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Vera Bradley co-founder visits SMC

By THERESA BAJOREK
News Writer

Patricia Miller, co-founder of the international company Vera Bradley, shared the secrets behind how her Indiana business dream evolved into the successful international company it is today, as she spoke to a group of students at the Vander Vennet Theater at Saint Mary's Tuesday.



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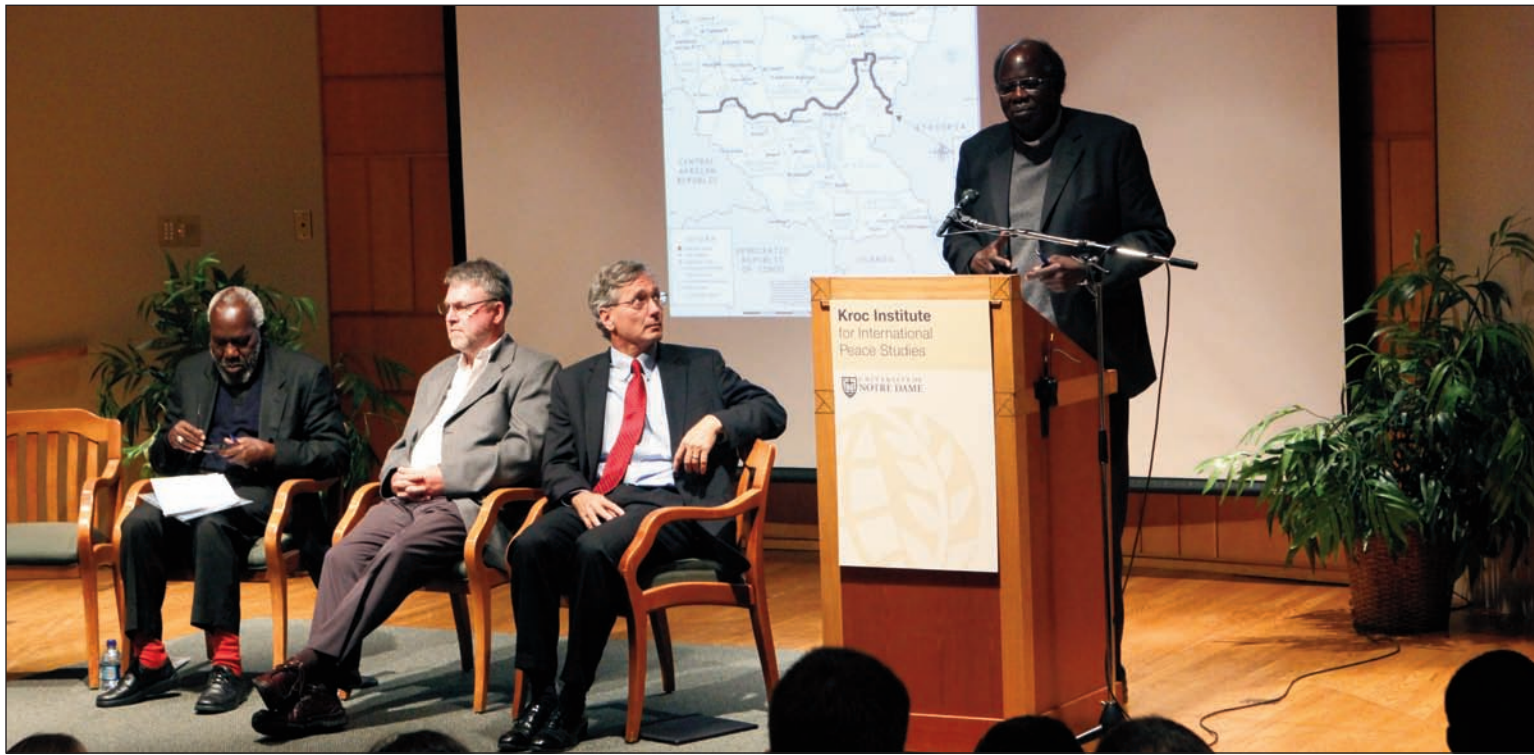
Miller said the story of the Vera Bradley Company began in February 1982 when she and her business partner, Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, while sitting in an Atlanta airport, noticed that women's luggage was tragically lacking in style.

Taking a step back, as a college student, Miller said she lived in a world where women went to school to be either teachers or nurses.

"I just didn't think outside

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ND unites over Sudan conflict



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Bishop Daniel Adwok Kur, right, speaks about the conflict between Northern and Southern Sudan during a lecture titled "Sudan: Peace in the Balance" on Oct. 5. In response, student government is organizing a photograph Saturday to show solidarity for peace.

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Notre Dame students will raise their hands in peace signs Saturday to capture a photograph that will show solidarity with efforts to avoid civil war between Northern and Southern Sudan.

As part of the University's work to spotlight the growing conflict, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will

circulate this image, junior student government social concerns chair Patrick McCormick said.

"We face a situation where the United States has a chance to prevent another conflict in Africa before it happens," McCormick said. "We want to signal as student government that the Notre Dame student body is ready to call for change."

The northern and southern parts of Sudan have been in conflict for more than 50 years. The

Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) formally ended civil war in 2005 and scheduled a referendum for Jan. 9, 2011.

Sudanese people will then vote on secession for Southern Sudan, McCormick said.

The peace agreement established a six-year period for democratic reforms and national elections. As the referendum approached, tensions rose between the two sides. Both stockpiled weapons in prepara-

tion for what needed to be a peaceful voting process, McCormick said.

Notre Dame got involved when CRS president Ken Hackett spoke at the Center for Social Concern on this year's theme "Charity in Truth." Hackett said acting for peace in Sudan is a way to practice this theme on an international level.

"The thought that comes to my

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Professors explore technology's impact

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame professors of science and engineering attempted to determine what role the ever-expanding field of technology will play in the advancement of the common good at Tuesday's Notre Dame Forum event at Washington Hall.

The panel discussion, titled "Technology: Boon or Bane?" asked four Notre Dame professors to look at the opinions expressed in Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" and New York Times columnist

Thomas Friedman's book, "The World is Hot, Flat and Crowded," on how modern technology can be utilized for the purpose of the development.

"The Pope and Friedman are very similar in their views but they have very different paths for moving forward," said Robert Alworth, associate dean of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for the colleges of science and engineering, as well as the moderator for the panel, in his opening remarks. "Tonight we will look at the technological challenges posed by

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Priest's life recalled 30 years later

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Thirty years have passed since the sudden death of Fr. Bill Toohey, the first director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, and friends and former colleagues said during his time at the University, he played a dynamic role in the spiritual life of the student body.

"His preaching was powerful and charismatic," former Walsh Hall rector, Jane Pitz, said. "He used language that

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE WORST THING YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE A KID?



Jeannie O'Neill

senior
off campus

"I stole a sunflower off of a hat and my mom made me return it."



John Stabile

freshman
Keenan

"I stole gloves from the dentist's office and I was caught ... and it was really embarrassing."



Joseph Caparros

sophomore
Stanford

"I painted on my face during art class."



Laura Taylor

junior
Cavanaugh

"I don't know what you're talking about ... I was an angel."



Matt Madonia

junior
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"I don't have an answer, I don't do anything wrong."

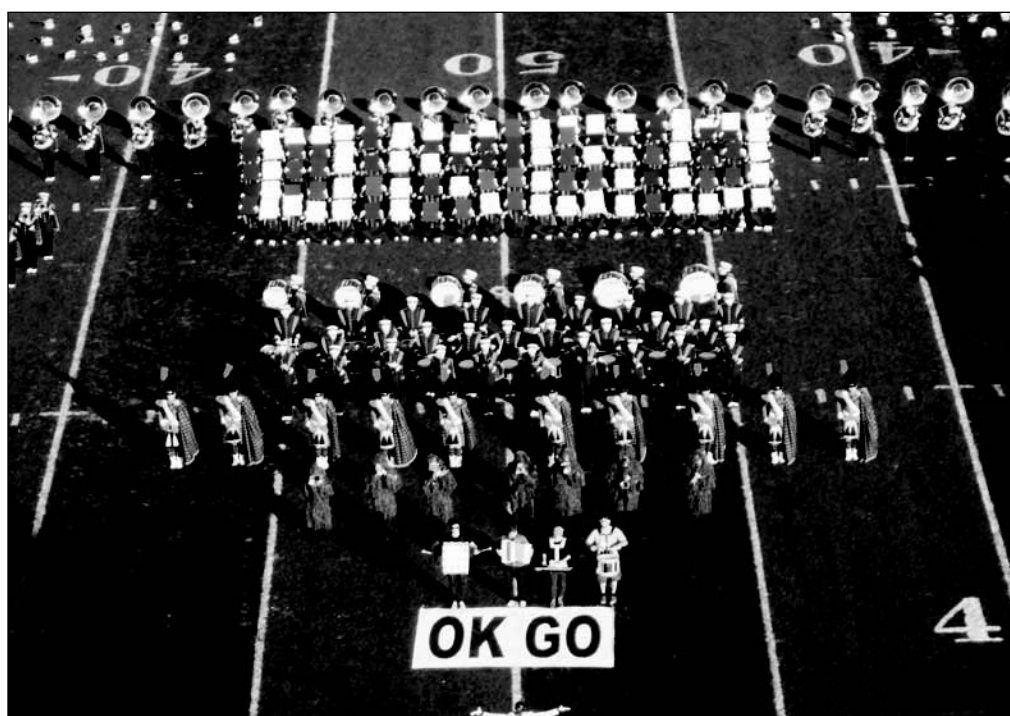


Rachel Hamilton

junior
Lewis

"Tried to take the class pet butterflies and run away in kindergarten."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Indie-rock band OK GO performs with the Notre Dame Marching Band during the halftime show at Saturday's game against Pittsburgh. OK GO performed at Legends Saturday night.

OFFBEAT

Band arrested for blocking freeway to perform

LOS ANGELES — A rock band will have to face the music after blocking a Los Angeles freeway and performing atop its trailer. California Highway Patrol spokesman Rick Quintero said the band stopped on the southbound U.S. 101 near Sunset Boulevard at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, blocking four of the five lanes.

The driver took the keys and fled in another car, then three musicians climbed on top of the van and began to perform.

Quintero said they were arrested and the truck was finally towed away around

noon after causing a mile-long traffic jam.

Quintero said the musicians could face charges of obstructing traffic.

Man finds wedding ring in grandmother's garden

SHELBY — A Montana woman received a big surprise for her 80th birthday — the wedding ring she lost eight years ago. Norma Welker of Shelby told the Great Falls Tribune she took the ring off while she was arranging flowers cut from her garden.

A phone call distracted her while she cleaned up and she didn't realize the ring was missing until after her trash had been hauled away. She searched the compost pile

with no luck and figured the ring was gone forever.

This spring, she decided her garden was too difficult to keep up and asked her grandson to till it so she could plant grass.

Nick Welker was tilling the area when he spotted what he thought was a pop top. He bent down to pick it up and found what looked like his grandmother's lost wedding ring.

His grandfather is deceased, and he showed the ring to his parents, who confirmed his suspicion. Together they decided to surprise Norma Welker with the cleaned up ring for her 80th birthday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The exhibit "Parallel Currents: Highlights of the Ricardo Pau-Llosa Collection of Latin American Art" will be shown today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. It will feature Contemporary Latin American artworks from the collection of Ricardo Pau-Llosa, Cuban-American poet, critic, curator, professor and collector.

Selections from the William McGraw Photography Collection will be shown today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. The photographic styles range from straight documentation to surrealism. It will be in O'Shaughnessy Galleries II and III.

Junior Group will meet tonight in the Saint Mary's Welcome Center at 6 p.m. This group meets once a month to discuss issues that are relevant and timely while receiving support from their peers.

Senior Group will meet tonight in the Saint Mary's Welcome Center at 6 p.m. Once a month, seniors get together to support one another on career-related issues including job searching, applying and getting ready for graduate/professional school, after-graduation plans, and related topics.

Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance will be hosting a "Coming Out Day Panel" at 7 p.m. in Vandervennet Theater tonight. It is open to the public.

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

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Summit addresses off campus safety

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Members of the South Bend community gathered with leaders from the University, student government, the Prosecutor's Office and law enforcement at the Robinson Community Learning Center. Tuesday for the second annual Northeast Neighborhood Safety Summit.

After a brief introduction by Tim Sexton, associate vice president for Public Affairs at the University, student body president Catherine Soler spoke about what student government has been doing to deal with off-campus issues and how students have responded.

"Our focus ... has been off-campus safety and community relations," Soler said.

Soler said they have a good neighbor guide, have been meeting with campus and South Bend police and have a website, offcampus@nd.edu

Also citing the forum with ResLife and the presentation by attorney C.L. Lindsay, Soler said things have improved with regards to students and off-campus problems since the implementation of the recent programming.

