives. It’s not just science, but architecture, business, English and more.”

Maria Pia Miglietta
professor

SMC seniors conduct summer biology research on island

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s seniors Alicia Carroll, Audrey Dalrymple, Susan Herman and Krystal Holtcamp spent their summer swimming in the Caribbean Sea – for academic credit.

The four biology majors worked 20 hours a week and conducted research as part of a nine-week program on Little Corn Island, located just off the coast of Nicaragua.

“This taught us how to live minimally and not take things for granted. We all can’t speak highly enough of the program,” Dalrymple said. “It really opens your eyes up to other fields of biology. We learned things you’ll never be able to learn in a classroom. The hardest part of the summer was coming home, leaving the island.”

Herman said she and Dalrymple earned their SCUBA certifications this summer in order to investigate the oceanic wildlife around the island.

“I had never been diving before this trip,” Herman said. “Now I consider it a passion of mine.”

While their friends dove in the Caribbean waters, Carroll and Holtcamp spent their days on land studying the effects of bacterial contami-

nation in the homes and wells on the island.

“I had to speak Spanish to the residents when I was in their homes collecting water samples, which was a bit of a challenge but they were really willing to help and laugh along with me when I messed translations up,” Holtcamp said.

As part of the program, they also worked in a local dive shop and hotel. Carroll said the people on the island made them feel like a part of the Little Corn community.

“The locals made us feel like family upon arrival, and our relationships continued to grow throughout the summer,” Carroll said. “In addition to the locals, we also made friendships with a lot of the travelers coming and going. Hearing all of the travelers’ stories was fascinating and inspiring. It’s amazing how strong of a bond you can create with people over such a short period.”

Holtcamp felt the same familial atmosphere Carroll did.

“I never was homesick,” Holtcamp said. “I had a family on the island.”

The girls did need to adapt to an entirely different way of life, Holtcamp said. They lived without air conditioning or hot water on the island, and tarantulas, termites and



Photos courtesy of Susan Herman

Above: Seniors Audrey Dalrymple, Susan Herman, Dr. Nancy Nekvasil, Krystal Holtcamp and Alicia Carroll their summer on Little Corn Island. Below: Herman and Dalrymple analyze samples collected in the field. The students spent nine weeks during the summer conducting biology research on the island.

cockroaches were regular fixtures in their bedrooms and labs.

“Problems arise when using research materials in a third world country,” Holtcamp said. “They can go bad and sometimes, you don’t get your problems solved right away, or at all. You have to learn how to adjust.”

Upon completion of the research projects, the four seniors fulfilled their Senior Comprehensive requirements to conduct outside research. The entire cost of the program is funded through a private donor. Interested Biology majors can inquire about the Little Corn Island program through the department.

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Study reviews income, gender

By ABI HOVERMAN
News Writer

Nice guys and mean girls can actually come last in the business world, according to research from management professor Timothy Judge published earlier this month.

Judge's paper, which studies the effects of personality and gender on income, addressed the career advantages and disadvantages of an argumentative workplace attitude.

"How we expect a woman to behave may seem primitive ... but [stereotypes] still exist for a substantial part of the population," Judge said.

Judge investigated the issue when he saw assertive and successful women like Martha Stewart receive excessive criticism while the media championed male figures like Donald Trump as "tough negotiators."

"It made me wonder if being a tough business woman cast [Stewart] in a different light," he said.

He also cited Hilary Clinton's 2008 presidential

campaign as an example of negative attention directed at women with strong personalities.

After collecting his research, Judge found a connection between aggressive workplace behavior and higher pay.

"Disagreeable people get more resources because they ask for more," he said.

This trend results from the fact that more assertive people are more likely to ask for pay raises and job promotions, Judge said.

However, Judge said he saw a severe gender gap emerge in his research as well. While men reaped the benefits of their confrontational behavior, he said women rarely received higher pay as a result of the same actions.

"If you're a woman, you have to be careful about how you ask and not cross the line and be called the 'B-word,'" Judge said.

Men benefit from being disagreeable because males are generally expected to be more harsh and aggressive, Judge said.

The female stereotype, however, is a kind, cooperative, gentle and sympathetic character. Judge said challenging this stereotype leads to harsh criticism rather than praise.

"We can't think that just because we have progressed, our instincts [about gender roles] have gone away," Judge said.

As women assume leadership roles more regularly, Judge said this negative reception of aggressive women might evolve. However, Judge said businesses would need to develop programs now to encourage

open and honest dialogue to address this double standard.

While women should be careful of the biases working against them, Judge said they should not be discouraged.

"You don't always get what you ask for, but you rarely get what you don't ask for," he said. "Avoiding conflict at all costs has consequences."

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Judge

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Timothy Judge
professor

LIBYA

Libya rebels relocate leaders to capital city

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — The Libyan rebels' interim government announced it is moving from the country's second city to the capital Tripoli, another step toward taking control, as heavy fighting raged around Moammar Gadhafi's last stronghold early Friday.

Before daybreak, rebels exchanged heavy fire with fighters loyal to Gadhafi who have holed up in residential buildings in the Tripoli neighborhood of Abu Salim, a regime stronghold. Smoke rose from the area of Abu Salim, and heavy machine gun fire and loud booms were heard across Tripoli before dawn.

Gadhafi is still on the run, but a minister in the rebel government said his capture is not a prerequisite for setting up a new administration in the capital.

"We can start rebuilding our country," Finance Minister Ali Tarhouni of the National Transitional Council told a news conference late Thursday. "He (Gadhafi) is the one who is basically in the sewer, moving from one sewer to another."

Even with his regime in tatters, Gadhafi has tried to rally his followers to kill the rebels who waged war for six months

to bring down Libya's ruler of 42 years.

"Don't leave Tripoli for the rats. Fight them, and kill them," Gadhafi said in a new audio message broadcast on Al-Ouroba TV, a Syria-based satellite station.

Since sweeping into Tripoli on Sunday, the rebels have been struggling to take complete control. On Tuesday, they took Gadhafi's sprawling government compound, Bab al-Aziziya, and have also been battling for control of the nearby neighborhood of Abu Salim.

The fight for Abu Salim has been particularly bloody. Bullet-riddled corpses from both sides sprawled on the ground.

Outside Bab al-Aziziya, there was another grim scene, one that suggested execution-style killings of civilians.

About two dozen bodies — some with their hands bound by plastic ties and with bullet wounds to the head — lay scattered on grassy lots in an area where Gadhafi sympathizers had camped out for months.

The identities of the dead were unclear, but they were in all likelihood activists who had set up an impromptu tent city in solidarity with Gadhafi in defiance of the NATO bombing campaign.

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Buffet invests \$5 billion, shores up Bank of America

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Warren Buffett comes to the rescue again. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. announced Thursday that it would invest \$5 billion in Bank of America Corp., a much-needed vote of confidence that sent the beleaguered bank's stock soaring 9 percent.

The legendary investor said in a prepared statement that he reached out to Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan to say he wanted to invest because he considered the bank a "strong, well-led company."

Lately, the market has rendered a different verdict.

As recently as Tuesday, Bank of America's stock had plunged 50 percent from a year ago on concerns over its mortgage problems and worries that it would have to sell large amounts of stock to shore up its balance sheet.

The sell-off was seen as a major challenge for the bank and Moynihan, who has been at the helm since January 2010.

While Buffett's \$5 billion investment is like a drop in the bucket at the largest U.S. bank with \$2.2 trillion in assets, it comes with an imprimatur of confidence that is

worth a lot more. In that sense, Buffett's investment is largely symbolic.

"The investment eliminates the big credibility gap that management had with investors," said Jonathan Finger, partner of Houston-based Finger Interests Ltd., a long-time shareholder that owns 1.1 million shares.

"It's time now to demonstrate they have a plan to grow the business," he said.

Bank of America had cash and cash-equivalent securities of \$402 billion at the end of second quarter. Its cash level is at the highest level in the bank's history, bank's spokesman Jerry Dubrowski said.

Much of the Charlotte, N.C. bank's problems, however, stem from its 2008 purchase of the nation's largest mortgage lender, Countrywide Financial Corp., but it faces a litany of other challenges.

The bank lost \$15.3 billion in the last four quarters. Its revenue fell 34 percent in the first half of 2011 from the same period a year ago, to \$40 billion, after new regulations prevented it from collecting fees from checking account overdrafts and credit cards.

Half of all U.S. households have

an account or do business with it, making it more exposed than rivals to weakness in the economy.

Investors' confidence in the bank took another blow this month as its mortgage headaches got worse.

On Aug. 8, American International Group Inc. sued the bank for more than \$10 billion, saying it deceived the insurer by selling it faulty mortgage investments. The bank has already paid a total of \$12.7 billion this year to settle similar claims.

The AIG lawsuit amplified worries that more investors would sue the bank and drain its coffers.

The slide in the stock intensified, falling as much as 36 percent just this month.

Moynihan, the CEO, has been trying to engineer a turnaround by selling assets, cutting expenses and closing branches. In an effort to calm investors, the embattled chief executive took to the airwaves to say that the bank will not need to raise more capital.

It didn't help. Investors became even more impatient with the bank.

Then, Buffett, the folksy billionaire, turned his eyes toward Bank of America.



Warren Buffett invested \$5 billion in Bank of America. The firm's stock has risen over nine percent since the deal was announced.

One of the most successful and respected investors of all time, Buffett has lent his credibility to several other icons of American business at times when investors' confidence in them was waning.

His moves are followed closely by millions of investors worldwide.

Though Buffett's investment is

symbolic, it will cost Bank of America \$300 million in annual dividend payments.

Buffett already made a profit, on paper, of \$357 million thanks to a surge in Bank of America's stock price after the deal was announced. After closing at \$6.99 Wednesday, the stock jumped 9.4 percent to \$7.65 Thursday.

Experts fear destructive potential of Hurricane Irene

Associated Press

BUXTON, N.C. — A monstrous Hurricane Irene tightened its aim on the Eastern Seaboard on Thursday, threatening 65 million people along a shore-hugging path from North Carolina to New England. One of the nation's top experts called it his "nightmare" scenario.

The Category 3 storm with winds of 115 mph — the threshold for a major hurricane — would be the strongest to strike the East Coast in seven years, and people were already getting out of the way.

All eyes were on Irene's projected path, which showed it bringing misery to every city along the I-95 corridor, including Washington, New York and Boston. The former chief of the National Hurricane Center called it one of his three worst possible situations.

"One of my greatest nightmares was having a major hurricane go up the whole Northeast Coast," Max Mayfield, the center's retired director, told The Associated Press.

He said the damage will probably climb into billions of dollars: "This is going to have an impact on the United States economy."

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said damages could exceed most previous storms because so many people live along the East Coast and property values are high.

"We've got a lot more people that are potentially in the path of this storm," FEMA Director Craig Fugate said in an interview with The Associated Press. "This is one of the largest populations that will be impacted by one storm at one time."

The governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New York and New Jersey declared emergencies to free up resources, and authorities all the way to New England urged residents in low-lying areas to gather supplies and learn the way to a safe location.

Irene was expected to come ashore Saturday in North Carolina with 115 mph winds and a storm surge of 5 to 10 feet. It could dump a foot of rain, with as much as 15 inches falling in some places along the coast and around Chesapeake Bay.

With heavy rain and storm surge predicted for the nation's capital, organizers postponed Sunday's dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall.

Already in South Florida near West Palm Beach, authorities blame the rough ocean

churned up by the outer bands of Irene caused eight people to be injured when a wave knocked them off a jetty. Also, a man swimming off Jupiter was swept away by a large wave, but later ended up ashore.