"In our updates with police ... we've been getting good reports about students being good neighbors," she said.

Offering advice on how students and South Bend residents alike can improve their personal security, Notre Dame Security Police Officer Keri Kei Shibata was next to speak. Shibata said a lot of

things people can do seem like common sense but are often looked over.

"Be aware of crime problems and other neighborhood concerns [and] communicate concerns to police," she said.

Shibata said residents should avoid giving potential criminals access to unsecured entrances to homes or clear views of expensive items in cars.

"Make your property a harder target," she said.

Shibata also reminded residents to be cautious of people they do not know, to be proactive about possible threats, become acquainted and work with neighbors and taking greater ownership and involvement in the community.

"Claim the neighborhood as your own. It's ours, not the criminals'," she said.

Next, Sgt. Pat Hechlinski spoke about what police are offering citizens both in traditional law enforcement as well as spreading information and taking advantage of both civilian and interdepartmental cooperative efforts.

"One thing we like to do is make you aware of the crime statistics so the residents can see what's going on," he said.

Hechlinski said efforts to keep residents informed are aided by both the neighborhood watch program and the distribution of information regarding incidents with students as victims by student government.

He said it was important that all groups involved in the issue continue to collaborate.

"Keeping an open dialogue is a

great problem-solver for us," he said.

While the previous speakers concentrated on how crime can be prevented, County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak next spoke about what his office has been doing to deal with offenders once prevention has failed and where students can reduce problems with police.

"[Police and prosecutor work] is all pretty reactive, the damage has been done," he said. "We try to hold people accountable."

After an update on the case of the carjacking of Holy Cross students, Dvorak spoke about the crackdown on underage drinking at the beginning of the year.

"This has been a very significant issues," he said. "It has less to do with people under 21 consuming alcoholic beverages than it does about safety."

Dvorak said while he understands the relatively minor nature of alcohol offenses, he feels that students need to recognize that the consequences are still serious.

"I'm not unsympathetic," he said. "It's a crime, and I don't think students understand it's not just an infraction."

Dvorak said he believed student cooperation has helped cause a shift back from arrests to ticketing and reminded students to cooperate with law enforcement during an incident.

"I think they've dialed down on underage drinking," he said. "It's still a crime, and they'll use their discretion."

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Club presents film on war in Uganda

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

Saint Mary's Invisible Children club, which helps raise awareness of child soldiers in war-torn Uganda, hosted members on tour from the national Invisible Children organization in Carroll Auditorium Tuesday.

The event featured a screening of an update on the organization's progress called "Go," presented by two men directly involved with Invisible Children in Uganda.

"Invisible Children uses film, creativity and social action to end the use of child soldiers in Joseph Kony's rebel war," Kristen Metzger, senior, president and founder of the club, said. "We are young activists working to restore Northern Uganda to peace and prosperity."

Through Invisible Children's "Schools for Schools" program, students have raised \$1.2 million towards the reconstruction of educational facilities destroyed by rebel militia, according to national member Terra Amelang.

"It takes sacrifice to give what nobody can steal," native Ugandan and Invisible Children mentor Richard Mark Ochaka said.

The organization believes in providing education to kids of northern Uganda who have lost hope in their own futures. Amelang said the three things we

can do to help are to buy their merchandise, participate in the "Schools for Schools" program and commit to the Legacy scholarship fund which involves donating \$35 a month to cover all school expenses for one child.

Kids featured in the screening of "Go" had won the opportunity to go to Uganda and witness first hand what goes on in the lives of the people who live there.

"We were taken into captivity for two weeks before we were rescued by the American government," Ugandan citizen and former war captive, Jimmy Ocaya said. "I was tied with a rope to two other boys."

Ocaya's mentor, Richard, helped him to find hope again and graduate high school. As Amelang explained in her lecture, this is a touching story that is sadly not the future for 93 percent of the youth in Uganda.

Metzger said anyone in the tri-campus community are welcome. She also plans on opening events up to the entire South Bend community.

"The people of Uganda are asking for a future beyond the conflict, and their pleas have inspired this organization," Metzger said. "Our main goal is enable children to take responsibility for their destiny and the fate of their country."

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Prof. discusses post-grad economy

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Research by Abigail Wozniak, Notre Dame assistant professor of economics, determined those who enter the work force during a bad economy will receive lower wages than those who enter during an economic boom, and this negative impact can last up to 10 years.

"The scarring effect is the idea that the conditions you have when you start working will affect your future [occupational achievement]," she said.

In her research, which will be published in the Journal of Human Resources this fall, Wozniak looked at almost 30 years of data of people entering the labor market. She used census data from 1980, 1990, and 2000, looking at workers five to eight years after they entered the labor force.

Wozniak said there is a correlation between the state of the economy and job wages. She said higher wages of those who enter the job world during an economic boom stick with them, and lower wages of those who begin their job during a downturn stick with them as well.

"My estimates suggest that workers lose six percent of wages for every two additional percentage points of unemployment above the average," she said. "We're currently about four percentage points above average, so wages for this year's graduates will be roughly 12 percent below that of similar graduates from four years ago."

Wozniak said this discrepancy in earnings takes time to overcome.

"The scarring effect takes about five to 10 years to overcome, but with this economic situation, it could take a bit longer," Wozniak said. "In fact, I think it will take

longer."

Wozniak found that the scarring effect was widespread, and moved across different demographic groups. She concluded it impacts college graduates, high school graduates, college dropouts or those with two-year degrees, as well as high school dropouts.

The scarring effect is worse for college graduates than it is for high school graduates, Wozniak, said, "probably because they transition from jobs in more of a progression."

Job change is a major way in which one can overcome the scarring effect, Wozniak said. It is easier for those without a college degree to switch jobs and quickly overcome this negative impact, because they are not as reluctant to start over in a new job.

College graduates assume they will enter a career and then build that career over the years. Therefore, these workers are likely to stay on a certain job trajectory, making it difficult to overcome the disadvantage they started with.

In addition, it is costly for these workers to adjust to their situation by going back to school, getting a higher degree or switching jobs, Wozniak said.

"I think it's important for workers who started in a downturn to continually look for ways to catch up, especially after the economy improves," she said. "Think more about changing jobs, moving to a new location, or asking for a raise or promotion."

Wozniak said it is unclear whether getting a graduate degree and hoping to enter the job market during better economic times will be beneficial to students.

"Markets may improve dramatically in a few years, but they may not," she said. "Even if they do, students who seek to avoid market conditions by staying in school longer will miss out on several years of earnings and advancement, and they will face stiffer competition for graduate school slots and post-graduate school jobs."

She said that sometimes, those entering the job force compare their salaries to a sibling's who started a job a few years earlier. She said to remember not to take salary levels personally.

"There's a perception in the U.S. that what you earn exactly [corresponds] to how good you are," she said. "Students and others as well should recognize that earnings are not driven entirely by individual productivity or ability. A very large component is luck. It would be wrong to believe you are earning say 10 percent less than a friend or colleague did when she started just because you are not as qualified."

Wozniak also said that firms are not adjusting perfectly to economic changes.

"Companies try really hard to keep pay scales secret from workers," Wozniak said. "It does happen within companies that people who enter [the company] at different times have similar jobs but are earning different things."

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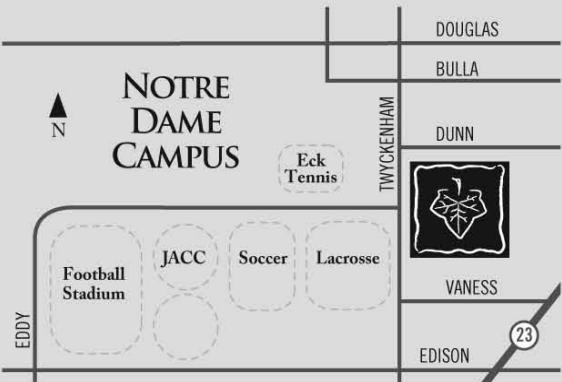
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both Benedict and Friedman.”

The opinions of the two men were selected as the focus of discussion because of their relation to this year's Forum. Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical is the basis for the Forum's theme of "The Global Marketplace and the Common Good," and Friedman will be the speaker at the Forum's signature event next month.

Peter Kilpatrick, McCloskey Dean of the College of Engineering, said Friedman dedicated a great deal of time in his book to the reality of global warming and his belief in the cause of climate change on the globe.

"Friedman said that climate change is human-induced," Kilpatrick said.

"But he accepts the premise that not all people will accept this view. However, he says that he hopes all agree with him when he says the world can't maintain our current energy consumption rates forever."

Kilpatrick said Friedman also focused on the methods he thinks need to be employed to stabilize the global economy.

"Friedman insists in the book that price, tax and profits are the only way to get the economy moving again," Kilpatrick said. "This differs from Benedict's belief that not all corporate leaders are motivated by the bottom line — Benedict believes some have to be motivated by love, justice and compassion."

Kilpatrick pointed out the irony between balancing the two economic beliefs of the two men would lead to an economic model that is beneficial to sustainability.

"Corporate social responsibility will lead to a greater profit and products such as solar-powered cars that are in demand and sell," he said. "We just need to build corporate social responsibility into the economic model."

Wolfgang Porod, professor of electrical engineering and director of the Center for Nano Science and Technology, focused his discussion on the idea presented in "Caritas" about the role of faith in technology and the future of human development.

"The Pope certainly endorses technology in the encyclical," Porod said. "But we have to make decisions in a responsible way, even if we are fascinated by the technology."

Porod addressed Benedict's belief that the modern fascination with technology may prevent people from turning toward the spiritual world.

"Technology seduces us, but we can choose to use it for good or evil," Porod said. "It's not technology itself that is bad, it is how we choose to use it."

Porod said these choices would be the basis for the future of sustainable growth in relation to technological advances.

"We need to make responsible decisions, but we also need to remember how to trust others to make responsible decisions," he said.

Joe Fernando, professor of engineering and geosciences, focused his talk on Friedman's idea of a culture of irresponsibility and how Benedict's views expressed in "Caritas" can be applied to this scheme.

"Everything is interrelated to global warming which becomes one of the biggest social issues in the world today," Fernando said.

Fernando said in an effort to make people take notice, many scientists did not always give the most valid information in regards to global warming, which added to the culture of irresponsibility Friedman put forward in his book.

"If you don't give at least some indication about the dangers of global warming, than no one will pay attention," Fernando said. "But

one of the current problems is that we need to be more honest."

Fernando said a push for honesty in society is one of the running themes of "Caritas" in Veritate."

"If we are to consider everybody to be created under God, that means we must honor their

rights, which implies the common good," he said. "If the Church can keep pushing for this truth ... our work will depend on what Benedict calls the 'culture of life,' which will lead to integral human development."

Gregory Crawford, Dean of the College of Science, discussed the notion of intellectual property and patents and how it applies to both technology and to human development in line with the ideals laid out in "Caritas."

"Most companies today have all their worth tied up in the non-tangible aspects, in their patented ideas," Crawford said. "Patents drive the economy and entrepreneurship but is there such a thing as a good thing in this instance?"

Crawford said in the technological world, a patent allows businesses to have a certain type of monopoly to market their technology and profit. He said the challenge would be how to use technological intellectual properties and find a way to use them to further global development on a much more basic scale.

"How do we balance monetary incentive of patents with the common good?" Crawford asked. "Do we have the right to impose restrictions on intellectual properties that could provide answers to world's problems concerning basic questions of providing food, water and shelter?"

Crawford said he believed modern science and technology was doing a better job at looking at the "bigger picture" when balancing modern technological and scientific developments with ethics.

"Before we didn't think through all the issues and consequences," he said. "But now we actually talk about good and bad aspects of our technologies. We ask questions we never would have before ... we're moving parallel and thinking about the ethics."

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"Friedman insists in the book that price, tax and profits are the only way to get the economy moving again."

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the box," she said, thinking back to her first aspiration to be a business teacher. As a successful businesswoman today, the sky is the limit for Miller and her industry.

"I don't put a ceiling on anything," she said.

Miller also further discussed key entrepreneurial words to live by that she said drove the Vera Bradley business to its success.

Primarily, Miller said to "listen to your instincts" the way she and Baekgaard had that cold February day at the airport, and to "be engaging, interested and passionate" in business, and with any dream or ambition in life for that matter.

"Change is constant, and you should embrace it," Miller said. "If you don't keep pace with change, you will be left in the dust."

Vera Bradley started with a focus on luggage, sports bags and the smaller handbag, Miller said. However, women today also find frequent use from Vera Bradley laptop bags, cases and slips.

According to Miller, new this season there will be trendy laptop backpacks available

The Vera Bradley line has also expanded to include lunch boxes, totes, cosmetics bags, jewelry boxes and stationary.

In 1998, Vera Bradley joined the fight for a cure for breast cancer by establishing the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer (VBFBC).

The foundation currently funds a research facility at the Indiana University Bren Simon Cancer Center — nationally recognized as a leader in research to find a cure, and has notably risen over \$10 million for the cause, Miller said.

According to Miller, the VBFBC hopes to bring the results of groundbreaking scientific research directly to the bedside, helping develop new treatments for cancer patients, and to discover quicker, more effective ways of spotting breast cancer on a molecular level.

"I have all the faith in the world," Miller said.

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"I just didn't think outside the box."

Patricia Miller
co-founder
Vera Bradley

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Sudan

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mind is this vision that Father Hesburgh had of Notre Dame as a lighthouse and a crossroads," McCormick said. "With the arrival of the Sudanese delegation, we had the opportunity to sit at that crossroads. We now have the opportunity to serve as a lighthouse and be a beacon for securing justice in Sudan."

The pivotal moment for Notre Dame was the arrival of a delegation from the Sudan Conference of Catholic Bishops, McCormick said.

Bishop Paride Taban, Bishop Daniel Adwok Marko Kur and director of the Denis Hurley Peace Institute John Ashworth spoke at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies on Oct. 5 on the upcoming referendum in Sudan.

The delegation traveled from Notre Dame's campus to Washington and New York City for meetings with government officials and with the United Nations.

"Part of their motivation to come here was to visit the Kroc Institute, one of the leading centers for peace-building in the world," McCormick said. "But the delegation was also interested in reaching out to the Catholic community in the United States and did that in a symbolic way at Notre Dame."

McCormick presented a resolution to student senate last week to

show Notre Dame support for the full implementation of the CPA. The senators passed the resolution unanimously.

The resolution was presented to the delegation of bishops as a sign that students were in solidarity with their efforts to secure sustainable peace in Sudan.

"There is a precedent for student involvement in international issues," McCormick said. "It is as simple as raising a voice. This is a classic example of how change can come from the bottom up."

Students successfully lobbied the United States government to use the term "genocide" for the first time in American history when describing human rights violations in Darfur, McCormick said.

"Students lend a particularly morally sensitive voice to international issues because that voice is not bogged down in the intricacies of policy and government. I think the need to act goes back to who we are as the leading Catholic university in the United States," McCormick said. "Student government cannot just issue its opinion on any issue that comes before the public on a national or international scale. This is about the responsibility to use the moral voice of this university because this conflict can directly impact the lives of students."

The resolution said the student body would work to raise awareness about the peace agreement and possible conflict in Sudan.

"Now we must ask ourselves to define how inclusive the Notre Dame family is and how far the

Dome on which Mary stands can reach," McCormick said.

Kroc Institute for International Studies specialist Gerard Powers said students need to learn about the looming crisis as the referendum in January approaches.

"There is a great opportunity for Notre Dame to be in a leadership role in working with other universities to develop a coalition around Sudan," Powers said.

Outside of the actions by the international community and major players within Sudan, Powers said publicly showing support for the Sudanese people is critical.

"Because of Internet and news, people in Sudan, even as poor and isolated as that country is, know when people in this country and people in the world are working on their behalf," Powers said. "Showing our solidarity with them is important so they know that the world is paying attention."

Any student wishing to participate in the photo opportunity for CRS can meet at 10:45 a.m. Saturday in front of Rolf's Sports Recreation Center.

"We want to lend the student voice to a national conversation that has not taken place on the scale that it should," McCormick said. "We promise 'never again' after violent conflicts like the genocide in Darfur, and Notre Dame students want to make 'never again' more than just words for Sudan."

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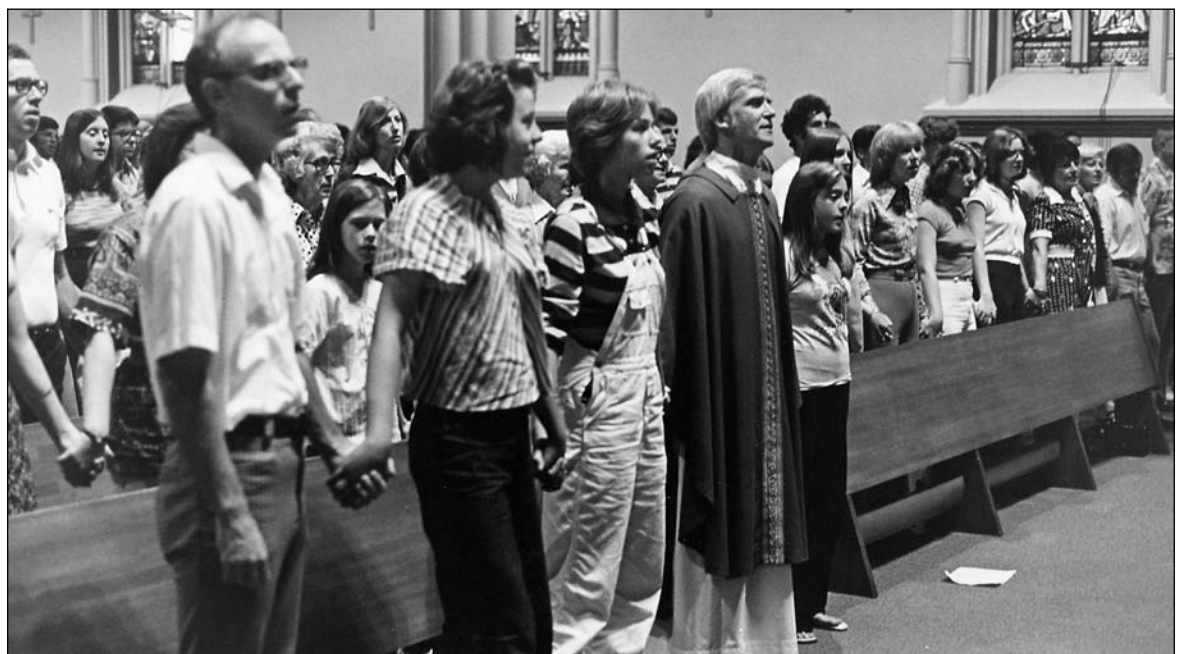


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Fr. Bill Toohey, second from right in first row, celebrates Mass as the first director of Campus Ministry at the University during the 1970s. Toohey died suddenly of encephalitis 30 years ago today.

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students could understand and were drawn to."

Toohey, who died of encephalitis in 1980 at the age of 50, wanted to bring students to a larger consideration of what was at stake in their development as a people of God, she said.

"He taught me to respect each person and see in them the life of God," Pitz said. "He showed that we should love unconditionally all those we meet."

Pitz said during his time as director of Campus Ministry, Toohey was the celebrant at the 12:15 p.m. Mass every Sunday in Sacred Heart Basilica.

"The place would be packed," she said. "I think everybody saw him as a man of prayer who had a deep commitment to preaching the Gospel."

Fr. Tom McNally, graduate of the class of 1949, said he first

met Toohey in the Holy Cross novitiate in Jordan, Minn., in 1955.

"We were very good friends from the novitiate days until his death," McNally said. "In fact, he was my best friend."

When Toohey became the head of Campus Ministry, he invited McNally to join him as an associate.

"Those days on Campus Ministry were wonderful days for all of us," he said. "There was lots of creativity, occasional run-ins with the higher-ups and a great emphasis on social justice concerns. Bill was our leader in every way."

McNally also introduced Fr. Joe McTaggart to Toohey.

"Bill was a gentle soul who wrote with a powerful pen and preached with a magnificent effectiveness," McTaggart said. "He drew many to a deeper understanding of the Gospel and society."

He said Toohey's life and witness taught him to stand up for what he deeply believed and experienced in the spiritual life.

"Bill was humble and unassuming," McTaggart said. "That is what I saw and experienced in him as he led our staff for 10 of the most growth-filled years of my own life."

John Fitzgerald, a 1965 alumnus, worked with Toohey as a member of the Campus Ministry staff. Toohey also taught Fitzgerald preaching for three years in the graduate seminary.

"Along the way he also became my spiritual director and mentor," he said. "A whole generation of Holy Cross priests learned from Bill that we had no business stepping into the pulpit unless we were passionate and on fire about communicating the Gospel."

Fitzgerald said Toohey always preached with passion and fire.

"When he stepped into a pulpit, he became a living sacrament of God's word," Fitzgerald said. "Those of us who were privileged to hear him will never forget the thrill."

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INSIDE COLUMN

The one reject box of crayons

Being an English major and after writing for and working at The Observer for over three years now, I've essentially been trained to become increasingly aware to word choice and how it effects how you are perceived. Outside of the classroom, my experience doesn't come from interviews for a news article nor does it come from editing the wide variety of emails that are submitted to Viewpoint daily. Instead, mine has come from being one of the few female sports writers and living with my three roommates.



Meaghan Veselik

Assistant Sports Editor

In my past three years, I've been impressed with how eloquently Dayne Crist speaks in an interview in comparison to Jimmy Clausen, how excited and confident women's volleyball and basketball players are when talking to a reporter, and how a football team can embrace a cause by wearing pink and openly speaking about the importance of raising funds for breast cancer research. All fun interviews, but they are nothing like the random quotes that come out of my intelligent roommates' mouths on a daily basis.

In my apartment, we have a door that we nicely refer to as the "Quote Door." It's actually our coat closet but the outside is covered with a preservation of our best one-liners to provide constant entertainment for ourselves and anyone else that walks through our door. The Quote Door is so nicely placed that you see it to your left as you walk through our entryway and can also have a clear view from the couch. It's a random collection that you can't get through a line without laughing, either at the outlandish statements that were made before one of us realized what we'd actually said or just at the ridiculous thoughts that pass through our minds. You probably will never get to read all of them unless you know the four of us, so I thought that a few of these quotes might do well to have their day in print.

But, a disclaimer: most of these weren't made late night at a party or a bar. We're really just that awesome. So here's a few: I like puppies and dolphins and horsies and fishies. I like aquatic animals; We are not that eatable!; It's ok guys, I wore my Pumas!; In the shower, I realized I lost my belly button ring. I think it's at the Backer.; I'd rather marry the ugly billionaire because he can always have plastic surgery.; I'm wearing my fat pants. Except they're my regular pants.; Guys, I can't get my fingers on.; I like to giggle when I pee.; The baby grapes freak me out.; We would all be the one reject box of crayons.

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Awaiting the neurocentury

"All men by nature desire to know," said Aristotle. The allure of knowledge — peering both inside ourselves and into the vast expanse beyond has occupied some of the most famous thinkers in history. Space has commonly been designated "the final frontier" of knowledge. Ancient philosophers such as Aristotle and Archimedes made the first bold attempts to understand the night sky. More recently, intellectual giants such as Newton, Einstein, and Hawking have advanced our knowledge of the universe further. We now have a framework for its very beginning — the Big Bang.

Edward A. Larkin

Scientific Notation

But what if the final frontier is a lot more human than we think? George H.W. Bush declared 1990-2000 "The Decade of the Brain," and neuroscience research exploded during this time. In the end, however, it may be more accurate to label the hundred years starting in 2000 "The Century of the Brain." There is a certain poetic irony about the proposition — the final great mystery of science being within us, the final frontier of knowledge an investigation of how we can know in the first place.

As our understanding of the human brain increases, so will our capability to use that knowledge for practical, engineering purposes. If one steps back and surveys the landscape, some things we can do currently (in the early phases of understanding) are remarkable. Neuroprosthetics allow handicapped people to control prosthetic limbs through brain activity. Certain drugs, dubbed "neuroenhancers," can enhance brain function itself (the subject of an excellent 2009 New Yorker article). Lie detector tests have been designed (although their implementation has been very controversial) that differentiate truth from falsehood by actually peering into the brain and analyzing activity in different areas.

Looking into the future of neuroscience can cause one to simultaneously feel great hope and great fear. Medical breakthroughs for debilitating diseases such as Alzheimer's and schizophrenia may be on the horizon. The future of prosthetics, especially when coupled with the emergence of stem cell therapy, is exciting. However, it is not hard for the mind to veer into the dark alleys of such a future, beyond the glimmering possibility and promise. What will we do with ourselves when we truly have advanced artificial intelligence that can outperform our brains? How will we enforce rules when access to neuroenhancers is easy? How will we react when the technology exists for someone to possibly know what we are thinking? More importantly, how will these technologies be used?

Great responsibility and caution will be required from all segments of society to make sure that advances in brain science bring about the intended benefits but minimize the vast possibilities of harm. The bureaucratic apparatus must make sure that laws dealing with the use of artificial intelligence and brain-based technology are clearly written and strictly enforced. Contrary to typical sentiment, the existence of a slow-moving bureaucracy and heavy regulation could actually be good in this case. Unfettered capitalism with regards to brain-based technology could be disastrous — businesses must think ethically about the social effects of their technology. Social norms will be key, as they are one of the major ways in which right manners of conduct are informed, and regulation and laws are created.