Scientists predict Irene will then chug up the coast. Some forecasts showed it taking dead aim at New York City, with its eye passing over Brooklyn and Manhattan before weakening and trudging through New England.

Hurricanes are rare in the Northeast because the region's cooler seas tend to weaken storms as they approach, and they have to take a narrow track to strike New York without first hitting other parts of the coast and weakening there.

Still, strong storms have been known to unleash serious damage in an urban environ-

ment already surrounded by water.

A September 1821 hurricane raised tides by 13 feet in an hour and flooded all of Manhattan south of Canal Street — an area that now includes the nation's financial capital. An infamous 1938 storm dubbed the Long Island Express came ashore about 75 miles east of the city and then hit New England, killing 700 people and leaving 63,000 homeless.

On Thursday, Ocean City, Md., officials ordered thousands of residents and tourists to abandon the beach community. Earlier in North Carolina, three coastal counties issued evacuation orders covering more than 200,000 people, including tourists and full-time residents. President Barack Obama declared an emergency for the state, allowing for federal help.

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Obama campaign not hindered by economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' views on the economy have dimmed this summer. But so far, the growing pessimism doesn't seem to be taking a toll on President Barack Obama's re-election prospects. More people now believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, a new Associated

Press-GfK poll shows, and confidence in Obama's handling of the economy has slipped from just a few months ago, notably among fellow Democrats.

The survey found that 86 percent of adults see the economy as "poor," up from 80 percent in June. About half — 49 percent — said it worsened just in the past month. Only 27 percent responded that way in the June survey.

That can't be good news for a president revving up his re-election campaign. Yet there are several hopeful signs for Obama.

Despite the perception of a weakening recovery, there has been no significant change in the number of people who say he deserves re-election: 47 percent as opposed to 48 percent two months ago. The not-so-good news for Obama: That's a statistical dead heat with those who favor a change in the White House.

And more Americans still blame former President George W. Bush rather than Obama for the economic distress. Some 31 percent put the bulk of the blame on Obama, while 51 percent point to his Republican predecessor.

"I think Bush had a hand in it, too. Obama's not totally responsible," said Mary Parish, 68, of Troy, Tenn. An independent who voted for Republican John McCain in 2008, she said she doesn't believe Obama has what it takes to heal the economy. "He's a smooth-talking man. But he does not know what he's doing."

Obama also fares better than Congress in the blame department. Some 44 percent put "a lot" or "most" of the blame on Republicans while 36 percent point to congressional Democrats.

The gloomy economic outlook reflected in the poll, which was taken Aug. 18-22, follows a round of bleak government economic reports — on unemployment, the housing market and economic growth that fell below 1 percent for the first six months of the year. It was taken amid heightened worries of a new U.S. recession, fallout from a downgrade of the country's credit rating and a spreading European debt crisis.

As the public's outlook on the economy dips, so has approval for the president's economic stewardship.

More than 6 in 10 — 63 percent — disapprove of Obama's handling of the economy. Nearly half, or 48 percent, "strongly" disapproved. Approval of his economic performance now stands at just 36 percent, his worst approval rating on the issue in AP-GfK polling.

Among Democrats, 58 percent approve of the president's handling of the economy, down from 65 percent in June. Among Republicans, approval dipped to 9 percent from 15 percent.

Just 51 percent consider Obama a strong leader, down from 60 percent in June and 65 percent following the capture and death of Osama bin Laden in May. In June, 85 percent of Democrats in the poll called him a strong leader. Now, the number is down to 76 percent.

Of course, there are limits to what a president can do.

"I think he can nudge it along, but really, it boils down to the private sector," said Dan Elliott, 42, of Hillsboro, Ill., an independent who voted for Obama in 2008 and says he'll probably vote for him again.

Judith Lee, 63, a retired teacher from Great Diamond Island, Maine, said she's a Republican who voted for Obama in 2008 but has been disappointed by his leadership style.

"I don't think he is a very forceful leader," Lee said. "His style of leadership seems to be to look for consensus and ideas from other people, and it seems to have been ineffective. And Congress seems to be deadlocked on problems."

Some 75 percent in the poll said the country is heading in the wrong direction, up from 63 percent in June. Among Democrats, 61 percent chose "wrong direction" — up from 46 percent in June.

In a new high, 52 percent of all adults said they disapprove of his overall performance — 52 percent, up from 47 percent in June. Among Democrats, approval fell 8 points, to 74 percent from 82 percent in June. Among Republicans, it fell to 11 percent from 22 percent.

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President Obama spoke to workers in Holland, Mich., about new strategies for fuel efficiency standards and the overall economy.

INSIDE COLUMN

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I live in the greatest city in the United States.

As soon as this sentence is read, I suspect metropolitan areas such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta and Miami all sprung up into your head.

Now, while my city does not have the “bright lights, big stage” mentality found in The Big Apple, it does have respectable human beings who are willing and able to assist weary travelers who have found their way through our town.

My baseball team also understands the importance of loyalty and respect, unlike that team in the Bronx that has adopted the “pay as you go” mentality throughout its fabled history.

Unlike The City of Angels, my city can not claim to be the entertainment capital of the world. However, my city neither holds the title of “plastic surgery capital of the world” nor “largest amounts of concealedness per person per square mile.”

The Windy City? My town does not try to be a miniature version or a second rate replica of Gotham City, or any other city for that matter.

On top of that, The Second City’s version of a hot dog pales in comparison to my city’s Lafayette Coney Dogs.

Unlike Atlanta, whose hometown cliché rappers range from Lil John to T.I., both of whom rhyme about the same nonsense every record, my city is home to Eminem, a transcending artist whose lyrics come from the heart.

Miami? I am relieved that my town is not symbolized by an atrocious, drug-filled film like “Scarface.”

And unlike The Magic City, the 313 does not contain a university known more for its boosters who provide cars, boats and exotic dancers for its football team.

No, my city does not claim to be any of these places, and quite frankly, is proud of it. My city has had its struggles – I don’t deny it. My city has had a mayor who cared more about lavish trips and exquisite cars than the town he was supposed to be running. My city has one of the highest crime and obesity rates in the country. My city is the symbol for the harsh economic times that have defined a decade.

However, my city has hope. My city has pride. My city has determination. My city has persistence. My city invented an object that transformed the daily habits of people across the world.

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But please, just respect it.

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President Perry

I know all of you care who I am going to endorse for the upcoming republican presidential nomination, therefore let me get it out in the open so that I have hard evidence to cite when I am proven correct. Not only am I picking Gov. Rick Perry to be the party nominee, but I am also predicting him as our 45th president.

Is he my ideal candidate?

No, but he’s close enough, and has some swagger to boot. Given the field of candidates, I don’t see anyone rising out of the woodwork to beat Perry. There is always a chance for a race-ending scandal, but that doesn’t seem to fit the bill given his consistent, conservative record.

Perry is the “vanilla” candidate, if you will. He is a safe pick, with a proven record of success and values. He has experience running a large state in administrative and legislative roles, which are skills that can translate very well to the presidency.

He is a Washington outsider and a man of the people. He speaks well enough, and he has a believability about him that makes him come off as real and down to earth. He is a Christian and makes it known that he is in public. While a minority in this country is turned off by such brazen religious showmanship, many find it refreshing. As long as social issues don’t take too much of a front row stand, I can respect an overtly Christian leader as well.

Perry is a partisan. He likes guns, the military, fiscal responsibility, low taxes and states’ rights. He was an



Mark Easely

Elephant in the Room

Air Force captain and a Texas A&M graduate, and has all-American looks. People can see how he would fit the job and he has the ideas to do it well. And don’t even get me started on how much more competent he looks when juxtaposed against Pres. Obama and his record.

Upon first glance, Perry does not have the rousing qualities that have defined great conservative leaders like Ronald Reagan. He doesn’t have that fire that makes his espousals so absolute that any other way of solving the problem at hand is foolhardy. Perry can command respect, but he doesn’t necessarily command the heart.

That doesn’t mean he won’t develop these traits as he becomes hardened by opposition in Washington. We also don’t know how he will handle certain things. What will he do with illegal immigration? How much of a war hawk will he be? Will he really be successful in changing the Washington culture and getting the reforms we so desperately need?

More of these questions will be raised and answered along the campaign trail, but we won’t really know for sure until we put him in office. It is still very possible he will surprise us and develop into a great leader, the chosen one we so desperately seek to lead us from the darkness of Obamageddon, the Barracolyse. Only time will tell, and I hope I am taken by surprise.

Perry’s strengths are also his weaknesses in some cases. Being a Texas governor, the liberals will quickly try to make the connection between Perry and Bush, using their elitist attitude to assault his intelligence in the eyes of the American people. They will run around screaming about his poor college grades (where is Obama’s transcript?) as evidence of

his inability to lead the country. They will mock his pleasant Texas drawl and his small town roots. His state school pedigree will be no match for Obama’s Harvard degree, in their elitist eyes.

I don’t think America will fall for it this time, however, because that Harvard degree hasn’t stopped Obama from tanking the economy, letting over a thousand U.S. Servicemen die in conflicts overseas, keeping millions of Americans unemployed, inflating the national debt to break the bank levels and screwing up our healthcare system for years to come.

Heck, many probably would have preferred another Bush term over the last four years to what we actually got.

Now don’t get me wrong, I’m not a total Perry fan-boy. I hadn’t even heard of the guy until he announced he would run. And I do have a lot of love for many of the candidates running for their shot at the nomination. I think many of them will make great administration officials if they want to serve in that capacity, but we have to pick the candidate that, without a shadow of a doubt, will beat Barrack Obama in 2012.

We have to pick the safe candidate, because no lion has risen to take back his pride. All the other candidates have their glaring weaknesses for the top job, but I love their enthusiasm and conservative conviction.

Perry is our man, and if he is who I hope he is, he will unite the party, defeat Obama and his liberal allies and make this country great again.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.”

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German political philosopher

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Old age is the most unexpected of things that can happen to a man.”

Leon Trotsky
Russian politician and revolutionary

Make or break for Republican party

While the Republican Party is too powerful to fold, it is becoming increasingly susceptible to a dramatic short-term setback. Unfortunately, many early GOP frontrunners are willing to take stances that isolate moderate voters.

Brian Kaneb

Guest Columnist

The issue is not the actual existence of these ideologues — they will always be there — but rather the fact that many GOP nominee hopefuls have fallen into this trap. To this point, candidates have been unable find a balance between rhetoric that riles up their base and rhetoric that appeals to independents.

Republicans have yet to capitalize on President Obama’s biggest shortcoming — the economy. So far, candidates have essentially chosen style over substance when it comes to this issue.

Just days after announcing his candidacy for president, Texas Governor Rick Perry referred to the Federal Reserve’s monetary policies as “treacherous.” This is not a ludicrous

argument; for the first time in our nation’s history, our gross public debt is larger than our gross domestic product.

However, he didn’t stop there. Governor Perry then suggested Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was acting “treasonous” and that he would “treat him pretty ugly.” Whether or not this was an actual threat is up for debate, but Governor Perry crossed a line.

Instead of getting caught up in the moment — he was at a rally in Iowa when he made this statement — he should have expanded on why our attitude towards spending is unsustainable. Undecided voters are rarely convinced to support a candidate based on such senseless banter.

The same goes for Representative Michelle Bachmann, who has not only argued that Secretary of Treasury Timothy Geithner should resign, but also that our national debt is a form of “slavery.” Yes, it is true that we are technically indebted and bound to various nations to a certain degree.

However, considering our unique history, equating overspending with

such a practice is a risky line to walk. It not only isolates moderate voters, but also angers conservative minorities who feel that such a statement understates the seriousness of slavery.

For better or for worse, most Americans believe that Mrs. Bachmann is exaggerating our problems for political gain. If she is to compete against the affable President Obama in the general election, Representative Bachmann will need to take a step away from using intense language.

Even when it comes to an issue such as climate change, the Republican candidates are skeptical. According to a 2009 study by the University of Illinois, 97.4 percent of active climatologists agree that humans play a role in climate change. Sadly, many presidential hopefuls are unwilling to support government activity to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Governor Rick Perry believes, “There are a substantial number of scientists who have manipulated data.” Michelle Bachmann called the theory a “hoax” and has even advocated for the abolishment of the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Though the U. S. has always been hesitant to address the environment due to a fear of economic reprisals, candidates should not completely ignore scientific consensus.

Unfortunately, we are in the midst of the most partisan political environment in decades. After reading this opinion article, many of our student body may assume that I am simply a biased democrat. On the contrary, I am actually an independent libertarian. I hold many traditionally conservative views, but am still convinced that the Republican Party is headed down the wrong road.

If the Republican Party loses the general election to someone as unpopular as President Obama, who has a 38 percent approval rating, the necessity for internal adjustments will only become more obvious.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A sad story

I went to mass on Tuesday and, as you know, there was a free picnic afterwards. As I waited in line for food, a girl with a huge Canon camera came up to me. She told me she was with the newspaper and asked if she could take my picture for The Observer’s section called “Question of the Day.”

Well, I thought I had a great answer. And she said it was her favorite so far. I said my Summer Anthem was “Time of My Life” by Green Day.

Pretty classic! I know what you’re thinking, such a product of our generation. Brilliant!

The next day, with great anticipation after my morning studying with a cup of joe, I went to get The Observer.

My fingers twitched with giddiness as I flipped through the pages. I sprung the newspaper open. I ran my eyes over the six faces of the day, and to my astonishment, I was no where to be seen.

There was no smiling me staring up at me from the gray and white pages of this acclaimed newspaper we so greatly adore. I was missing.

I closed the newspaper and opened it again. And wouldn’t you know it, there was the same result.

I found the nearest bench and sat for some time. It took a while for me to process what had just occurred.

I had been filtered. In my place, some one else had been chosen. It is probably futile to mention that each person had the same answer and were from the same dorm, but indeed that was the case.

I don’t know what to make of this event. Like a skimmer sifting a leaf out of the pool, I had been dropped to the exterior of the yard and, similarly, to the trash bin on a microchip.

Will I renounce the Observer?
No, no, I won’t. I am much too faithful a reader for that. I will give it another gander .

Tom Coughlin

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UWIRE

Get back in the gym, health nut says

In the beginning, there was only you and the thought — the impulse to exercise.

That thought often does not come in the form of a great spiritual moment of clarity. More often than not, it comes from the realization that your jeans don’t fit, your body is now bulging out of places you had no idea existed or your inability to make it up three flights of stairs without gasping for oxygen.

So, here you are at a gym — nay, the human torture chamber — and all you can think is, “What happens now?” You could either turn around and run back to the couch, your favorite bag of potato chips and a pint of Ben and Jerry’s finest, or you could man up — or woman up, as the case may be — and tame the dragon.

You know what you have to do.

You know it won’t be easy. But if you choose to take the plunge, forcing your body to endure the suffering needed to reach your goal, you will be rewarded in pounds lost, inches cinched and measures of confidence.

That’s why you’re ultimately in the gym, isn’t it? You want to prove to yourself you can do this. You want to prove to the mirror you aren’t the person it reflects you to be.

So first things first: Be sure you are dressed appropriately. That means gym shorts, a t-shirt and tennis shoes are the style of the day. (You may wear a sweatband if you must, but please leave the kneehigh socks at home. The ‘80s ended more than 20 years ago.)

You don’t want your workout clothes to fit too tightly or be flamboyant — the gym is not a night club. You are there to work, and your dress should reflect that.

Find a vacant stationary bike or treadmill and pedal or walk at a leisurely pace for three to five minutes. The goal right now is to warm your body up for the work it will have to perform in the coming hour.

Use this time to reflect on why you are in the gym and what you want to get out of a daily exercise regimen.

Found your center? Fantastic.

For the workout, you will want to hit the weights first, then do a form of cardiovascular exercise. Your body needs to be able to work

at its least fatigued when lifting weights. This will help you prevent injury and allow you to perform more repetitions with more weight.

Generally speaking, weight training allows the body to burn 200-300 calories per hour depending on the weight of the person and the intensity level at which they exercise. Weight lifting also is important because it helps promote fat loss.

For beginners, running through a full-body weightlifting exercise regimen is a daunting task, so for now, pick four exercises — preferably two lower-body and two upper-body — and complete three sets of 10 repetitions for each. The last repetition of each set of exercises should be hard and provoke the urge to make a nasty face. If you’re able to smile and giggle by your 10th rep, you’re doing it wrong.

This part of the workout should take between 20 and 30 minutes depending on your fitness level.

After you’ve worked up a sweat with the weights, it’s time to hit the cardio floor. As a general rule, the longer you are able to perform light to moderate cardiovascular activity, the more fat you will burn. And after all, burning fat is what it’s all about. If it’s been a while since you strapped on your running shoes, you might opt to tighten up your shoelaces and go for a stroll.

Though it is the easiest form of cardio, it won’t get you very far in the fat-burning game.

Now that you’re body is pissed off at you, it’s time to cool down. If there is a stationary bike around, you might pedal on it for three to five minutes like you did during your warm-up or walk leisurely on the treadmill. You must do something that requires you to move your extremities, but slowly. It is crucial that you stay slightly active at the end of a workout to promote blood flow throughout your body and to help kick-start the recovery process.

Get a drink of water, make a healthy food choice immediately following your workout and get a good night’s rest because tomorrow you’re going to wake up and do it all over again, right?

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GIRL TALK

COMES TO THE B1 BLOCK PARTY

By ALEX KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

When one hears the name Girl Talk, the first image that comes to mind is probably not a male DJ from Pittsburgh spinning complex mashups from a laptop, using digital sampling and combining unlikely songs together.

But that is exactly who Girl Talk is, and he has gained both commercial and critical success from five full-length albums of mashup material.

As eclectic as Girl Talk's music is, his career is even more so. Before he was Girl Talk, he was simply Gregg Gillis, a biomedical engineering student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. While focusing on tissue engineering in school, Gillis made music on the side under the alias Girl Talk. After graduating, he worked as an engineer, eventually quitting in May 2007 to focus primarily on his music.

Today, Girl Talk creates mashup-style remixes, using samples from more than a dozen songs at once, ranging from recent pop to classic rock to alternative to hip hop.

In a 2009 interview with FMLY, Gillis revealed the

reason behind his stage name choice.

"I came from a more experimental background, and there were some very overly-serious, borderline-academic type experimental musicians. I wanted to pick a name that they would be embarrassed to play with. You know Girl Talk sounded exactly the opposite of a man playing a laptop, so that's what I chose."

Girl Talk often releases his LPs at no cost through his record label Illegal Art's website. For example, he digitally sold his fourth album, 2008's "Feed the Animals," his most critically successful to date, using a "pay-what-you-like" system similar to the release of Radiohead's 2007 album "In Rainbows." Since the critical and commercial success of "Feed the Animals," Girl Talk has sold all his

albums in a similar manner, including the recently-released free LP, "All Day."

Girl Talk clearly holds a penchant for making complex multi-layered mashups, using not much more than his laptop and creativity. However, he also has the phenomenal ability to get the crowd dancing at live shows. Girl Talk will perform live at the B1 Block Party on Notre Dame's campus this

weekend, along with opening acts Midwest Hype and Tim Stop.

Midwest Hype plays an eclectic mix of funk, reggae and pop — a musical blend the band refers to as "Urban Garage Jazz." The LaPorte, Indiana-based band has been releasing both covers and original material through their website since 2008, as well as tours. Among their covers is an acoustic version of Notorious B.I.G.'s 1994 single, "Big Poppa." Audiences acclaim the band's live performances as intense, high-energy and danceable.

Tim Stop, an energetic and soulful pop rock artist, just recently performed at Summerfest — Milwaukee's annual summer music festival. His phenomenal songwriting style, vocals and stage presence draw audiences in.

More than simply musical acts, the B1 Block Party features various fun activities, from Eurobungy to rock climbing to corn hole. The doors open at 5 p.m. Saturday evening, and the opening acts take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Girl Talk performs from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and the fun extends throughout the after party until 4 a.m.

On campus

What: B1 Block Party
Where: Lot B1 Between Legends and ND Stadium
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LAST YEAR'S BLOCK PARTY



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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

Shakespeare famously wrote, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." In "The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde playfully disagrees.

The production, being put on this weekend by the Notre Dame Student Players, is carried by Wilde's renowned wit but bolstered by the individual personalities the actors bring to their characters.

The rehearsal schedule has been hectic for the cast and crew, considering they have been rehearsing for just under two weeks, but that doesn't cause the production to lose any of its charm.

"It's been a very fast-paced process, but every step has been so much fun," Director Renee Roden said when asked about the experience of putting together a show at the end of the first week of classes.

The performance even addresses the thrown-together nature of the show's rehearsal process in the opening scene.

Two actors enter the stage talking to each other and the audience, leaving some watching confused, until the rest of the cast enters. The noise rises to a loud clatter and it is finally understood that the actors are entering as themselves rather than their characters.



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They reveal a nervous energy, and the possible stress involved with putting on the production in such a short amount of time. The addition to Wilde's script serves to make the entire production more endearing.

The show, set to take place behind Pangborn, is made more charming by its surroundings.

"We'll be performing on a beautiful little tree-lined section of West Quad, behind Pangborn and next to Reckers,"

Roden said when asked about the eclectic setting.

The idea is for the play to be a picnic show and for the audience to sit comfortably on blankets and eat food as they watch the story unfold.

Actors perform barefoot, and the set is comprised of a single square table. The minimalist setting truly allows the actors to shine.



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Lady Bracknell, portrayed by Sloan Thacker, has perfected the air of pretention necessary for the role. Thacker's mannerisms make the persnickety aunt come to life in the comical way.

The banter between Jack and Algernon, played by Chris Brandt and Chris Silvestri respectively, is great. Jack is the quirky straight man to Algernon's free-wheeling and slick sense of humor.

Gwendolyn and Cecily, brought to life by Clare Cooney and Stephanie Rice, bring

an incredible amount of sophistication to something as catty as a girl fight.

When imagining such a duel, many call to mind the scene from "Mean Girls" in which Cady Herron pounces on Regina George in the midst of a crowded cafeteria. Oscar Wilde's 19th century version is infinitely more refined yet equally hilarious.

The scene is a perfect example of the insanity bubbling beneath the surface throughout the entire show.

"All of us are mischievous, ridiculous beings, but when we're out in society or in public we put on this very earnest show of being elegant, refined creatures," Roden said.

Though the play premiered in 1895, it isn't held back by the time period in which it was originated.



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Lines like, "All women become like their mothers, it's their tragedy. No men do, it's theirs," timelessly speak to phenomena that persist well into the 21st century.

The production has updated a few small lines to make the play even more relatable — watch out for a cleverly placed "Twilight" reference — but they

do not take away from the original script in any way.

"Even though it's technically a period piece, this show is anything but dated. It's a very modern story, and so relatable for our age group."