Most importantly, we as a society must establish a coherent set of principles that forms the fundamental precepts of how we approach issues of neuroethics. These should not be regarded as eternal and absolute rules — as technology evolves, we will certainly be more comfortable with many things than we are today. Hundreds of years ago, many certainly would have cringed to imagine a day in which we can

legally own weapons as potent and destructive as guns, drive vehicles 80 miles per hour as a daily routine, or be as dependent upon electronics as we are today. But, by the same token, these precepts should merit substantial consideration, as the Constitution does today.

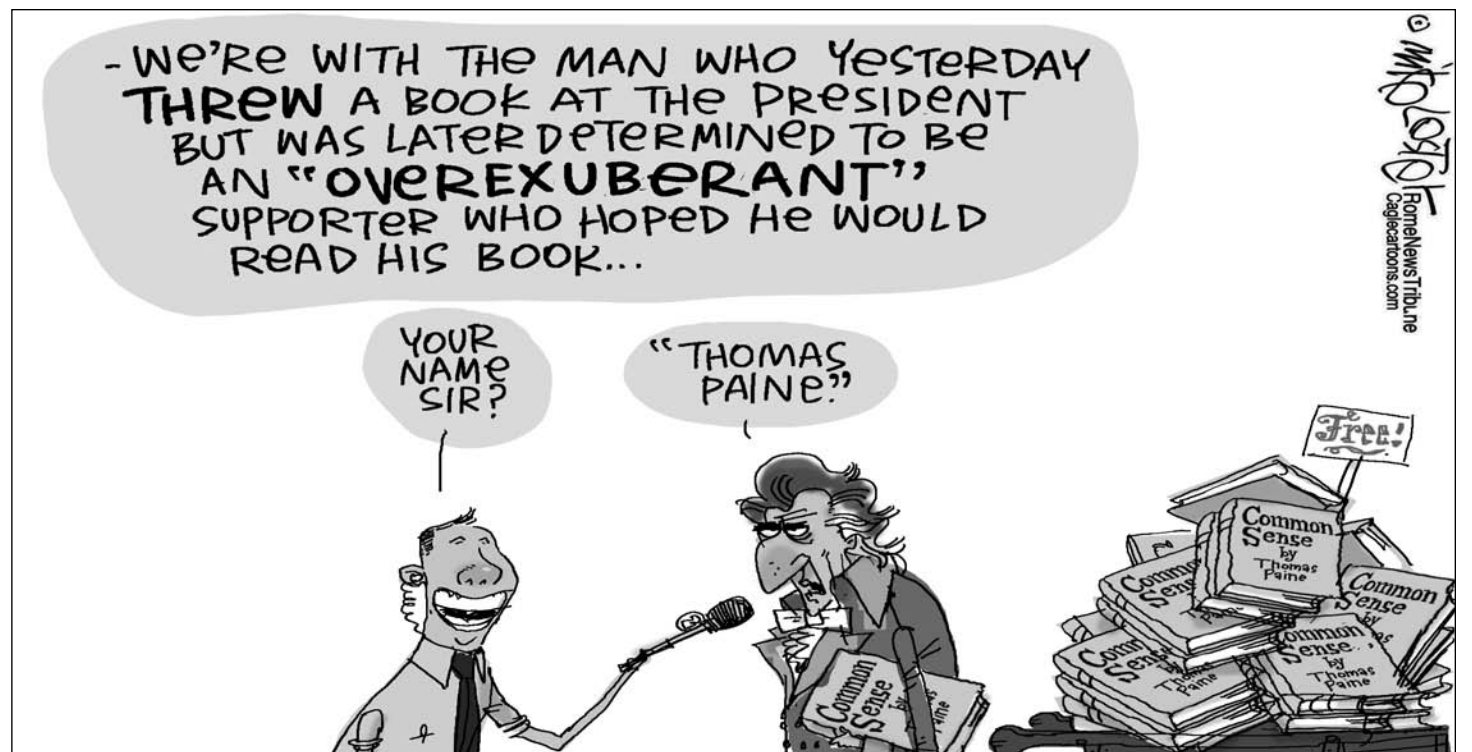
It is important to note that not all that can go wrong always will. The development of atomic bombs has not caused humanity to destroy itself (yet). We live in a very peaceful world by the standards of human history. The troubling issues raised by a new understanding of the brain do not automatically warrant despair. As Bill Joy wrote 10 years ago at the conclusion of his haunting analysis of the future, *Why the Future Doesn't Need Us*, "it is because of our great capacity for caring that I remain optimistic that we will confront the dangerous issues now before us."

It is this care — a fundamental respect for humanity — that will determine the course of the next century with respect to advances in neuroscience. We have the moral obligation and the practical necessity to determine which course we take — whether we harness the power of neuroscience to cure disease and make life richer without compromising ourselves in the process, or possibly, something much darker. If the past is any indication, we will persevere — somehow. We'll adapt course as necessary, charting unknown territory in ways we never dreamed imaginable before. I predict that we will also stay essentially the same, essentially human. All men by nature desire to know. However, we also fundamentally seek a lot of other things. By embracing the first, we need not and should not give up the others.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only sure thing about luck is that it will change."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labor of thinking."

Thomas A. Edison
U.S. inventor

Something bigger and better

Young people growing up in low income communities are in need of great teachers and role models. And the stakes are higher than ever. Only one in 10 students growing up in poverty will attend college.

And for those lacking a college degree, many doors of opportunity are firmly shut.

Young people need mentors and guides to help them become invested in their own future. And they need to see firsthand that it can be done: that people just like them can go to college, earn a degree, and go on to have a meaningful career. When I graduated from Notre Dame and joined Teach For America's Los Angeles corps, I got a chance to show my students just that.

A growing number of Notre Dame alumni are becoming part of Teach For America's efforts to close the achievement gap. My time at Notre Dame has proved invaluable in shaping who I am

as a scholar and a person. It has provided me a launching pad to a fulfilling and meaningful work. And now, as a Teach For America teacher, I can help a new generation of students reach for those same stars.

During my first year as a teacher, I faced many challenges in the classroom. College prepared me for some of these, but I have also had to learn as I go along. Fortunately, my summer of training and professional development with Teach For America has armed me with the tools I've needed to confront these challenges head-on.

As I embarked on my first year in the classroom, I knew that I wanted each of my students to set the goal of college attendance even though they were just beginning their academic career because it would drive their motivation to succeed in school throughout their education. However, many of my students did not have role models in their family or community that had graduated from college. Many members of their families hadn't been given the opportunities that allowed them to believe that

attendance at a four-year college was a realistic goal for their kids I recognized that to build the desire to go to college in my students, I would have to invest their families in that same dream. Student and family investment became my primary goal. I worked relentlessly, connecting with families and telling my students every day that yes they can do it, yes they can achieve and learn, and yes they can go to college and be successful. Before long, my Kindergarteners were saying they want to go to college, they want to be a doctor, a lawyer or the president. We worked together setting individual and classroom goals, and everything we did in class was viewed as a step toward college.

By the end of the year, it was clear that their families had the same high expectation for my students that I did. I talked with a number of parents about their college aspirations for their children. They wanted their child to have greater life opportunities than were available to them; they wanted a future for their child filled with confidence,

success, and an education. Some even started a savings account for their child's college fund. I had a picture of the Notre Dame campus in my classroom and one mom, who had started the year skeptical that college attendance was a realistic goal for her son, cried as she pointed to the picture and said, "My son can go there. I want that for him. You're making that a reality for him."

For too long in America, demographics and even zip codes have defined children's destinies. Teach For America is more than just my two-year commitment to teach. It is a way for me to bring my experiences and skills to a new generation of students in low-income communities and provide them with an opportunity at something bigger and greater — and that's how I'll impact our children for a long time to come.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The rationality of dining hall guilt

In this month's issue of Scholastic, Chris Milazzo suggests in his essay "On Guilt" that it's irrational to feel guilty when failing to clear one's plate in the dining hall. Milazzo flippantly reasons that "my unfinished sandwich, eaten or not, will not save the starving babies" and therefore, we need not worry about the food we waste in the dining hall.

Yes, Chris, you're right, the food from the half sandwich you didn't eat would not have been airmailed to Africa had you not put it on your plate. But your waste of resources is still, in fact, quite wasteful and worthy of guilt. The half sandwich left on your plate today may not seem like much, but consider the implications of every student taking an extra half sandwich at every meal, every day.

Incidentally, that is roughly what happens in our dining halls each day. Measurements from the most recent "waste 'n' weigh" day at the dining halls estimate that the average student wastes 6.27 ounces of food per meal. That's 1.25 TONS of food wasted per day. And friends, that's just ridiculous.

Look, I'm a reasonable girl — I know the occasional regrettable food choice in the dining hall is unavoidable and some food waste is going to happen. I'm not asking you to make yourself sick finishing the three large scoops of a new casserole you took a chance on in the veggie line that turned out to be soggy and bland. I'm just asking you to only take one scoop at first. Take reasonable portions — going back for seconds is one of the greatest joys of buffet-

style dining. Even I can't claim to be a perfect member of the clean plate club, but I can promise you that I do feel guilty, and rationally so, when I leave uneaten food on my plate.

My guilt stems from a simple calculation of supply and demand: the amount of food we put on our trays at each meal affects the amount of food ordered by Food Services. The amount of food ordered by Food Services affects the amount of food produced by their suppliers. The amount of food produced by their suppliers affects the amount of resources consumed in the planting, processing and transportation of that food. So when you waste food in the dining hall you're also wasting all of the resources that went into the production of that food. Resources like grain that we actually could be sending to famine-stricken areas of the globe, like Africa. Resources like gasoline, whose carbon emissions are contributing to global climate change, which is having the largest negative effects where? That's right, you guessed it, the number one thing Notre Dame students like, Africa.

And it all starts with the choices we make when loading our trays in the dining hall. Feeling guilty yet?

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On uncritical acceptance

If you were swayed by either Mark Easley's "Vote the Bums Out" (Oct. 7) or Ryan Sullivan's "Time to Remember" (Oct. 11) you're not paying attention. American politics has historically been a complex chain of causes and effects acting on tangled web of issues, and never moreso than now.

So when Mr. Sullivan tells you that "From 1994 to 2006 [the Republicans] utterly destroyed an American economy" perhaps doesn't fairly consider how a Clinton White House that signed those bills into law fits into the situation. And maybe he can't apply without qualification the eighty-year-old New Deals to a modern, globalized economy with a fiat currency instead of the gold standard. And though he lambasts the Iraq War for its contributions to the deficit, for some reason he ignores the fiscal cost of TARP and the bailouts as he admits their tepid impact and promises vague future gains. Are we really to believe that "economists from around the globe" are in complete agreement about this issue?

Mr. Easley is a little better, since he at least acknowledges that neither party deserves complete blame. Still, he doesn't seem to consider that perhaps too much dereg-

ulation helped cause the oil spill that the administration "bungled." He says that "money is scarce and getting more worthless by the month" which is, as far as I can tell, a blatant contradiction of economic terms. And the "higher taxes" that he warns about are just the taxes that the Bush tax cuts temporarily relieved "if they didn't work in the timeframe assigned, are they really useful tax cuts? Not all tax cuts are created equal, after all.

If you're looking for one-sided, polemic rants that ignore facts in favor of ideologies, you can do better than Misters Sullivan and Easley; silver-tongued rhetoricians on either side will gladly trim away the bothersome facts for you more eloquently than either, and more seductively. If you'd rather be critically informed, you'll have to think critically for yourself; to do otherwise is to deny reality. Right answers are rarely as easy or as simple as we'd like.

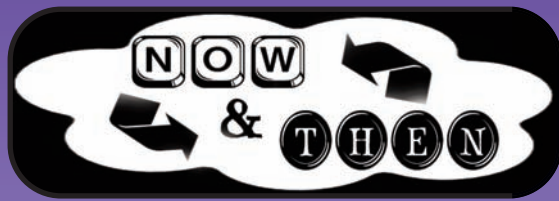
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Fall Break

Notre Dame is unique for a number of reasons: its strong Catholic identity, an unusually supportive alumni network and Fall Break. Each year, students are granted one week off right in the middle of October, comfortably situated after most midterms and before Halloween.

Maybe it's a result of an early return to school, or Christmas break beginning relatively late. Whatever the reason, most universities do not have it, so Domers have learned to use the week well.

To ward off a post-midterm health decline, the most logical pick-me-up for any student is obviously a vacation. And for seniors, Fall Break is one of the last opportunities to bum cash for a trip off parents before graduating and learning about financial independence.

Many students choose to road trip to a peer's house, preferably one with an attractive climate or booming nightlife. If there is an away football game one of the weekends, groups accumulate to support the Irish in another state. Or, upon celebrating the final 21st birthdays in the early fall at school, seniors will venture into Sin City for a week of legal debauchery.