The show has done something unique in terms of advertising as

well. Instead of relying on table tents and posters, they have taken to Twitter to promote the show through their account @EarnestND.

"We gave the actors access to the Twitter account, so they could write posts 'in character,' which was another fun element," Roden said of their fresh take on advertising.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" begins today at 4 p.m. The rich dialogue and relaxed atmosphere is the perfect way to begin a theatrically charged year.

On campus

What: "The Importance of Being Earnest" presented by the ND Student Players
Where: West Quad, behind Pangborn
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MLB

Bronx Bombers knock three grand slams in rout

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees became the first team in major league history to hit three grand slams in a game, with Robinson Cano, Russell Martin and Curtis Granderson connecting Thursday in a wet, wild 22-9 romp over the Oakland Athletics.

In nearly a century of storied slugging, the Bronx Bombers never enjoyed a day like this.

On a dreary afternoon, some fans headed home with the Yankees trailing 7-1 after three innings and rain still falling in a game that began after an 89-minute delay.

Turns out they missed the Yankees coming home — over and over and over.

Cano began the barrage with his slam in the fifth off starter Rich Harden, making it 7-6. Martin connected in the sixth off Fautino De Los Santos for a 10-7 lead. Granderson took his turn in eighth, launching a two-out drive off Bruce Billings.

“It’s a pretty crazy accomplishment, when you think about it,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. “It’s amazing.”

Martin homered twice and doubled, setting career highs with five hits and six RBIs. Cano drove in five runs as the Yankees pulled off their biggest comeback win since 2006 and avoid-

ed a three-game sweep.

With MLB approaching its 200,000th regular season game next month, the Yankees put on a unique show with their bats — and gloves, too.

Former All-Star catcher Jorge Posada made his first career appearance at second base and had the final play, fielding a grounder and firing a one-hop throw that knocked over first baseman Nick Swisher and left him laughing as he caught it.

The Yankees had their chances to hit even more slams.

They came at bat a startling 17 times with the bases loaded — Derek Jeter alone got four tries, He grounded out twice, struck out and walked in those spots.

“I don’t if I’ve ever heard of a stat of a guy being up four times with the bases loaded,” Girardi said.

Jeter did get three hits and briefly boosted his average to .300. Quite a climb from that July day that began with him mired at .257 and ended with him getting his 3,000th career hit.

Granderson’s slam gave him 103 RBIs. The Yankees had hit two slams in a game three times, but never at home.

The Yankees scored six times in the seventh, helped by seven walks in the inning, and six more in the eighth.

Cliff Pennington homered, doubled and drove in four runs for the A’s. Scott Sizemore also homered.

Yet for all the gigantic hits, this day seemed to turn on something much more elementary — the weather.

Yankees fans weren’t in a forgiving mood. They booed when a battered Phil Hughes walked off in the third inning and jeered when Pennington hit reliever Cory Wade’s first pitch for a three-run homer that put the Athletics ahead 7-1.

But there was a big cheer when the sun poked through the clouds as the A’s batted in the fourth. In-between innings, the stadium sound crew played “Here Comes the Sun” by the Beatles.

Moments later, the Yankees bats came out, too.

Martin began New York’s rally with a solo home run in the fourth. Cano lined his second slam of the season and sixth of his career the next inning with a liner to right field.

Martin hit his slam the next inning, sending a fly barely over the wall in right-center for a 10-7. Martin took a curtain call after his third career slam.

Granderson capped the outburst with a no-doubt drive to right center.

The last time the Yankees had hit two grand slams in a game



Curtis Granderson blasted the third and final Yankee grand slams of the day en route to a 22-7 win over Oakland Thursday.

was Sept. 14, 1999, when Bernie Williams and Paul O’Neill did it at Toronto.

This was the seventh time the A’s franchise gave up two slams in a game, STATS LLC said. Detroit’s Ryan Raburn and Brandon Inge did it last in 2009 and he first came in 1936, when

Tony Lazzeri of the Yankees hit a pair at Philadelphia.

Boone Logan (4-2) got the win and De Los Santos (2-1) lost.

Alex Rodriguez returned to the Yankees’ lineup after missing two games with a sprained left thumb. He had two hits and scored three runs.

TENNIS

Roddick wins handily, slated to face Isner in semifinals

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Top-seeded Andy Roddick rolled to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Argentina’s Juan Monaco on Thursday afternoon in the Winston-Salem Open quarterfinals.

Roddick will take on fellow American John Isner in Friday’s semifinals. Isner rallied past eighth-seeded Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 earlier Thursday.

Roddick needed just more than an hour on a hot afternoon as he dominated with his serve, getting his first serve in 81 percent of the time.

“I didn’t feel too much of the heat, to be honest,” Roddick said. “I always have done OK in it. I didn’t think about it too much out there.”

Monaco, who was the seventh seed, gave up nine aces to Roddick and failed to break Roddick’s serve.

Roddick, who appears to be back to full strength after battling an abdominal injury the last few weeks, jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first set. He kept the pressure on throughout, and has won three straight matches pretty easily in a final tuneup before next week’s U.S. Open.

“I’ve won the first sets pretty handily this week,” Roddick said. “I’ve been anxious to play and I’ve been ready to play and that sets the tone for the match.”

You kind of give yourself a good look in the second set and he’s feeling a little more pressure.”

The 26-year-old Isner is also feeling some pressure to win a tournament in his own backyard. The Greensboro native had to fight back from a set down, but once he got his serve going he calmed down and executed his plan.

Isner, ranked 28th, needed all the crowd support he could get

to win a match that lasted nearly 2 hours. He advanced to his fourth semifinal of the season.

“Somebody turned up the heat today and the humidity is what really bothered me,” said the 6-foot-9, 240-pound Isner. “I’m a big guy and I’m expending more energy than my opponents because of how much I weigh and I’m sweating bullets out there. It takes a lot out of me.”

Isner was also helped by Baghdatis converting just 38 percent of his first serves.

In the third set. Isner double-faulted twice as Isner went up 5-4. Isner then served for the clincher and had three aces with two of the serves reaching 140 mph.

Roddick, who has been here before to compete for the United States in past Davis Cup ties, doesn’t expect an easy match against Isner.

“It will be completely different than the three matches I’ve



Andy Roddick returns a ball in his quarterfinal match against Juan Monaco Thursday in the Winston-Salem Open.

played so far,” Roddick said. “The last time we played I went 3 for 3 on break points and that’s impossible against him and that doesn’t happen all the time.”

Isner, who has been staying at home with his parents just a few minutes away, said it’s

never easy to play Roddick.

“He’s been holding serve pretty easily in this event so far. He’s similar to me and he relies a lot on his serve. From the baseline he’s so fit and in such good shape he won’t blow you away from the baseline but he’ll make a lot of balls.

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MLB

Four errors sink Cubs in home loss to Braves

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Before Thursday's game, Chicago Cubs manager Mike Quade said the biggest factor in his team's improvement since the All-Star break was better defensive play. He might have spoken too soon.

Brian McCann homered twice and the Atlanta Braves took advantage of four Cubs errors to beat Chicago 8-3.

"We didn't execute very well on defense all the way around," second baseman Darwin Barney said. "You have those days. We've been playing very well on defense for the past while, so it's kind of weird to see that."

The Cubs have played better in the field of late, but still lead the majors with 108 errors this season. Four of Atlanta's runs were unearned.

Matt Garza (6-10) allowed six runs — three earned — and eight hits over five innings. He struck out six and also committed one of the errors.

Garza was coming off one of his best starts of the season in a 3-0 win over St. Louis last Saturday, but never seemed to settle into a rhythm on Thursday.

"Garz just followed himself all day," Quade said. "Just never really could get on

track and get in synch.

"I've seen him struggle before and he finds a way to settle down keep us in it. Just wasn't his day."

Marlon Byrd homered and Tyler Colvin added a triple and a run for the Cubs.

The Braves took three of four from Chicago, which has gone 20-18 since the All-Star break.

After Michael Bourn led off the game with one of his four hits, Martin Prado reached when Garza dropped a flip from Carlos Pena at first for the first error of the day. Garza then fell behind McCann, who homered into a stiff wind in right-center and put the Braves ahead 3-0 before Garza had retired a batter.

"It is what it is, man," Garza said. "Really can't say much. When Bourn starts off the game with a jam shot, Prado hits the same thing, it's a slow roller. It's just frustrating. Oh well. Get ready in five more days, right?"

The Cubs cut into the lead on Barney's groundout in the bottom of the first. In the second, Byrd brought the Cubs within a run with a homer to left. Colvin tripled into the right-field corner and scored on Geovany Soto's dribbler, tying the score at 3-all.



Cubs first baseman Carlos Pena slides safely into second base as Braves second baseman Dan Uggla attempts to apply the tag during Atlanta's 8-3 win Thursday.

The Braves regained the lead with two runs in the third with help from the Cubs. Castro committed his NL-leading 22nd error and Garza walked Dan Uggla with the bases full.

Barney and Reed Johnson also committed errors.

"To see Reed and Barn, you don't see that very

often," Quade said. "The play Cassie was given an error on was a tougher play. I know he was trying to be quick because Bourn was running."

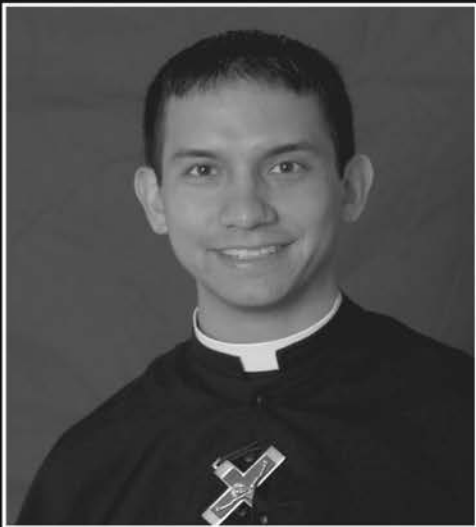
Garza has had a hard-luck season, posting a sub-.500 record despite leading Cubs starters in strikeouts and ERA. With the end of the

season in sight, he vowed to plug on.

"I'm not going to quit," Garza said. "What's the point of that? You might as well not even show up. I battled my butt off today. It's just one of those things. I can't explain it, don't have any words for it. Dumbfounded practically."

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NASCAR

Patrick announces switch to NASCAR for 2012

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With the not-so-subtle shape of a stock car under cover just in front of her and spotlights glaring in her face, Danica Patrick feigned drama for an announcement everyone already knew was coming.

“For breaking news that will shock the world ...,” she said facetiously on Thursday.

Peeling the lid off the worst-kept secret in auto racing, Patrick ended months of skirting questions about her future by officially declaring her plans to leave IndyCar in 2012 to race a full Nationwide season for JR Motorsports and a part-time Sprint Cup schedule with Stewart-Haas Racing.

One of the most marketable stars in auto racing, Patrick had been rumored to be headed to NASCAR even before she ran her first stock race, the ARCA series event at Daytona in 2010. Even while racing limited Nationwide schedules the past two years for Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s team, Patrick had deflected talk of her leaving IndyCar for the fenders of NASCAR.

That all changed, at least officially, when she signed a contract with GoDaddy.com chairman Bob Parsons in front of TV cameras and a few dozen cheering company employees on Thursday.

“If it was about money, I’d have gone a long time ago,” Patrick said from GoDaddy’s offices in north Scottsdale. “I just go where my heart tells me, where my gut tells me to go, where I’m enjoying my life the most, where I feel like I can have the most success. I’ve truly enjoyed my experience in NASCAR, to the point that I want to do it full-time.”

Patrick will run most of her races in the lower-tier Nationwide Series with only a handful of Sprint Cup races, but her switch to NASCAR should be a big boost to a sport that’s been hurt by a sagging economy and a dip in popularity from its heyday just a few years back.

With her telegenic looks, mass appeal, not to mention racy Super Bowl ads, Patrick brings something that’s hard to come by: star power.

“We are pleased Danica Patrick has chosen to race full time in NASCAR in 2012,” NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France said in a statement. “She has demonstrated a strong desire to compete and NASCAR provides the best opportunity to race against the top drivers in the world with the largest and most loyal fan base in motor-sports on a week-to-week basis. Danica has shown solid improvement in NASCAR and we believe her decision to run full time in the NASCAR Nationwide Series, with additional races in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, will be exciting for our fans and a great challenge for her.”

On the other side of the wheel, Patrick’s decision leaves a big void in IndyCar.

The series has made some big strides under the direction of CEO Randy Bernard, who has aggressively reshaped the sport with innovative marketing approaches. But for all the successes IndyCar has had, Patrick is still arguably the sport’s biggest star — certainly it’s most recognizable — and losing her will likely put a dent in the sport’s momentum.

“Danica has always been a great ambassador for IndyCar, and there is no doubt she has left a positive impression on our sport,” Bernard said in a statement. “She has touched millions of fans and many that were new to motorsports. Danica attracted a fan base that every athlete and sports property in the world would love to have. We should give her a great farewell the rest of this season as she opens a new page in her career and wish her continued success with her new direction.”

Patrick has run 20 races in two years with JR Motorsports and has five more on the schedule this season. She plans to run between eight and 10 Sprint



Danica Patrick poses in front of her Sprint Cup series car after signing a contract to permanently join NASCAR’s Nationwide Series in 2012. She will also race in several major Sprint Cup races.

Cup races with Stewart-Haas, with an eye on a full season in 2013.

Patrick would like to race at the Daytona 500, though the team hasn’t mapped out where she’ll start or which races will fill out the schedule this year, and didn’t rule out another run at the Indianapolis 500 — even after Andretti Autosport announced it had reached a mutual agreement to part ways with her after the 2011 season.

“We’re thrilled with Danica Patrick’s decision to join us for the 2012 season and looking forward to seeing her behind the wheel of a NASCAR Nationwide Series car on a consistent basis,” said Matt Jauchius, chief marketing and strategy officer for Nationwide Insurance. “Her presence will continue to make our Series stronger and more competitive. She has proven to raise awareness levels of our sport, sponsors and competitors; and that’s good for everyone involved.”

Patrick will leave IndyCar

after a decent run.

She became the first woman to win an IndyCar race at Japan in 2008 and was the first to lead the Indy 500, when she did it in 2005 — the same year she earned the pole at Kansas. Patrick also had a high finish of third at the Brickyard in 2009 on her way to a career-best fifth in the season standings.

Patrick is currently 12th in the IndyCar standings, with seven top-10 finishes.

“The thing you see in Danica right away is how determined she is to be good at what she does,” Stewart-Haas owner Tony Stewart said. “She’s very dedicated to taking the time and effort to make the transition from Indy cars to stock cars. She has talent, she has the right mindset, and she has the proper drive and determination. It doesn’t matter who it is you’re looking for, those are the key attributes that you look for in a driver, and Danica’s got them.”

Patrick had a sharp learning curve when she first

started racing stock cars, but has gained ground this year.

After that first ARCA race at Daytona, she struggled with the nuances of the Nationwide car, her best finish a 19th at Homestead with an average finish of 28th.

Patrick has been much smoother this season, posting three top-10 finishes, with a career-best of fourth at Las Vegas — the best finish by a woman at a national NASCAR race. She’s made good progress as a part-time driver and expects to get better with a full-time shot.

“I feel like in the last year, I’ve really come around much more on the track and the top-10s are happening much more frequently,” Patrick said. “I feel like I’m getting it more and more all the time. I still have a lot to learn, that’s for sure, but I really feel confident that I can be successful in the future.”

There’s no turning back now that the secret’s officially out.

MLB

Orioles complete sweep of Twins behind Reynolds homer

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Baltimore Orioles have been getting their brains beaten in for the last two months and limped into Target Field this week without a series victory in their last 14 tries.

They didn’t just win the series against the hapless Minnesota Twins. The AL-worst O’s dominated them like no other opponent this season.

Mark Reynolds hit a three-run homer and Jo Jo Reyes went six strong innings to lead the Orioles to a 6-1 victory over the Twins on Thursday, Baltimore’s first four-game winning streak since early June.

Reyes (7-10) allowed one run on five hits with four walks and three strikeouts. Craig Tatum

added a two-run double for the Orioles, who haven’t had a winning streak this long since June 6-10.

“Sooner or later,” manager Buck Showalter said, “the baseball gods kind of let you up for air.”

Anthony Swarzak (3-4) gave up five runs on eight hits in 3 1-3 innings after left-hander Francisco Liriano left with a strained shoulder after two innings.

Joe Mauer also missed his second straight game for the injury-ravaged Twins, with a stiff neck keeping him out.

Vlad Guerrero, Nolan Reimold and Ryan Adams added two hits each for the Orioles, who swept the Twins at home in a four-game series for the first time.

“The frustration level is at an

all-time high for me with the losing and seeing guys get hurt,” said right fielder Michael Cuddyer, who has been with the Twins for 10 years. “It’s tough to go out there. Our coaches deserve an effort and our fans deserve an effort.”

The Twins have looked lifeless on the mound and in the batter’s box for most of the past month, turning Target Field into a place where opposing slumps come to die.

The Orioles had lost five in a row when the series started, and Reynolds and Reyes were the latest beneficiaries. The slugger entered the series on a 6-for-45 (.133) skid with 20 strikeouts. He went 7 for 17 (.412) with two homers and seven RBIs in the four games in Minnesota.

“I’ve had a rough stretch here the past week or two,” Reynolds said. “You know, you get a couple knocks here and there and kind of get some confidence going up a little bit. Hopefully it keeps snowballing here for me and I finish up the season strong.”

The lefty Reyes once went winless in 28 straight starts, and who had allowed 15 earned runs in his last two outings, breezed through a Twins lineup that has scored one run or less in seven of the last 10 games.

Justin Morneau doubled home Trevor Plouffe to tie the game 1-1 in the third inning, but the Twins left the bases loaded in the fifth and hitters 5-9 in the order went 1 for 17 with a single, three walks and four strikeouts in the game.

“It wasn’t my best outing, but I was able to get through six and not have to use the bullpen right away,” Reyes said.

The Twins couldn’t say the same thing.

Liriano walked Robert Andino with the bases loaded in the second inning to fall behind 1-0 and was placed on the disabled list after the game with a strained shoulder. Alex Burnett took his place to start the third.

It’s the third time in the last five days that a Twins starter hasn’t made it out of the third inning. Nick Blackburn left in the second inning because of injury on Sunday against the Yankees and Brian Duensing was knocked out by the Orioles in the third inning on Tuesday night.

SOCCER

Barcelona draws Milan in Champions League

Associated Press

MONACO — Champions League winner Barcelona will begin its title defense with a match at home to AC Milan, before the traditional powers play two unheralded Eastern European teams in a group drawn by UEFA on Thursday.

Four-time winner Barcelona hosts the seven-time champion — a rematch of the 1994 final which Milan won 4-0 — on Sept. 13, sending forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic back to the Nou Camp where he was harshly judged to be an expensive failure two seasons ago. Group H also includes BATE Borisov of Belarus and Czech newcomer Viktoria Plzen.

Manchester United, last season's runner-up, is top-seeded in an apparently weak group with Benfica, Switzerland's FC Basel and Romanian debutant Otelul Galati.

Bayern Munich, whose stadium

will stage the final next May, got a tough draw with Villarreal, big spenders Manchester City and Napoli — all teams from Europe's four highest ranked leagues.

Real Madrid, the record nine-time European champion, faces Lyon, four-time winner Ajax and Dinamo Zagreb.

To get Ibrahimovic in 2009, Barcelona sent (then \$66 million) plus Samuel Eto'o to Inter Milan, but he lasted just one season in coach Pep Guardiola's system.

Barca technical director Andoni Zubizarreta said on Thursday that the Sweden international was capable of making his old club pay again.

"We need to think about all the (Milan) team ... but I'm sure we are going to suffer from Ibra," Zubizarreta said.

Man United has fond memories of playing Benfica, having beaten the Portuguese club when it won its first European

title in 1968.

"It's a good draw for us, especially having Sir Bobby Charlton talking about them on stage before the draw," chief executive David Gill said. "We've got to be confident."

Otelul Galati director general Marius Stan doubted his club could beat the three-time European champion.

"We want to win but it's impossible. We are a little team. For us, it's a big honor to play Manchester," said Stan, confirming that the home match will be in Bucharest because Galati's stadium does not meet UEFA standards.

Bayern director Karl Hopfner said Group A was "the hardest of all."

"It's four teams from the four best leagues in the world, but we need to qualify," Hopfner said.

Man City director Brian Marwood said all the group had "great experience in Europe (and) have won honors at the

highest level."

Debuting in the world's most prestigious club competition, City aims to build a global reputation after the ruling family of Abu Dhabi funded a spending spree on transfer fees and player wages.

"We feel we have a very competitive squad who can compete at this level," Marwood said. "I believe this club has got great momentum now."

Inter Milan, the 2010 winner, is top-seeded in a group with CSKA Moscow, Lille and Trabzonspor.

"It's a dangerous group. That's the Champions League," Inter coach Gian Piero Gasperini said.

Trabzonspor already lost to Benfica in the qualifying rounds but was reprieved by UEFA less than 24 hours before the draw when Turkey's federation barred domestic champion Fenerbahce while it is investigated in a match-fixing scandal.

Arsenal was rewarded for a

tense passage through the playoff round with a group including Marseille, Olympiakos of Greece and Bundesliga champion Borussia Dortmund, the No. 4 seed all teams wished to avoid. Arsenal opens away to Dortmund on Sept. 13.

Chelsea was drawn to face Valencia after buying the Spanish club's star forward Juan Mata this week for a reported \$43 million. Group E is completed by Bayer Leverkusen and Belgian champion Genk.

Two-time winner FC Porto faces long trips to play Group G rivals Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine and Russia's Zenit St. Petersburg. APOEL of Cyprus completes the group.

Each team plays six matches in a program scheduled from Sept. 13 through Dec. 7.

The top two in each group advance to the knockout rounds starting in February, and the eight third-placed teams join the Europa League competition in its knockout phase.

MLB

Thome traded to the Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jim Thome has swung back to the Cleveland Indians.

The slugger accepted a trade from Minnesota on Thursday night to return to the Indians, who are hoping their career leader in home runs can help them catch first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

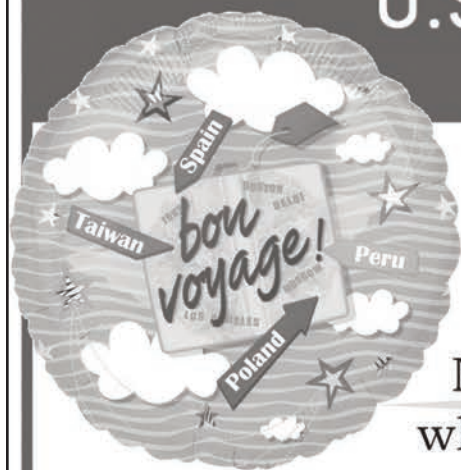
Thome spent 12 seasons with Cleveland from 1991-2002, hitting a team-record 334 homers and helping the Indians get to two World Series. He hit 52 in his final season before signing as a free agent with Philadelphia, a decision that angered many Indians fans who will have to welcome him back.