Marissa Frobes

Scene Writer



Undoubtedly a majority of seniors travel somewhere over Fall Break, but most vacation in fairly small groups with close friends. But in the 1980s, the Student Activities office, a Senior Trip Committee and travel agencies organized mass getaways for the graduating class.

Though there were a few destinations in America (New Orleans and

California) most of these senior trips were tropical, with the Bahamas and Jamaica as frequent choices.

In 1987, probably the largest group, 500 seniors, vacationed in Jamaica at the Wyndham Rose Hall Hotel, which offered inclusive sailing and snorkeling, a pool bar and volleyball. For meals, most students dined at restaurants that offered "free-ride-at-your-own-risk-transportation," according to "The Dome" yearbook of '87.



from Cancun, Mexico. "The Dome" of 1990 sums up their memories, some of which are questionable: "oasis, snorkeling, Senior Frog's, Dadios, Jose Cuervo, Chicken Itza, Pirate's night cruise, Ecstasy, Bombay Bicycle Beach Club, Picante Grill..."

Either "Ecstasy" is the name of a nightclub, or citing "travel problems" as grounds for the nullification of the senior trip is a bluff.



1990 marked the last year for the senior trip due to "travel problems" to and



It's unclear whether these Fall Break senior trips should be missed. Undeniably, they sound like a great time. Who wouldn't want to enjoy an island holiday with anywhere from 100 to 500 fellow students?

But they also sound like a huge liability for whoever was responsible for their organization. Every parent's worst fear is blindly sending his or her child to a foreign country for a week of endless partying.

So maybe we've found the perfect solution with the current standard usage of fall break. Traveling with smaller groups to less extreme destinations, but nonetheless relieving the stress of school — most would agree it's a decent compromise.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
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"Bloodthirsty" is the debut novel of Notre Dame alumna Elizabeth Meaney under the pseudonym Flynn Meaney, Flynn being the author's middle name. Capitalizing off the current vampire craze, the novel follows sixteen-year-old Finbar Frame, a tall, skinny, pale, awkward teenager, who finds himself pretending to be a vampire to attract girls.

The novel's tag line sums up the basic premise: "Some vampires are good. Some are evil. Some are totally faking it to get girls." Finbar is the first person narrator, and Meaney voices his character perfectly. Kudos to Meaney for creating a voice that actually sounds like a guy, albeit a really sensitive one.

Finbar is horribly insecure about his looks and personality. He has always lived in the shadow of his athletic twin brother Luke. When a series of humiliating events reveal that he is allergic to the sun, he has a chance encounter with a vampire enthusiast and realizes he can cash in on the vampire craze.

Luckily, the Frame

family has just moved, so Finbar has the opportunity to become one of the undead at his new school. He spends hours studying vampire lore, from "Dracula" to "Twilight." His research leads him to adopt an aloof persona, limit his diet in front of others and throw out subtle comments to his susceptible female classmates.

While "Bloodthirsty" is a work of fiction, it is not a fantasy or supernatural novel. There are not actual vampires roaming New York. Thus, it is a bit of a stretch that some of the female characters in the novel actually believe Finbar is a vampire. But if a reader can look past the idiocy of these fantasy-obsessed girls, "Bloodthirsty" is a highly enjoyable light read.

Whether you are a fan of the vampire craze or not, Meaney's jokes are spot on. She pokes fun at the ridiculous fervor of young girl fans. For instance, at a convention for all things supernatural Finbar is chased down by a pack of "Jacob Blacks." She is also adept with her pop culture references outside of the vampire world, from "The O.C." to "The Hills" to "Gossip Girl," making it a novel perfectly tuned for our generation.

Finbar is not your typical hero and that is why the novel works. His voice comes through clearly in every sentence, and he is relatable to Meaney's young adult audience. A prevalent theme throughout the work is that Finbar, just like several other smaller but significant characters, is simply trying to find where he belongs. Things get interesting when he meets a girl, Kate, who might just like him for who he really is, a sensitive dork who loves poetry, instead of a cool pseudo-vampire.

The novel's other characters are developed well too. Finbar's relationship with his over-protective mother is absolutely hilarious. She is a quintessential conservative, Catholic mother who constantly worries about her awkward son. Due to Finbar's lack of social life, there are several references to time spent watching chick flicks with her.

While "Bloodthirsty" succeeds in character development, it fails in its age appropriateness. Yes, Finbar is a 16-year-old boy, which suggests it is normal how much he thinks about sex, but his obsession becomes too much. Meaney seems to be attempting to make Finbar a realistic character; however, relentless references to his unfortunate virginal status and the breast sizes of his classmates and teachers are unnecessary and at times vulgar. STDs, drinking, and drugs are not off limits, but for a novel that suggests it is for ages 12 and up, the focus on sex is excessive.

While Meaney might be subtly reacting to the themes of chastity and purity in "Twilight," this novel is supposed to be for young adults but appears to cross the line. "Bloodthirsty" would be better marketed to a high school to college age audience.

Aside from the sometimes-crude sexual references, the novel is quite funny. Finbar is a charismatic, intelligent protagonist who makes thought-provoking jokes. Readers want to root for him. He is sarcastic and witty, best shown through his narration and conversations with love interest Kate.

In the end, the novel is an entertaining young adult work that turns the vampire craze on its head. Even though fall is upon us, it is hard not to classify "Bloodthirsty" as a perfect beach read. One can only expect more good things to come from new novelist Meaney.

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INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE (WRITER)

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Elizabeth "Flynn" Meaney graduated from Notre Dame in 2009 with a Marketing degree. Currently, she lives in New York and is a poetry student in the Hunter College MFA Creative Writing program. "Bloodthirsty," her first major novel, was published on Oct. 5.

Meaney will be at the Hammes Bookstore Friday for a book reading and signing. She spoke with The Observer about her time at Notre Dame, her writing process and her unique perspective on vampire pop culture.

What do you miss about Notre Dame?

Well, not too seriously I miss unlimited fro-yo in the cafeteria, especially the Irish Mint flavor. I miss fall on campus, going back to school, buying stuff for the dorm, getting the new year set up and seeing everyone again after the summer.

Did you become a writer intentionally? What were you planning to do with your Marketing degree upon graduation?

I was always writing and publishing things. I liked publishing online and in magazines in high school. I was publishing stuff throughout college — I published a novella in college that helped me pay for my time studying abroad. [Meaney studied in Dublin while at Notre Dame.]

Describe your writing process for "Bloodthirsty." What inspired you to write the book?

I was talking to one of my friends and she was reading a lot of young-adult vampire novels at the time. She was reading collectibles — every "Twilight" and fake-"Twilight" and non-"Twilight" vampire book. We were talking about how we didn't have to worry about being tan anymore, because pale was "in" because of vampires. I thought how that might benefit a really nerdy pale kid, and then I came up with the story.

How quickly did you write the book?

I wrote it in about a month, right before I started grad school — between September-October-ish, 2009.

How did you get "Bloodthirsty" published?

I sent it to agents that I found on a writer's resource website. One agent got back to me really quickly; it ended up being a one-day thing. He read it in the morning, and I signed in the afternoon.

Who is your intended audience?

High-school and up.

Can you tell me about any upcoming projects?

I'm working on my second book in the contract with Little Brown [due out Fall 2011]. I don't have a topic yet, but I think it will be set in the Midwest.

How do you think you could convince someone opposed to the vampire pop culture phenomenon to read your book?

It's hard because some people hear "vampire" and are immediately turned off because of the current obsession with vampires. But "Bloodthirsty" is completely set in our world, with people like us everyday as characters. It is more about relationships between people, and

exploring the psychology of the term "vampire." I don't create a supernatural world and stick vampires like Rob Pattinson in it, and that's what makes it appealing to more readers.

Favorite pop culture vampire?
Eric from "True Blood."

Do you have any advice for aspiring writers or artists at Notre Dame?

If you're already writing, start submitting your work to online resources and magazines, even if you're not confident that it is 100 percent perfect. You can work your way up to more established magazines, etc. then, and you'll be getting feedback along the way, which is always helpful. Use online resources — you need to find an agent. They can teach you how to write query letters, which are really important because agents receive hundreds a day, and you need to make yours stand out. And don't be turned off by rejection — I was rejected tons of times.

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NFL

Kraft says new CBA realistic goal this season

Associated Press

CHICAGO — New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft says it's a realistic goal to reach a new collective bargaining agreement with the players before the end of the season.

At the conclusion of the NFL owners' fall meetings Tuesday, Kraft said "we're moving ahead" and he'd "like to see this get done before the season ends." Asked if that was a realistic objective, he added "to me it is."

Indianapolis Colts owner Jimmy Irsay said it's not "doomsday," even though negotiations have gone slowly with the union.

The owners discussed strategies for CBA negotiations, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said "our issue is to get there sooner rather than later."

The CBA expires in March and union leaders believe the NFL is prepared to lock out the players without a new agreement.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP's earlier story is below.

CHICAGO (AP) — The NFL expects to review the catch rule that cost Lions receiver Calvin Johnson a potential winning touchdown in a season-opening loss to Chicago.

The play was ruled a no-catch. After Johnson went to

the turf with possession, he placed the ball on the ground as he ran to celebrate. It's been one of the season's most discussed — and dissed — calls.

"The going-to-the-ground rule definitely will be discussed," NFL competition committee co-chairman Rich McKay said Tuesday at the league's fall meetings. "It's been discussed the last couple of years. It's a difficult rule. It was made for on-field officials, not as much for people watching on TV."

"There's a definite conflict," he added. "We have to go back and look if we extended it too far."

The competition committee will meet after the Super Bowl and then suggest any rules changes to team owners at the league's spring meetings in March.

Against Chicago, with Detroit trailing 19-14, Johnson leaped to grab a pass from Shaun Hill in the end zone. He got both feet and a knee on the ground before putting the ball on the grass and beginning to celebrate. It was ruled incomplete because Johnson didn't maintain possession of the ball throughout the entire process of the catch.

McKay also said another move that drew criticism, switching the umpire from behind the defense line to behind the offensive backfield,

is working. He hasn't seen any video of an umpire being hit by another player; last season, there were "between 105 and 115 hits on video."

But the move has affected the number of offensive holding penalties, which were up through four weeks. Placing the umpire behind the offense apparently has given him a better view of blocking on the line.

Several quarterbacks, particularly Peyton Manning, complained in the preseason that the new positioning of the umpires delayed spotting of the ball to restart play.

"That has not been an issue like some thought it would be in the preseason," said McKay, the president of the Atlanta Falcons.

One trend the league is concerned with is the number of helmets that have flown off players' heads. McKay informally charts such things and the league office is keeping count.

"We're going back to the each manufacturer and asking why it's happening," he said. "It's definitely something we should be looking at. The union ... and everyone is in on this issue."

The union definitely is not in on the league's claim it needs a better collective bargaining agreement. The owners opted out of the CBA in 2008 and it expires in March.

These meetings are expected



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, left, waits at the witness table in Washington, D.C., at a Senate hearing on Oct. 28, 2009.

to include discussions of the owners' plans for labor negotiations and any contingency plans if there is a lockout next year. So far, there have been few serious negotiating sessions.

"It's taken a lot of time and energy to build the league into what it is and we want to keep it going," Colts owner Jimmy Irsay said Tuesday. "I don't think it's doomsday, and we're taking it a day at a time. Everybody is engaged and from my perspective, the key thing is to find a solution and that's

where both sides are. I know that energy (to reach a deal) will be there."

Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL Alumni announced a partnership to benefit retired players that will include the Gay Culverhouse Players' Outreach Program.

Efforts will include hiring case workers, establishment of a toll-free hotline and personal contact with retired players and their families through events sponsored by NFL Alumni and the Culverhouse program.

NBA

Wade resumes light exercise, hopes to play in preseason

Associated Press

MIAMI — The first step of Dwyane Wade's recovery from a strained right hamstring seems complete.

Wade has resumed some light exercise and will likely begin what the Miami Heat call "extensive court work" in about a week, meaning there's still a chance he returns to play before the preseason ends. He pulled the hamstring very early in Miami's preseason opener and has been rehabbing since.

Miami's preseason finale is Oct. 22 against Orlando. The Heat open the regular season in Boston on Oct. 26.

"We would definitely want to get a preseason game in," two-time NBA MVP LeBron James said. "Not going to sit here and lie and say the 26th is the first day that we want him back. We

would love for him to get some in-game action, for us to get in-game action as a full unit. Hopefully that happens. I'm not sure what his target date is, but I know he's making progress."

The Heat were at home Tuesday night against CSKA Moscow in an exhibition.

Wade isn't the only Heat player sidelined these days; point guard Carlos Arroyo and reserve center Jamaal Magloire were also ruled out for Tuesday with minor injuries, and it's unlikely either returns to the lineup when Miami visits New Orleans on Wednesday.