Earlier this month, the five-time All-Star became the eighth player in history to hit 600 homers.

The 40-year-old Thome waived a no-trade clause in his contract to clear his return to the Indians, who have been in contention all season but have lost six of their last seven games amid a rash of injuries. Thome's arrival will soften the loss of designated hitter Travis Hafner, who is on the disabled list and may need season-ending foot surgery.

The Indians put a claim in for Thome on Wednesday, two days after the Twins waived him. Once the Indians were awarded Thome, the clubs had 48 hours to work out a trade. The Twins will receive a player to be named by Oct. 15.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jacory Harris found among those in violation

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami has determined that eight football players, including quarterback Jacory Harris, are believed to have committed NCAA violations by associating with booster Nevin Shapiro and have been declared ineligible, said a person with knowledge of the process.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because no one is authorized to discuss the ongoing investigations by the university and the NCAA. Shapiro is a convicted Ponzi scheme architect serving a 20-year prison sentence for bilking \$930 million from investors, and his claims have cast a long shadow over Miami's season before it even begins.

Simply being declared ineligible now doesn't necessarily mean a player would miss any time this season. The Miami Herald first

reported the decision to declare the players ineligible.

Under NCAA rules, when a school finds violations have occurred, the athlete typically is declared ineligible and the NCAA begins a reinstatement process. The NCAA will also decide if that player needs to miss any games. And the clock is running: Miami opens the season at Maryland on Sept. 5.

"The school must declare the student-athlete ineligible and then can seek reinstatement," NCAA spokesperson Stacey Osburn said.

Earlier Thursday, Miami coach Al Golden suggested that the depth chart might not be announced until Tuesday. All of the players implicated by Shapiro in a story published by Yahoo Sports were practicing Thursday, and have been on the field throughout the process.

"We'll make sure we practice enough guys because we really don't know what the future

brings," Golden said. "Hopefully we'll find out pretty quickly here in the near future if there are any penalties or suspensions, and we'll adjust accordingly."

Golden said he has a plan for which personnel to use against the Terrapins. And another plan, just in case. And, well, another plan, in case things change some more.

"All of the above," Golden said.

Harris and all other Miami players implicated by claims that Shapiro provided dozens of Hurricanes with extra benefits like cash, cars, gifts and sex for the better part of a decade returned to the practice field Thursday after a brief break for the start of the academic year.

Sean Spence led the Hurricanes in a pre-practice chant that left some onlookers doubled over in laughter. Harris took his spot at the front of a stretching group, a position typically reserved for starters.

Say this for the 'Canes: They're trying to carry on some sense of business-as-usual.

"Any projections or anything like that, all it is is speculation," Golden said.

Golden also said that in what he believes to be accordance with Atlantic Coast Conference policy, the Hurricanes will divulge their depth chart to the Terrapins before releasing anything publicly.

"It's tough because I know how much hard work they put in over there," said former Hurricanes receiver Reggie Wayne, now with the Indianapolis Colts. "I hope everything turns out right for them, but the one thing about it is it will bring everyone closer together."

Spence and Harris are among two of the biggest names wrapped up in the scandal—Spence is considered by many to be Miami's best defensive player and one of the top linebackers in the ACC. Harris has played 36 games at quarterback

for the Hurricanes in his first three seasons, and he's far-and-away the ACC leader among active players in passing touchdowns.

University officials haven't commented publicly on the specifics of the process. Miami President Donna Shalala said this week that 15 student-athletes — she did not specify names or teams—were being investigated by university compliance personnel. Shapiro told Yahoo Sports that he provided benefits to 72 athletes, 65 of whom played football for Miami. Of those, 12 are current football players, and one is a member of the men's basketball team.

"We're going about our business," Golden said. "Obviously some of the players that are alleged to have done something are guys that have played a lot of football for us, so obviously there's going to be some adjustments if there are suspensions. Other than that, we're just moving forward and the kids have been great."

MLB

Fister leads Tigers over Rays



Tigers pitcher Doug Fister pitches during one of his seven scoreless innings in Detroit's 2-0 win over the Rays. The newly-acquired righty is 3-1 in five starts with the Tigers.

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Doug Fister has found the winning touch with the Detroit Tigers.

Fister allowed five hits over seven scoreless innings, Austin Jackson homered and the AL Central-leading Tigers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 Thursday.

"All dictated by pitching," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "Fister was tremendous. We needed to shut them down. Fister was just what the doctor ordered for us. You might have better stuff sometimes, but you can't pitch better than that. He knows exactly what he wants to do with the next pitch."

Fister (6-13) struck out five. The right-hander, acquired in a six-player trade with Seattle on July 30, is 3-1 in five starts with the Tigers.

"My focus every time I go out there, use my fastball and my secondary (pitches) off that," Fister said.

Jackson hit a first-inning lead-off homer and made it 2-0 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The Tigers took three of four from Tampa Bay and have won 16 of their last 25 road games.

"We, kind of, countered their pitching this series," Leyland said. "We got just enough to win three games, which was huge. This could have been an 0-4 trip, that's how good that pitching is. To come out of here with three wins, very pleased."

Jeremy Hellickson became the first Rays' pitcher to strike out four batters in the same inning, accomplishing the feat during the third. After Jackson reached base to start the inning on a third-strike wild pitch, Hellickson then struck out Ramon Santiago, Delmon Young and Victor Martinez.

Hellickson (11-9) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings. He had seven strikeouts and one walk.

After Joaquin Benoit gave up one hit during the eighth, Jose

Valverde pitched the ninth to complete a seven-hitter and pick up his 38th save in as many chances this season.

Casey Kotchman drew a one-out walk in the ninth from Valverde and moved to third on Matt Joyce's single. The game ended when Sam Fuld lined out to right on a hit-and-run that resulted in Joyce getting doubled off at first.

"The final play of the game we caught a break," Leyland said. "If you're winning a few games, that ball's caught and you double a guy off. If you're struggling, that ball is down the line. They score the tying runs and you've got the winning run at third. That's just the way the game goes."

Fister retired his first 13 batters before Kotchman reached on a one-out infield single in the fifth. Third baseman Wilson Betemit was unable to make a backhanded grab on Kotchman's opposite-field liner.



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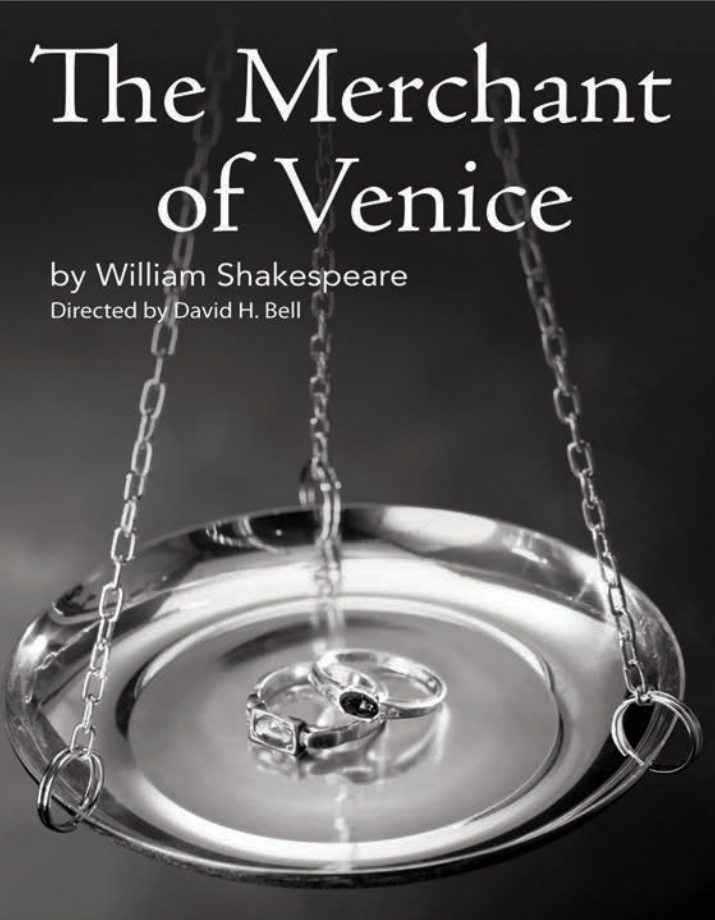


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NFL

Packers to add 6,600 new seats to Lambeau Field

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Green Bay Packers announced plans Thursday to add 6,600 new seats at venerable Lambeau Field in time for the 2013 season, part of a self-funded \$130 million project that will be welcome news to the 81,000 fans on the waiting list for season tickets.

The Packers also had fans buzzing by suggesting they might pay for the project through a stock sale that would give even more people a chance to be a part-owner of one of the NFL's most storied franchises.

"We're excited to begin work on the expansion of Lambeau Field," Packers President Mark Murphy said, noting that additional seats will mean more game-day crowd noise. He also said the community will benefit through construction jobs and having more fans in town for the games.

The seats will be in four levels in the south end zone. The prices haven't been set yet but are expected to range between the current cost for bowl seats, where the top price is \$87, and club seats, where the top price is \$313. The project also includes a new rooftop viewing terrace that club-seat holders can use on game days, along with new gates, elevators and access points for people with disabilities.

Lambeau Field is the oldest continually operating NFL stadium, and the third-oldest continually operating venue in major sports behind Chicago's Wrigley Field and Boston's Fenway Park. The stadium has undergone numerous renovations, updates and additions since opening in 1957 with 32,500 seats; it now has 73,128.

The new seats will be distributed through a seniority system. Current season-ticket holders will get first access with a chance to trade their existing seats, and priority goes to those who have held tickets the longest. After that, fans on the waiting list will finally get a chance they've spent decades waiting for.

Nathan Bitzer, 35, has been on the list since 1996, when he was somewhere around No. 33,000. In 15 years, he has moved up to about 26,000, he said.

"I'm hopeful," said Bitzer, who lives in St. Paul, Minn. "But I'll probably be dead for 200 or 300 years before my name comes up. It's more just to affirm my fandom with the team."

Bitzer joked that he also put his 3- and 4-year-old daughters on the list because "they can choose everything in life but they can't choose not to be Packers fans."

The team said it was considering raising money through a stock sale, which would be the team's fifth



Super Bowl champion Packers president Mark Murphy presents plans to expand seating at Lambeau Field by 2013. Green Bay currently has 81,000 fans on the season ticket waiting list.

and first since it sold shares for \$200 each in 1997. More than 111,500 people own shares, which the team prohibits from being resold.

Green Bay is the NFL's only publicly owned team.

At a shareholder meeting last month, Packers officials highlighted the team's strong financial performance in 2010-11. The team reported a \$12 million profit from operations for 2010-2011, up \$2.2 million from the previous year. The overall net income was \$17.1 million — a jump of nearly \$12 million over last year, due in large part to

improved performance by investments.


The Packers quoted a study that said the expansion is expected to employ about 1,600 workers over the next two years, and they predict the new seats will translate into about \$11 million of spending in Brown County from non-residents.

The team had previously announced a plan to install new Diamond Vision video boards in time for the start of next year's season. That \$12 million project is being funding jointly by the Packers and the Green Bay/Brown County

Professional Football Stadium District as well as user fees.