"Anytime you're dealing with something sensitive like a hamstring or turf toe or jammed thumb, anything like that, those are very sensitive," James said. "So I'm definitely happy that he's coming along."

After a summer of waiting to

play together, Wade, James and Chris Bosh made their debut as Heat teammates amid great fanfare on Oct. 5. They were together for all of 3 minutes, 17 seconds, before Wade tweaked the muscle while trying to defend Detroit's Richard Hamilton.

Wade limped to the bench, then into the locker room, and hasn't done any team on-court activity since. And while Tuesday's news that he is improving is obviously what the Heat wanted to hear, they won't take any risks during the next step of Wade's recovery.

"He's virtually pain-free now to the touch and digging around in there," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's been doing therapy for a week now, he's already started the process of exercise, so it'll be day by day. But we are not going to rush it.

Hamstrings are a little bit tricky. We want to make sure he gets the strength back up and then we'll work on conditioning starting next week."

The Heat play at home against Charlotte on Oct. 18, then are scheduled to practice the following two days before closing the exhibition schedule against Atlanta (Oct. 21) and Orlando.

Given that, it would seem likely that the Heat would target the Oct. 19 practice as one where Wade might resume the process of meshing with his new teammates.

"He probably feels great," Spoelstra said. "But he certainly doesn't have the strength and conditioning in it, so we'll be judicious on when we bring him back. He's already starting light exercise right now and in about a week we'll probably take it to the next level and start condi-

tioning and doing more extensive court work."

Wade has been around the team daily, and traveled with the Heat to preseason games in Kansas City and San Antonio last weekend. He also appeared at the home of Heat executive Alonzo Mourning on Monday for a fundraiser headlined by President Barack Obama.

Plus, with this being his eighth year in the Heat system, there isn't a whole lot for him to learn about the playbook, Spoelstra said.

"If you had to have a player out, Dwyane in this type of circumstance is probably the guy because of his IQ and his understanding of our system," Spoelstra said. "He'll be able to fit in pretty quickly and fast-track that process. But we don't want to jeopardize anything at this point."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Former agent admits to paying players in 1990s

Sports Illustrated story implicates 30, including Ryan Leaf; ESPN's Mel Kiper accused of promoting agents

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former sports agent tells Sports Illustrated he paid college football players early in his career, and several of them confirm it to the magazine.

In the Oct. 18 edition, Josh Luchs said he paid more than 30 players from 1990-96,

including many who didn't sign with him.

He said quarterback Ryan Leaf, the second pick in the 1998 draft who famously flopped in the pros, took more than \$10,000, most of which he voluntarily paid back after signing with another agent. Leaf declined to comment on specific alle-

gations.

Luchs told the magazine he also paid first-round picks Jamir Miller and Chris Mims. Miller, a linebacker from UCLA taken 10th by the Cardinals in 1994, declined comment. Mims, a defensive lineman from Tennessee taken 23rd by the Chargers in 1992, died in 2008.

The former agent also said that while he was recruiting Ohio State receiver Antonio Holmes in 2005, Holmes said he had been taking money from an agent for a couple of years. Holmes, now with the Jets, told the magazine that the story was untrue.

Luchs was suspended for a year by the NFL Players Association in 2007 over the handling of a commission check. He says he's telling his story because "I don't want my career to be defined by that suspension."

Luchs says he didn't pay players while working with Gary Wichard, the agent linked to the investigation of NCAA violations at North Carolina. But he says Wichard and John Blake, the Tar Heels assistant who resigned amid the investigation, worked together in violation of NCAA rules in 2002.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday that the league has talked to college coaches and agents about reports that a coach was on an agent's payroll.

"We had a report today from our college relations committee on our relationship with agents and college coaches. This is an area of great concern by the coaches on the college level, and we want to be responsive to that," Goodell said in Chicago, site of the NFL's fall meetings. "I think there is going to be an effort with college coaches and the

agent community itself, possibly the NFL and NFLPA and to work together to bring a solution."

Luchs also told SI that ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper also helped Wichard recruit players, describing a 2000 meeting with Stanford defensive lineman Willie Howard in which Wichard had arranged for Kiper to call as he talked with the player.

Kiper told SI he "would never promote Gary or another agent to a player" and denied that the call was pre-arranged.

"Conversations with players, which are occasionally facilitated by agents, are a valuable way to get to know the players," Kiper said in a statement through an ESPN spokesman. "These conversations have never compromised my integrity and my 32-year record supports that."

Luchs sued Wichard for breach of contract after leaving his agency and lost the lawsuit. Wichard filed the grievance with the NFLPA over Luchs' handling of the check.

Wichard and Blake declined comment through their lawyers.

Luchs says Jonathan Ogden, the Baltimore Ravens 11-time Pro Bowl tackle, wouldn't take money but accepted Janet Jackson concert tickets in violation of NCAA rules. Ogden confirmed the account.

Luchs lists more than 20 other players he says he paid: Michigan State's Tony Banks; Arizona's Rob Waldrop; Tennessee's Chuck Webb; Portland State's Darick Holmes; Illinois' Mel Agee; USC's Travis Claridge, Phalen Pounds, R. Jay Soward and Delon Washington; Colorado's Kanavis McGhee, Joel Steed and Greg Thomas; Washington State's Leon Bender, Torey Hunter, Singor Mobley and John Rushing; and UCLA's Chris Alexander, Ryan Fien, Carl Greenwood, Othello Henderson, Vaughn Parker, Matt Soenksen and Bruce Walker.

Alexander, Greenwood, Henderson, Mobley, Soenksen, Soward, and Walker confirmed receiving money. Fien, Hunter, Steed and Waldrop said they did not receive money from Luchs.

Banks, Parker, Pounds and Rushing declined to comment on the allegations. Holmes, McGhee, Thomas, Washington and Webb did not respond to requests to comment.

Agee, Claridge and Bender are deceased.

Luchs says Dana Stubblefield, J.J. Stokes and Keyshawn Johnson declined to take money from him.

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Roger Goodell
NFL commissioner


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NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 1 Ohio St. prepares for tough trip to Madison

Buckeyes to travel to face No. 18 Wisconsin Saturday night; Coach Jim Tressel concerned about difficult environment

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The pressure is mounting on No. 1 Ohio State—just as the schedule starts to get tougher.

Not only are the Buckeyes carrying the weight of being the nation's top-ranked team, but now they must live up to it against a stout opponent (No. 18 Wisconsin) in a particularly difficult place (Camp Randall Stadium) before a wildly partisan capacity crowd on Saturday night on national television.

"I would think that this is going to be as difficult a challenge as we could ever imagine," coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday.

The Buckeyes (6-0, 2-0 Big Ten) rose to the top spot this week after spending the season at No. 2 behind Alabama, which lost at South Carolina on Saturday.

Playing as the poll-leader is nothing new at Ohio State. In the history of the AP poll, the Buckeyes have held the top spot 94 times. Only Oklahoma (97) and Notre Dame (95) have done so more. According to Ohio State, the Buckeyes 66-11-1 when ranked No. 1 in the AP or coaches' poll.

This will be the ninth time that Wisconsin has hosted a No. 1 team. The Badgers are 3-5 in the previous matchups. Only twice have they welcomed a top-ranked Buckeyes team, winning 17-7 in 1942 and losing 24-0 in 1973.

Tressel's Ohio State teams have been ranked for much of his 10-year tenure, making 91 consecutive appearances in The Associated Press Top 25. That's the longest current streak in the nation.

Playing ranked opponents is also nothing new for the Buckeyes.

Ohio State is 34-14 against AP ranked teams under Tressel, and 9-8 against teams in the top 10.

But balanced against that success is the recent history. In their last two games as No. 1—against Illinois late in the 2007 season and then to LSU in the Bowl Championship series national title game in January of 2008—the Buckeyes lost both times.

Ohio State defensive end Cameron Heyward would have been perfectly happy to stay behind Alabama throughout the regular season in the rankings. That would have been enough to get the Buckeyes into the title game—and to stay out of the most intense spotlight.

"We always just want to be No. 2, then we just go under the radar," Heyward said. "We know since we're No. 1 we're going to have the bull's eye on our back even more,

but I don't think anyone's complaining about it. We know we have great responsibility. We have to take care of business on and off the field and it says a lot about our guys that we have to focus even more."

He said teams back in the pack don't have to live up to anyone's preconceived notions.

"No one expects No. 2 to do everything, but when you're at No. 1 everyone's looking to you to fall," he said. "We know everybody does. And we look forward to just proving them wrong."

Making things even more difficult for the Buckeyes is the fact that Wisconsin would be a load even without all the hubbub surrounding the rankings.

Led by senior quarterback Scott Tolzien and mammoth junior running back John Clay, the Badgers (5-1, 1-1) have won 13 of their last 14 home games, including the last six. The Badgers haven't turned the ball over in their last four games and the defense has held 13 of the last 16 opponents under 100 yards rushing.

"What a test it will be," Buckeyes wide receiver Dane Sanzenbacher said. "But we're looking forward to it."

Ohio State will arrive in Madison, Wis., roughly 24 hours before the game. The Buckeyes will have gone through almost all the preparations they can by that point.

Tressel just wishes there

were some more friendly faces at Camp Randall.

"It's a very difficult task when you're up there," he said. "We just can't get a hold of as many tickets as we would like. I know our fans would go, but the Badger fans are going to gobble up the tickets."

Asked about the worst

atmosphere at a game, Heyward said it is "when you're not winning."

Several of the Buckeyes joined the happy crowd two years ago when the stadium speakers blared "Jump Around" by House of Pain before the start of the fourth quarter, a Camp Randall tradition.

The Buckeyes ended up winning that game, also against an 18th-ranked Wisconsin team, 20-17.

Heyward was too busy to join in the fun.

"Some guys jump around, but I don't," he said. "It was a little too hectic for that."

It may be more of the same on Saturday.

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NBA

Heat win against CSKA Russia after early LeBron exit

Associated Press

MIAMI — CSKA Moscow provided one scare, then LeBron James gave Miami another.

The Heat survived both.

James scored 22 points in 26 minutes before leaving with leg cramps in the third quarter, Chris Bosh added 17 points and eight rebounds, and the Heat overcame an early 10-point deficit to beat the Euroleague powerhouse 96-85 in an exhibition on Tuesday night.

Former Duke star Trajan Langdon scored 20 for CSKA Moscow, which got 17 from Jamont Gordon and 15 from Ramunas Siskauskas.

It took a 23-4 run in the third quarter — with James and Bosh combining for 19 of those points — for Miami to create any sort of comfort zone over their Russian guests, who will also face Oklahoma City and Cleveland on their NBA preseason tour before returning to Moscow early next week.

This one wasn't decided

until the final minutes.

Langdon's jumper with 4:15 remaining cut Miami's lead to five, but the Heat answered with four quick points. Kenny Hasbrouck — fighting for a roster spot — found Udonis Haslem for a layup on the next Miami possession, then added a driving layup in transition for a 90-81 lead.

Hasbrouck finished with 12 points and four assists for Miami. Matjaz Smodis scored 11 for CSKA Moscow.

Miami played again without Dwyane Wade, who is continuing to recover from a strained right hamstring suffered in the preseason opener on Oct. 5. Mike Miller started in his place again for the Heat, who were also without Carlos Arroyo and Jamaal Magloire, neither of whom is expected to be back when Miami visits New Orleans on Wednesday.

CSKA Moscow got quite a welcome: An opera singer performed the Russian national anthem, and a group of fans waved the nation's flag directly across from the

visiting bench. The Heat even exchanged gifts with their Euroleague foes just before tip-off.

They felt comfortable, for certain.

Bosh took a lob pass from James and scored 15 seconds into the game. The lead — Miami's only edge of the half — didn't last, and the visitors weren't the least bit intimidated, either.

By the midway point of the opening quarter, it was 13-6. When Siskauskas hit a jumper with 4:24 left, CSKA Moscow stretched its edge to 17-7. And after James hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 34 with 4:16 remaining until halftime, the Russian club peeled off the next seven points, all from the foul line, five of them coming from Langdon.

At halftime, the lead was 44-39. This wasn't against the Heat third-stringers and guys playing for jobs, either. James played 18 minutes in the opening half — only Siskauskas logged more, and that was by a mere 56 sec-



Heat forward LeBron James attempts a jump shot over CSKA Moscow center Dmitry Sokolov during Miami's victory Tuesday.

onds.

Eventually, James decided enough was enough.

His acrobatic layup with 8:38 left in the third, while getting fouled, put Miami ahead 50-49. On the ensuing CSKA possession, James got a steal on the right wing, then

found Miller for a left-handed layup and a three-point lead that had the Russian club quickly calling for a timeout.

James hit a free throw with 3:53 left, giving Miami a 63-53 lead two seconds before he departed. Miami led the rest of the way.