The most recent addition at Lambeau was a \$295 million project that began in 2001 to add 12,032 seats as well as the popular atrium, an expanded Pro Shop and several new food and entertainment options. The project included a half-cent county sales tax to raise \$160 million and made 4,000 tickets per game available to county residents only beginning in 2003.

That tax is set to expire in the next several years, depending on the economy.



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MLB

Beltran's HR leads Giants past Padres

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Carlos Beltran was finally healthy enough to give the home fans a reason to cheer.

Beltran shook off the pain around his right wrist to hit his first home run since being traded to San Francisco, powering the Giants past the San Diego Padres 2-1 on Wednesday night.

The switch-hitting right fielder wasn't even sure he could hit lefty before the game. He applied a heat pack to his wrist between innings as the thick summer fog rolled under the lights in the ballpark along the bay, and it was just enough to ease the pain.

"We decided to give it a try," Beltran said. "And good things happened."

Beltran returned to the starting lineup for the first time in more than two weeks, sending a change-up from Tim Stauffer (8-10) over the wall in right field in the fourth for his 16th home run of the season. The solo shot was the first of his career at AT&T Park.

Tim Lincecum (12-10) struck out seven and walked five in eight innings, pitching out of the stretch again the entire game. He gave up three hits and also

had the go-ahead RBI single.

Santiago Casilla pitched a perfect ninth for his first save of the season in place of injured closer Brian Wilson. Lincecum finished with 124 pitches.

"Guys were making double plays and playing great defense every time I'd walk a guy or something," Lincecum said. "Everything was just timely."

The biggest and best news for the Giants, however, was the rapid return of its once splashy signing.

Beltran, acquired in a July 28 trade with the New York Mets, strained his hand and wrist swinging against Philadelphia's Roy Oswalt on Aug. 7. He was activated from the disabled list Tuesday and popped out in his lone pinch-hit appearance.

Beltran was back to batting third in the lineup in the finale as San Francisco split a quick two-game set against San Diego. He singled and finished 2 for 4.

Nothing delighted the home fans more than giving Beltran a standing ovation after his fourth-inning shot put San Francisco ahead 1-0. Giants fans are hoping Beltran can awaken a slumping offense and help the defending World Series champions get back to the playoffs.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND aims to defend Big East crown



Irish senior Kristy Frilling returns a shot during Notre Dame's 6-1 victory over DePaul on Apr. 23

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Two new names have been added to the Notre Dame roster since last season, but the team's goals remain unchanged as the Irish aim for their fifth straight Big East title.

"I think all of us have high expectations," junior Chrissie McGaffigan said. "We'd like to get another Big East title and then, at the end of the year, we're always driving to be national champions."

Hired after former assistant Julia Scaringe resigned in July, new assistant coach Kelcy Tefft looks to improve an Irish team that finished last season ranked No. 20 in the nation. Tefft, a 2009 graduate who served as assistant coach at the University of Tulsa for the past two years, is Notre Dame's all-time leader in wins with 265 victories — 155 of which came in doubles matches. Her resume includes claiming the 2007 National Indoors doubles championship and the 2009 Big East Player of the Year honors.

Tefft also served as the doubles partner of current senior Kristy Frilling and as a teammate of senior Shannon Mathews.

"Both Shannon and I are very excited and happy that Kelcy is coming back to Notre Dame as our assistant coach," Frilling said. "She has been a great teammate, and we know she will be an even better coach. I was Kelcy's doubles partner my freshman year, so who would know my game better than her?"

Even team members whose playing time did not overlap with Tefft's recognize the impact she had on the program and anticipate a strong relationship with their new coach.

"We can look up at the All-American posters while we practice every day and we can see her picture up there and know that she's accomplished so much, so we're just really excited to have her on our side," McGaffigan said. "She's going to be such an asset to the team."

The Irish have another new-

comer in freshman Katherine White, whose strong serve and impressive doubles play has already caught the eyes of coaches and teammates.

"She's a good singles player, but she's a really good doubles player. She's got a big serve and plays a big game, she hits the ball hard and I think with her once she gets indoors, she's going to be tough," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "Last year we needed a little more help in our doubles and I think that's something that she's going to bring to the team."

White is excited to be returning to the court after a shoulder injury forced her to sit out for most of the past year, but she has found time to bond with her new teammates.

"She's just a great girl on and off the court. She's so much fun to be around. It's only been two days but she's already completely fit in," McGaffigan said. "She's a great player, a great competitor, and I think she'll add a lot to the team this year on and off the court."

New and returning players alike will be using the individualized tournaments of the fall to prepare for the more team-oriented spring season.

"For the fall, our main goal is to get a lot of matches in. [The athletes] practiced a lot over the summer, but not many of them played tournaments," Louderback said. "We want them to compete hard every match and not worry about the outcome as much."

The biggest tournaments of the fall include the All-American in California and the National Indoor in New York, where members of the team will have the opportunity to test themselves against some of the country's strongest competition.

Frilling and Mathews in particular will be sure to use such opportunities to their fullest advantage during their senior year.

"I know Shannon and I are looking forward to and [are] determined to make our last year here at Notre Dame our best," Frilling said.

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NFL

Dalton, Bengals top Panthers

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Carolina rookie quarterback Cam Newton took a step back on his road to NFL stardom.

Cincinnati's Andy Dalton, another rookie, took a huge leap forward.

Dalton, Cincinnati's second-round draft pick from Texas Christian, led four first-half scoring drives and the Bengals held on for a 24-13 preseason victory Thursday night.

Dalton was an efficient 11 of 17 for 130 yards and a touchdown for Cincinnati (1-2), putting together a 107.5 quarterback rating, a vast improvement over the 30.9 figure he took into the game. He didn't play in the second half.

"We did a good job of moving the ball," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "We threw

the ball well and the running game was physical."

Newton, the overall No. 1 pick, went into the game with a 65.2 quarterback rating after two games. He rushed for 41 yards in the first half, including a 16-yard scramble for a touchdown. He played the first three series of the third quarter before giving way to second-year quarterback Jimmy Clausen and finished 6 for 19 for 75 yards and a 44.8 rating.

Newton reverted to the Heisman Trophy-winning style he used while leading Auburn to last year's national championship to account for his first touchdown as a pro.

After Chris Gamble recovered a fumble by Cedric Benson at the Cincinnati 46, Newton led Carolina (1-2) on a six-play scoring drive. He completed just one of four

passes on the possession, but he capped it by scrambling 16 yards for the score. Cornerback Jonathan Wade hit Newton at about the 2-yard line, but Newton spun out of Wade's grasp and dived into the end zone with 6:17 left in the first quarter.

The Panthers gained possession because Dalton and Benson miscommunicated on a handoff, producing Cincinnati's sixth turnover of the preseason. The touchdown lifted opponents' combined advantage over the Bengals in points off turnovers to 34-0.

Dalton and Benson shook off the fumble to lead the Bengals on their most impressive drive of the preseason. Dalton was 3 of 4 for 27 yards and Benson carried the ball 11 times for 53 yards, including a 1-yard run around left end for a touchdown to tie it.

Brown

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ure it out."

The same can be said for Brown's squad as well. Though the Irish have been practicing for weeks, Brown said the best way to get a feel for her team is to actually watch them play in-game.

"A team can learn so much more about themselves in match play," Brown said. "Especially for the freshmen, it will be important to get into the

speed of the game right away."

Brown expects that if all goes according to plan, all four freshmen will see game action this weekend.

"It's a new season, a blank slate. This will be a chance to see everyone's competitiveness rise to the top," Brown said. "I foresee everybody, even the freshmen, getting a chance to show what they can do."

Though the Shamrock Invitational is a preseason tournament and has no direct bearing on seeding for the Big East, out-of-conference matches will be

a litmus test for the Irish and could be crucial to NCAA tournament team selection towards the end of the season.

"Every game with us is crucial. We will have good competition, but our expectation is to win all three matches," Brown said.

After weeks of training, an anxious Irish will find out exactly where they stand. They take on Eastern Michigan Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Irish fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis handles the ball during Team USA practice for the World University Games.

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it definitely has me ready for the season. I'm in good shape right now, and I just can't wait for the games to be here."

Abromaitis averaged just over six points and four rebounds per game for Team USA, which finished with a tournament-best 7-1 record. The sharp-shooting Irish forward said he had to adjust his role slightly to fit in as a part of Team USA.

"With the team I was playing a little more of a big-man role," he said. "My job was more getting rebounds, setting screens, doing dirty work like that. But when you're playing basketball, it's all the same, so I just tried to fit and do what I could to help the team win."

He also hinted the role change over the summer

on their way to gold. Diggins had an impressive tournament, averaging 12 points per game and a tournament-best five assists per game. Peters, who was the only Irish player not in the starting lineup for the women's Team USA, led the team in bench scoring with 10 points per game.

"I think it was an amazing experience," Diggins said. "It's always a blessing and

"It's always a blessing and an amazing opportunity when you have a chance to put on this uniform and be able to go represent your country in a different country in a such a huge deal like the

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World University Games. The people of Shenzhen were amazing hosts. They did a great job of setting up the facilities and everything was top of the line, and the people there were the nicest people I've ever met. Being able to go over there and win a gold medal, playing against really good teams and being able to

"But when you're playing basketball, it's all the same, so I just tried to fit and do what I could to help the team win."

**Tim Abromaitis
fifth-year forward**

said. "Obviously we have big guys with Jack [Cooley] and Mike [Broghammer] and Tom [Knight] and those guys, so we'll see what happens with my role this year, but it was good to experience having to play a little differently and see if I can carry that over."

The women fared much better in the World University Games, outscoring opponents by an average of 45 points per game

share it with these two women [Novosel and Peters] — my teammates were just amazing."

Diggins said winning gold also gave her and her Notre Dame teammates extra motivation to improve upon last season's magical run, which ended in a 76-70 loss to Texas A&M in the NCAA National Championship game.

"We were the bride in this tournament, and we were the bride's maid last year, so hopefully we can come back and do something great," she said.

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Observer Sports



Irish junior running back Cierre Wood carries the ball during Notre Dame's 33-17 win over Miami in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31. Wood and senior Jonas Gray top the depth chart at running back this season.

Gray

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Kelly said. “[Gray and Wood] have done everything because they know they need [the freshmen]. So they’ve been really good in teaching those two young guys in getting them up to speed.”

The role is a new one for Gray, who has battled recurring issues with fumbling and pass protection during his career. Despite being ranked the fourth-best running back in the country in the Class of 2008 by Rivals.com, Gray has garnered only 309 rushing yards and no touchdowns in his three seasons.

But the second year in Kelly’s system has opened his eyes, and he said he feels much more confident heading into a 2011 season that is just eight days away.

“It’s a huge turnaround,” Gray said. “What [being in year two] does is it gives me the ability to see a lot of things I wouldn’t see normally. In year one I would get the play and all these different things would go through my head. Right away now when I get the play it’s better ... There were some holes in the

process, but now it’s there and it’s starting to show up.”

According to offensive coordinator Charley Molnar, Gray has not only seized the No. 2 running back position, but he has also made a bid for the starting position since the end of last season.

“I think he did a good job, I really do,” Molnar said. “I think he pressured Cierre throughout summer camp and made Cierre come to work every day. Jonas got a fair chance to compete for the job, and I think [Kelly] feels right now and we feel as an offensive staff that right now Cierre is ahead of Jonas, but the first series or second series of the game, I wouldn’t be surprised to see Jonas Gray in there.”

Ideally, Gray can serve as a change-of-pace back for the Irish. Whereas Wood is more of an outside runner who utilizes speed, Notre Dame hopes Gray can be effective between the tackles.