PGA

No. 1 ranking up for grabs as Tiger struggles

Associated Press

About all anyone can say with certainty about No. 1 in the world is that it won't be Tiger Woods at the end of October.

It won't be Phil Mickelson, either.

Lee Westwood hobbled home from the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews to rest his calf injury. He doesn't plan to compete again until the HSBC Champions in Shanghai at the earliest. By not playing, and through a gradual reduction of points, he will have a higher average than Woods in the ranking published Nov. 1.

But that doesn't guarantee Westwood will be atop the world ranking for the first time in his career.

Martin Kaymer moved to No. 4 with his fourth win of the year at the Dunhill Links, and the 25-year-old German can go to No. 1 if he wins the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama the last weekend in October.

"At the moment, for me, Lee Westwood is the best player in the world," Kaymer said.

Not yet.

And maybe not for long.

They all could meet in Shanghai — assuming Westwood is fit to play — and all four could have a shot at No. 1.

For most of the last decade, any debate about the world ranking took place around No. 50, not at the top. Aside from incentives in endorsement contracts, the real value of the ranking came from the majors giving exemptions to the top 50 (or the top 100 for the PGA Championship as it tries to assemble the strongest field).

Even those who didn't even try to understand how the ranking worked rarely quibbled about No. 1. That much was obvious.

Woods returned to No. 1 a week before the 2005 U.S. Open, and he stayed there by doing in five years what it has taken Westwood a career to achieve — 32 victories (along with five majors) and 15 runner-up finishes.

The question is why he stayed there so long this year.

Not only did he take off five months when his personal life imploded, Woods has only two top 10s this year, a tie for fourth in the Masters and U.S. Open. Because points are gradually reduced over a rolling two-year period, Woods has lost more world ranking points this year (330.105) than any other player has earned.

But it's important to understand what the world ranking is — and what it is not.

Just because a player is No. 1 in the world doesn't mean he's the world's best player. Anyone who has watched Woods over the course of the season can figure that out. It also was pretty clear in 2004 that Vijay Singh was the best golfer on the planet, yet the Fijian didn't rise to No. 1 until the sixth of his nine wins that season.

Being No. 1 simply means that player has compiled the best average (net points divided by number of tournaments) during a two-year period. The world ranking used to measure three years. The board could decide it should be only one year. Or one month.

In the last two years, Woods won seven times and finished in the top 10 in 58 percent of

his tournaments. No one else has done that.

Mickelson has been No. 2 for most of the year, and he has been No. 2 longer than anyone in the history of the world ranking without reaching the top. Lefty has only himself to blame for that. He had 13 consecutive starts this year with a mathematical chance to replace Woods at No. 1 and didn't get it done, including a 78 in the final round at Firestone and a 76 in the final round at the TPC Boston.

Perhaps the player with the best case is Kaymer.

Not only has he won four times, he captured his first major at the PGA Championship, had top 10s in two other majors and has accumulated the most ranking points of any player in 2010. Then again, it's not only about winning, and it's not just about the majors. And the ranking is about more than one year.

That's where Westwood fits in.

During the last two years, Westwood has three wins, four seconds and four thirds. He was runner-up at the Masters and British Open this year, tied for third in the British Open and the PGA Championship last year. He won the Order of Merit on the European Tour. And he had to sit out for two months in peak form because of his calf injury.

Asked why he did not plan to take up PGA Tour membership last year, Westwood shared something that his manager, Chubby Chandler, had told him.

"Why would you take up membership in the States when you've been the most successful player in the world



Lee Westwood, who could earn the top spot in the world rankings shakes hands with an official during Europe's 2010 Ryder Cup win.

this year, through the injury, and you still have the great chance to go to world No. 1?" he said at St. Andrews. "You've come in second in two major championships. You must be doing something right."

It would be an amazing comeback for Westwood, who was No. 4 in the world in 2000, then fell out of the top 200 during a three-year slump. He never imagined back then that he could one day reach No. 1.

Not many could have guessed it might happen like this. Westwood's only win this year was the St. Jude Classic, made possible by Robert Garrigus taking triple bogey on the last hole. If Kaymer doesn't win at Valderrama,

Westwood will rise to No. 1 without lifting a club, much less holing a putt. That would be OK with him.

"It's something I've always dreamed of, and it would be great if it happened," he said.

Sure, it might be anticlimactic, but that can happen when a ranking is based on math — addition, subtraction and division. It brings to mind the summer of 1999, when Woods easily dispensed of David Duval in that Monday night exhibition known as the "Showdown at Sherwood." A week later, when neither played, Duval went back to No. 1 in the world.

The following week, Woods won the PGA Championship and was No. 1 for the next five years.

NFL

Branch adjusts to New England after trade

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Together again, Deion Branch and Tom Brady walked side-by-side to the sunny practice field.

The Patriots new wide receiver was getting a crash course on plays installed since he left in 2006 after they were part of two NFL championships.

"I still remember some plays," Branch said Tuesday. "They didn't call those plays today."

The Patriots reacquired the player they drafted in the second round in 2002 — and the MVP of the 2005 Super Bowl — from the Seattle Seahawks on Monday for a fourth-round draft pick next year.

Some things are the same since New England traded him to Seattle. Brady, center Dan Koppen, tackle Matt Light, guard Stephen Neal and running back Kevin Faulk are still around from the offense.

And much is different. The Patriots haven't won the Super Bowl since he left. Randy Moss has come and gone. And Branch is wearing No. 84 because his old 83 belongs to Wes Welker.

"Wes came in, did a great job," Branch said with one of the many wide smiles he flashed throughout his 10-minute news conference. "I'm just going to get one (number) higher than his because I'm taller than him."

At 5-foot-9, Branch doesn't exactly tower over Welker. And with Julian Edelman,

listed at 5-10, three of the Patriots top four receivers are small.

Size isn't the only difference between Branch and the 6-4 Moss, whose trade to the Minnesota Vikings on Wednesday created the need for an experienced wide receiver. Branch hopes to play Sunday against the Baltimore Ravens.

"That's the first thing I want to let you all know," Branch said. "I'm not here to replace Randy. I'm not Randy Moss. I wasn't Randy Moss when I was here and I'm not here to replace him. My job is to go out and do what the offense asks me to do."

Moss was a deep threat who drew double teams. Branch is a possession receiver. But both left the Patriots after having contract concerns and said they felt as if they were home again after being traded to their original NFL teams.

Moss said several times this year he didn't think the Patriots would re-sign him before his contract expired after this season. Branch, who led the Patriots with 78 catches in 2005, was traded the day after the 2006 opener following a 45-day holdout staged in hopes of improving on the \$1.045 million he was to receive that year, the last of his original contract.

"I wish it never happened, but no regrets," he said. "When I left here there weren't any issues between me and Coach (Bill) Belichick, none at all. We talked during the course of the year. ... We

didn't leave on a bad note and I think that's why it was so easy to return."

Branch is signed through next season with base salaries of \$5.45 million in 2010 and \$5.95 million in 2011. But he said he'd be willing to adjust that. He also said he thought it more likely he would be traded last year when he started just five of his 14 games.

Brady isn't sure Branch's transition will be smooth.

"I'm sure there will be a pretty steep learning curve for him. Hopefully, he gets up to speed as quickly as possible because we'll need him this week," Brady said on his weekly appearance on WEEI radio.

Brady also denied a report aired on a CBS pregame show Sunday that he and Moss had a confrontation before the receiver was traded.

Branch, in his first stint with the Patriots, had 213 receptions for 14 touchdowns. Moss was much more prolific with 259 catches and 50 touchdown receptions in three full seasons plus four games this year. But Branch was outstanding in the 2004 and 2005 Super Bowls with a total of 21 catches.

"I'm excited," said Edelman, a seventh-round draft choice last year. "He's been here when they won Super Bowls and I'm going to be able to get to learn from another guy, another veteran."

Branch started three of Seattle's four games this season, catching 13 passes for

112 yards and one touchdown. He's been healthy after missing parts of the past three seasons with knee, hamstring and foot injuries. He caught 190 passes, 15 for touchdowns, with the Seahawks.

He said he was "very thankful" to have been part of the Seahawks organization and also to return to the team

that drafted him then traded him for a first-round pick in 2007 that turned out to be starting safety Brandon Meriweather.

"The opportunity presented itself and they took another shot at it," Branch said.

None of the team's receivers were on the team during Branch's first go-round in New England.

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NFL

Goodell to meet with Favre about incident

Associated Press

CHICAGO — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday there was no timetable for wrapping up an investigation of an Internet report that Vikings quarterback Brett Favre sent racy text messages and lewd photos to a former New York Jets game hostess.

"We're just looking for facts now," Goodell said at the NFL owners meeting. "I am going to deal with it as we get the facts."

He said he had no plans to meet with Favre, "but if it is something that would help us get to a conclusion and it is warranted, I will do so."

The investigation, announced last week, centers on a report by the sports website Deadspin that in 2008 Favre, then with the Jets, sent the photos and messages to Jenn Sterger.

Sterger's manager, Phil Reese, declined to say if his client has talked with the NFL.

"This is something that allegedly happened two years ago," Reese said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We

don't want a quick resolution, but the proper resolution."

Favre could be fined or suspended under the NFL's personal conduct policy.

"One of the reasons we instituted the personal conduct policy ... to make everyone understand their responsibilities," Goodell said. "We're not going down a line of speculation and hypothetical situations."

Favre has not responded to questions about the Deadspin report.

Deadspin reported the voice-mails include a man asking to meet with Sterger, who now is a TV personality for the Versus network. The website posted a video that contained those messages and several below-the-waist photos — said to be of Favre — that were allegedly sent to Sterger's cell phone.

Deadspin also reported that Favre pursued two female massage therapists who worked part time for the Jets. The website didn't identify the women, however the Jets have said they gave contact information about them to the league.

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CLUB SPORTS

Squash program looks to expand popularity

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

With a strong presence on campus for over 75 years, squash has become a popular campus pastime. The sport has been a staple at Notre Dame since the 1930's and continues to grow in popularity amongst students.

Squash history runs deep at Notre Dame. Assistant director of club sports Dave Brown is a member of the College Squash Association (CSA) Hall of Fame. Brown was head coach at Navy for 17 years, earning 267 wins and a top-10 national ranking in 13 of those seasons. In addition, 12 squash courts at the Rockne Memorial Gym have been in use by students for decades.

The Notre Dame Squash Club has embraced this campus tradition and taken it to the next level. Founded just six years ago, the club has allowed both men and women on campus to play the sport at a highly competitive level. Over the past six years, the men's squad has traveled across the country to compete in various events and has even sent a team to the CSA National Championships in each of those years.

Irish coach Geoff McCuen, who has been at the helm of both the men's and women's teams for all six years, believes that squash is a great match for students at Notre Dame.

"Squash is a game that requires not just quick physical reactions, but the ability to make wise strategic decisions in a short amount of time — often thinking one or two shots ahead of your opponent," he said. "It's as much a mental competition as it is a physical one. That's why I think it's such a good fit for many Notre Dame students."

McCuen has been pivotal in not only spreading squash at Notre Dame, but also growing the historically east-coast sport throughout the midwest. He has helped bring teams to Purdue, Western Michigan and the University of Illinois-Springfield.

The Notre Dame men will match up against many of these teams during their first event of the year, the Midwest Round Robin at Kenyon College. The men's team will also travel to Seattle, Wash., this year, while the women will play at Smith College in Massachusetts. Both teams will travel to the CSA Championships to cap off the season.

McCuen has been pleased with the growing participation in the club.

"Each year we seem to retain more and more [members] as we get deeper into the semester," he said. "This year, the club has been filling the five-lined courts at the Rock every Tuesday and Thursday night."