“It’s fun watching him

“Jonas is running aggressively, has more confidence and is one of the more improved guys in my opinion on offense, and it will be good for us overall.”

Ed Warriner
offensive line coach

improve coaching the offensive line,” offensive line coach and running game coordinator Ed Warriner said. “When those backs hit those holes and they make extra yardage — they can make you ride a lot on the offensive line.”

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The trust Gray has put in the coaching staff has resulted in his improved performance, Warriner said.

“I believe in Coach Kelly’s ability to put me in the right position to win and our team in the right positions to win,” Gray said. “So I trust when he says something to me it puts a lot of — I wouldn’t call it pressure — but a lot of positive energy in me.”

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Waldrum

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Irish coach Randy Waldrum said last season’s victory at Chapel Hill still drives the Tar Heels.

“There is no doubt that [the Tarheels] are thinking about revenge,” Waldrum said. “There is so much pride and tradition in that program that you just can’t help but expect them to have the game marked on their calendar from the moment we beat them.”

The trip to Carolina kicks off a stretch of demanding road challenges, which includes matchups against No. 21 Duke, No. 2 Stanford and No. 16 Santa Clara, as Notre Dame attempts to defend its national championship against the toughest of competition.

“We play these big games early on to find out how good we really are,” Waldrum said. “It would be easy to load the schedule

with unranked teams and go into league play undefeated, but that wouldn’t be a true measure of where we are at and how we can improve.”

The Irish are coming off an impressive set of exhibitions during which they scored 12 goals in two games, followed by a dominant 2-0 win over Wisconsin Aug. 19 to open the regular season. Senior All-American forward and co-captain Melissa Henderson — who collected a goal and an assist in last year’s meeting with North Carolina — recorded a goal and an assist against the Badgers (0-1-0), who were outshot 17-8.

Waldrum believes his team can still improve in a few crucial areas as it pursues its full potential.

“We let some opportunities slip away in the final third and had some finishing issues [against Wisconsin],” Waldrum said. “We also have got to continue to minimize chances against us because there was a stretch where we relaxed a little too

much. We can’t afford to do this against the North Carolinas and Stanfords.”

North Carolina, the preseason favorite to win the ACC, boasts an experienced squad that returns 10 players from last year’s team, including preseason All-American sophomore Crystal Dunn. Dunn scored the lone goal against the Irish last season and has been featured everywhere on the field from central defender to striker.

“She is definitely one of those that you keep an eye on because she is just such a fantastic player,” Waldrum said. “But we still plan on keeping our game mentality and we will be ready. It’ll be a tight one, but we are confident in what we are capable of doing.”

Notre Dame takes on North Carolina tonight at 7 p.m. and Duke Sunday at 1 p.m. to close out the Carolina Classic.

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Hamilton

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his players compete this season.

“We’ll start to see what the girls worked on over the summer and get on track for getting the competitive juices flowing — that is really what we are working on now,” he said.

As they prepare to begin their season, the Belles remain focused on pushing the program even higher in the national standings. After finishing fourth in consecutive

NCAA tournaments and having captured six of the last nine MIAA championships, Saint Mary’s has set a high standard for itself in recent years.

“We hope to keep our status as the best team in the MIAA conference and to improve our ranking in Division III,” Brown said. “We are always looking forward to Nationals in the spring, and we would like to have a good ranking so that is possible.”

The Belles begin their season Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Warren Golf Course.

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Across

1 California river, county or mountain

7 Vegas Strip hotel

15 Spirits

16 Redolent

17 "Well, perhaps ..."

18 Business card info

19 Waste of an election?

20 Cuts (down)

21 Persuade

22 "Look!" in Latin

23 Manipulate data

24 Championship game

25 ___ moment

26 Peewee

28 2003 movie involving Christmas Eve robberies

30 Come back again

34 Depend upon, as a decision

35 It's signaled with a white flag

36 Counterfeit

37 Peewee

38 Co-writer of Michael Jackson's posthumous hit "This Is It"

40 Pizza option

41 "Your Precious Love" duet singer Terrell

44 Charge

45 What you might be rushed to get out of?

46 Concerning

47 Colon, e.g.

48 ___ Bird, daughter of L.B.J.

49 Natural

51 Office attachment

52 It often includes a colon

53 Select as a successor

54 R-rated element

55 Card table error

Down

1 Like deli meats

2 Small diner location?

3 Pool exhibitions

4 It's blue in an old song

5 Trash

6 "___ Grammatica" (classic work on Latin)

7 Island where Rafael Nadal was born

8 Development

9 Packs

10 Setting for BBC reports, in brief

11 Movie box set?

12 "Tuesday ___" (Count Basie tune)

13 Nabisco brand

14 Big battery type

20 The "1" in 1/2, e.g.

23 He wrote "All war is deception"

24 ___ Bowl

26 Umbrella holder, perhaps

27 Family in John Grisham's "Skipping Christmas"

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29 Bargain hunters' events

31 Hassle-free fashion item

32 Gambling

33 Filming process for multiple aspect ratios

35 Second pope, following St. Peter

37 Procter & Gamble hair-care line

39 Watch

41 Patio pieces

42 Style on Japanese screens

43 "Fantastic" figure of children's lit

45 James who invented the Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner

47 Gambling aids

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't make unnecessary alterations in your life. It's important to keep things flowing. Problems at home will escalate if you get into a shouting match. Do whatever you can to ensure that the job you do leaves no room for criticism.★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do something that will mellow you out or make you feel good about yourself. Romance is in a high cycle. If you are single, engage in activities conducive to meeting someone special. If you are in a relationship, make plans for two.★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get in touch with someone who has been on your mind. It's best to find out firsthand whether you should be dwelling on the past instead of moving forward. Attending a reunion or revisiting old ideas, places or friends will help you rethink your future.★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will surface, and sensitivity will mount. Don't let anything or anyone get to you. It's all about focus and refusing to let the little things bother you. Helping others will allow you to view your own situation with greater objectivity.★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes due to situations beyond your control must be looked at carefully. You may need an outsider's advice. You can make professional gains if you are practical and realistic. A new direction will be a refreshing change.★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Getting together with familiar faces will lead to benefits and renewed feelings, plans and expectations. Changes with regard to your current living arrangements are apparent. Do the right thing and avoid opposition.★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Proceed with caution. Don't let your emotions overwhelm you at work. You can make promises as long as they are realistic and easy for you to honor. Once you have reached your goals, you will be able to help others.★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your drive, determination and convincing way of dealing with others will help you get your way. A trip that allows you to talk to someone face-to-face will help your project move along much faster. Set aside time to celebrate your gains with someone special.★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A stubborn attitude will not help you get your way. You will have to be upfront about the way you feel and your intentions. A relationship will be in jeopardy if you try to avoid issues or go behind his or her back. Take care of old business before you start something new.★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't procrastinate. A contract or settlement can lead to greater financial freedom. Take a closer look at a partnership that has the potential to help you achieve your personal or professional goals. Love is in the stars.★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need to stimulate your mind and be creative. A change at home will help you develop a way to increase your assets. Make a deal, and you will be able to stabilize your situation and build a better future.★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Accommodating others doesn't have to mean giving in. Stipulate what you want in return, and you can build an equal partnership that can benefit all involved. Love and romance should be included in your agenda.★★★★★

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FOOTBALL

A Shade of Gray

Senior back looks for breakout final year

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

In his first three seasons with the program, senior Irish running back Jonas Gray did not see much action, only cracked the starting lineup once, and has been buried on the depth chart while Notre Dame relied on other running backs to produce.

But this year is different. With Gray and junior Cierre Wood the only returning scholarship running backs, the coaching staff has needed the senior from Pontiac, Mich., to step it up in his final campaign with the Irish and show the ropes to two freshman running backs, George Atkinson and Cam McDaniel.

"Jonas has been really good," Irish coach Brian

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TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Irish senior running back Jonas Gray looks up the field during Notre Dame's 37-14 loss to Stanford on Sept. 25. Gray has totaled 309 career rushing yards with the Irish.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish open preseason at home

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

When the Irish open their season on Friday against Eastern Michigan, they will be facing a blank slate. Lacking any game tape, Notre Dame will kick off the new season with a matchup against the Eagles Friday, followed by Idaho Saturday and Butler Sunday in the Shamrock Invitational — Notre Dame's round-robin preseason tournament.

"We know a little bit about what [the Eagles] did last year," Irish coach Debbie Brown said, "but it will take at least a set to really get a feel for our opponents, who their key hitters are, et cetera. Both teams will be trying to fig-

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SMC GOLF

Belles set to begin season following last year's strong finish

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Coming off of a fourth place finish in last year's NCAA Division III tournament, the Belles will tee off for the first time in 2011-2012 season Saturday against Bethel.

Hoping to begin the fall portion of their schedule strongly, the Belles will have to do so featuring a roster that is severely undermanned. With several players studying abroad for the

semester, Saint Mary's begins the season with only 5 golfers.

"We do not have as many players as we have had in past years, but this gives our entire team the opportunity to step up and play well," senior Christine Brown said.

Brown and Natalie Matuszak comprise the senior class of the team. Joining them are juniors Cara Kielty and Jessica Kinnick and freshman Janice Heffernan. Despite the lack of depth in his roster, Belles' coach Mark Hamilton likes the composition

of his team.

"We've got some players that have been in the program a couple of years now," Hamilton said. "The torch has been passed to them, so it's time for them to step up and shine."

Matuszak is the only returning golfer to have played for the Belles in last year's NCAA tournament, with the other four competitors from last year's tournament either graduated or abroad for the semester.

Confident that they can step in and avoid a drop-off from last

year, the members of this season's team have been preparing especially hard for the opening match.

"We all have been practicing a lot lately," Brown said. "We want to be in the best mental and physical shape coming into this season."

The opening matchup against Bethel provides Saint Mary's with an opportunity to get an early taste of collegiate competition as it prepares for the O'Brien Invitational, which will be held on September 11 – 12 at

the Warren Golf Course.

"Of course with it being our first tournament of the season, we have to get into the groove of playing competitively," Brown said. "This first match is an opportunity for us all to become comfortable with competition and to prepare for the O'Brien Invitational, where we go up against the best teams in the nation."

The match also gives Hamilton his first real opportunity to see

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND faces tough start on road

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Beginning one of college soccer's toughest road schedules, No. 1 Notre Dame will head to the Carolina Classic at Chapel Hill to take on No. 3 North Carolina with the sting of defeat still fresh in the Tar Heels' minds.

Last year, the Irish (1-0-0) destroyed perennial power North Carolina's (1-0-0) hopes of adding a NCAA-leading twenty-first national championship trophy to its collection with a 4-1 statement win — the Tarheels' worst loss in 30 seasons — in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

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Irish freshman forward Lauren Bohaboy dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Wisconsin on Aug. 19.

ND BASKETBALL

Quartet represents USA at games in China

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Just weeks before workouts are set to begin for the Irish, four players earned a unique opportunity to represent the United States at the World University Games in Shenzhen, China.

Fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis represented the Irish men, while junior guard Skylar Diggins, senior guard Natalie Novosel and fifth-year forward Devereaux Peters represented the women.

The men's team was knocked out of medal contention in the quarterfinals

with a loss to Lithuania and failed to reach the podium, but Abromaitis said just being a part of the team helped boost his confidence going into the 2011-12 campaign.

"Unfortunately we didn't win the gold medal like we wanted to, but it was a great team and a fun experience," he said. "It was great to experience China and see the culture a little bit. It helps [my confidence] a lot, just knowing that you can play with the best players out there and being able to beat a lot of good teams out there too. I think

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