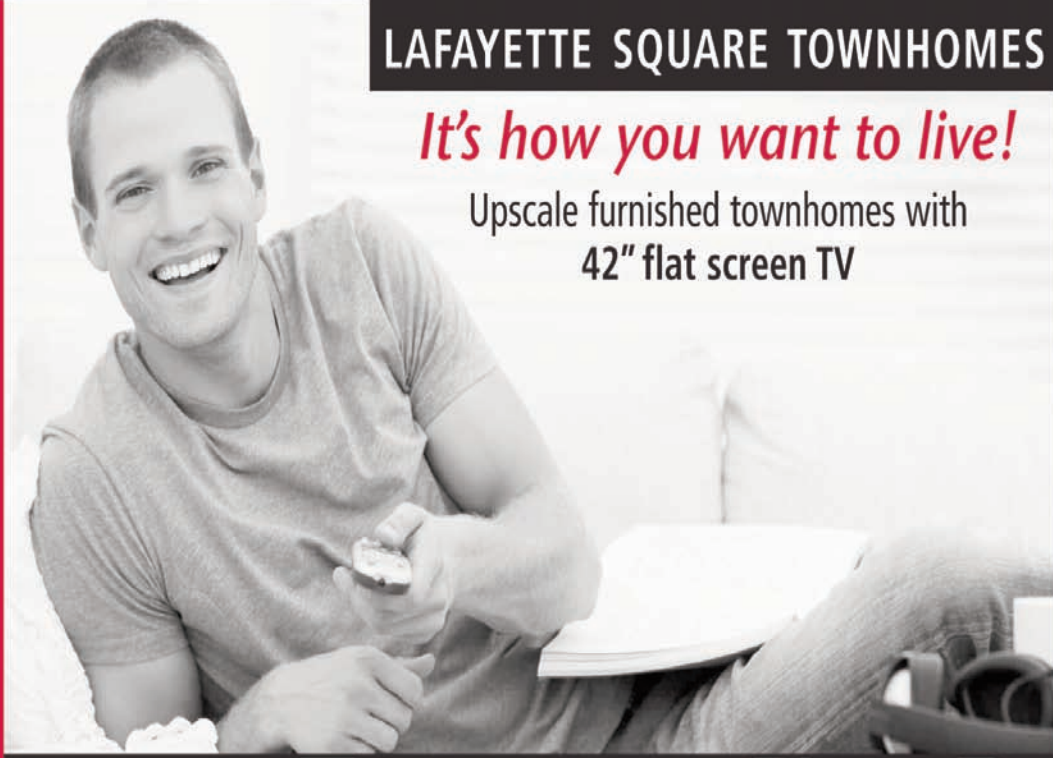
Although the sport has grown on campus, McCuen encourages even more players to give the sport a try and to have the opportunity to represent the proud Notre Dame athletic tradition.

"I think [new players] will find it a great way to get some exercise, lose some stress, meet other players and just have a great time," McCuen said. "And if you have the interest in traveling across the country as a member of the Fighting Irish Squash Team, we still have a few open positions on both the men's and women's teams."

The squash club meets Tuesdays through Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Rock.

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MLB

Lee shuts down Rays; Texas advances to NLCS

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cliff Lee added another impressive line to his growing October resume, putting the Texas Rangers on his back and carrying them into the AL championship series for the first time.

Lee tossed another postseason gem and Texas won a playoff series for the first time, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 5-1 Tuesday night in a decisive Game 5 on the legs of some daring baserunning.

Lee struck out 11 in a six-hitter for his second win over Rays ace David Price in a series in which the road team won every game — a first in major league history.

"It was a lot of fun, I know that much," Lee said. "We had our back against the wall today and we came out and performed."

The Rangers will host the wild-card New York Yankees in the opener of the best-of-seven ALCS on Friday night. Texas'

previous three playoff appearances ended with first-round losses to New York, in 1996, 1998 and 1999.

The teams split eight games during the regular season, with the Rangers winning the final four.

"They're a great team and that's why they are where they are," Lee said. "They're going to be a good challenge, just like these guys."

Ian Kinsler hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning for Texas, which had been the only active major league franchise that hadn't won a playoff series.

Lee improved to 6-0 with a 1.44 ERA and three complete games in seven career postseason starts, striking out 54 and walking six in 56 1-3 innings.

The left-hander, acquired from Seattle in July, threw 120 pitches and walked none. He retired his final nine batters and prevented Tampa Bay from completing an improbable comeback after losing the first two games at home.

Rudolph

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ing to get over it week in and week out.”

Kelly said Rudolph's injury was aggravated during Notre Dame's game against Pittsburgh Saturday. Rudolph did not play in the fourth quarter of that game.

“It was during the game. He felt very good before the game. Exertion, you know, obviously, caused the injury,” Kelly said. “You know, he tried to play through it. ... He's a courageous kid and he's tried to fight through it. Unfortunately it's led to, you know, him being sidelined for the season.”

Later, Rudolph found out that of three tendons attached to the bone, two had been torn off.

“I don't regret playing in any of the games that I played in,” Rudolph said. “In all actuality, it was my decision to go when I did and go as hard as I did.”

Rudolph, a pre-season All-American, had 28 receptions for 328 yards and three touchdowns in the first six games of the season. The numbers include a 95-

yard touchdown reception against Michigan on Sept. 11.

“You lose one of the best tight ends in the country. That's a loss,” Kelly said. “But, you know, not one player is going to stop what we do. It's a next-man in philosophy for us, [sophomore] Tyler Eifert, [senior] Mike Ragone, [sophomore Jake] Golic; those guys are going to have to step up and play the position for us at a high level. We think those guys can. We have a lot of confidence in them.”

Rudolph's surgery will require six months of recovery, but Rudolph said he would work with his back-ups however he can.

“I'm going to be out here every day after my surgery as quick as I can to help those guys, whether it's game plan or just stuff on a weekly basis that they're not really used to dealing with,” Rudolph said. “They've taken the reps, that won't be a big problem for them.”

Rudolph will be eligible to enter the 2011 NFL draft, but said he is not looking that far ahead.

“The surgery right now is what's most important,” he said.

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Roles

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have. Angela is one who always puts the team first.”

Puente continued that trend last season, where she had one of her most successful seasons all around. Her effective receiving skills, which have aided her in the past, allowed Puente to have 10 errorless matches. She made a second consecutive appearance in the Big East Championships against Louisville, helping the Irish battle through a five-set match with Ohio in the NCAA Tournament.

Puente has been using her role as captain to help keep her teammates focused, on and off the court, with her strong com-

munication skills. Although her volleyball career will end with the conclusion of the season, Puente isn't letting that stop her from holding on to two team goals she hopes to see achieved this season.

“Well there's no professional league in America, and the beach tour just got cancelled, so my volleyball career is going to be over in three months,” Puente said. “But we're going out with a Big East title and a spot in the NCAA sweet 16.”

Puente and the Irish will return to their home court this Friday with the hopes of turning their recent two-match losing streak around and defeating conference foe DePaul in the Purcell Pavilion.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to rally from four-game losing streak

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will try to rediscover its winning ways as the squad travels to Hope College Wednesday.

After winning two of three in late September, the Belles (2-12, 2-7 MIAA) have fallen into a slump, having lost their last four games, including a tough 6-2 defeat to Marian College on Sunday.

Although they were outplayed in the first half, the Belles outscored Marian 2-1 in the second half, and SMC coach Michael Joyce said that he thinks his squad can carry some of that momentum into Wednesday's game against Hope.

“There is some consolation in a good second half,” Joyce said. “We are a young team, so you have to take advantage of game opportunities to build chemistry and improve as a team. We're also a team that never stops working, which I'm very proud of.”

Joyce said that the impor-

tance of this game against the Flying Dutch is not lost on him or his team.

“Hope is a big game,” Joyce said. “If we want to have a shot at the conference playoffs, we need points out of this game. This late in the season, we can't wait for opportunities down the road.”

With a record of 3-6-2 (1-2-1 MIAA), the Flying Dutch provide a great opportunity for the Belles to notch their third win of the season. To do so, they must contain Hope senior Courtney Cook, who leads the team in goals and points.

Coach Joyce said that he knows he has to change some things around if the Belles are to have success.

“We might dig into the bench a little more against Hope to try and keep that intensity high with new players coming on the field,” Joyce said.

Kickoff is at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Van Andel Soccer Stadium.

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Usher

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the best to-par score in a three-round tournament in program history with 2007 graduate Cole Isban. Scodro and Usher have consistently scored well for the Irish at the beginning of the season, which is just how Kubinski envisioned it.

“They have pretty different games, the two of them,” he said, “But they've brought such stability to the lineup.”

Junior Chris Walker and freshman Niall Platt both fired a 217 over three rounds to round out the scoring. Platt's 65 in the first round was the low round of the tournament for any golfer in the field, but his final round 80 brought him back to the pack after an eight-bogey round.

“The first round he hit the ball beautifully — he hit 15 out of 18 greens in regulation, which is above the PGA Tour average,” Kubinski said. “Once he got on the green, he only had 26 putts to post the 65. I don't care whether you're a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, that's a great score. Today he just didn't strike the ball as well, and he also didn't put as well as he did in the first round.”

Moving forward, the Irish will play in two tournaments over fall break as the team travels to warm weather and to elite golf courses. First up is the Lone Star Invitational on Oct. 17 and 18 in San Antonio.

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the Irish (5-3-3, 1-1-0 Big East) will look to bounce back from a tough loss to West Virginia as they take on a Golden Eagles (5-3-5, 0-0-2) squad that has either won or tied in each of its last six matches.

“Right now, Marquette's about as confident as they'll ever be,” Clark said. “They're a good team, and they haven't lost in their last six games. We've watched a lot of video, a lot of tape on them.”

The Irish will look to get back to their winning ways after a 2-1 loss to West Virginia. The Mountaineers scored two early goals to put the squad in a deep hole — evidence of a trend Clark said is becoming a concern.

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for something bigger than ourselves,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “We will be helping to raise awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer.”

The Belles (4-14, 2-7 MIAA) snapped their seven match losing streak with a 3-2 victory over Albion Saturday and are looking to



MATT SAAD/The Observer
Junior Max Scodro tees off at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 27. The Irish finished second in the tournament.

“This is a new tournament for us, and the course at Briggs Ranch comes highly acclaimed by other coaches,” Kubinski said. “It should be a good test, and it's a long course which suits us well. I think we'll do really well.”

After the Irish wrap up in Texas, they will head to California for the Saint Mary's Invitational at Bayonet and Blackhorse on Oct. 25 and 26.

“We're going to play Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill as a warm-up to the event,” Kubinski said. “It's a two course event, which is pretty unique for college golf. The courses are true ball-striking courses, so it'll be a great test for our golfers in a great locale.”

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“I think it's a good comparison to the United States national team at the World Cup this summer,” Clark said. “It seemed like someone needed to score against them to light the fire underneath them. That's happened to us twice — in the Northwestern game and the West Virginia game. It's time we put together a complete 90 minutes of soccer.”

Though Notre Dame will certainly enjoy the backing of an enthusiastic home crowd after facing road rivals last week, the Golden Eagles come into the game with momentum on their side. Marquette has been propelled by the stellar play of sophomore goalkeeper David Check, who has been keeping opponents in check all season to the tune of a .64 goals against average that places him amongst the top goalies in the country.

“Obviously if he's been doing

well, then we've got to set the record straight,” Clark said. “It gives us an opportunity to do that tomorrow night. But it's more than just the goalkeeper — they've defended well as a team also. They let through two goals against Pittsburgh this weekend, so hopefully we can score as well.”

Leading the charge for the Irish on offense will be senior forward Steven Perry, who added a goal in the Irish loss to West Virginia off an assist from sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers to bring his team-high total to six on the season. Perry and fellow senior forward Jeb Brovsky have accounted for eight of the 14 Irish goals this season.

The Big East clash gets underway at Alumni Stadium at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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defeat another conference opponent with Olivet (7-8, 4-6) coming to town.

Kuschel said the Belles need to have a particularly strong performance against the Comets to notch a second consecutive victory.

“We will need to bring a lot of energy to the match,” she said. “We will also need to click offensively, as well as play great defense.”

The Comets defeated the Belles in their only match up to this point, 3-1. It was a tightly contested match, but Olivet took

home the victory in four sets (25-22, 25-22, 19-25, 25-16).

Following their match against Olivet, Saint Mary's will have only six conference regular season games before the MIAA Tournament begins. Kuschel said that strong play is needed in these final few weeks.

“We need to continually get better all around,” she said. “We have a very young team that will be vital for our success for the rest of the season, as well as in the future.”

The match begins at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's, as the Belles look to win on the court and contribute to a victory against breast cancer.

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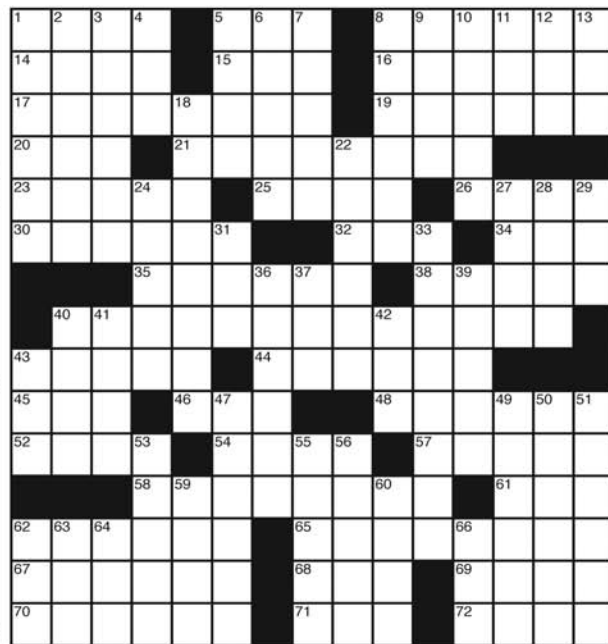
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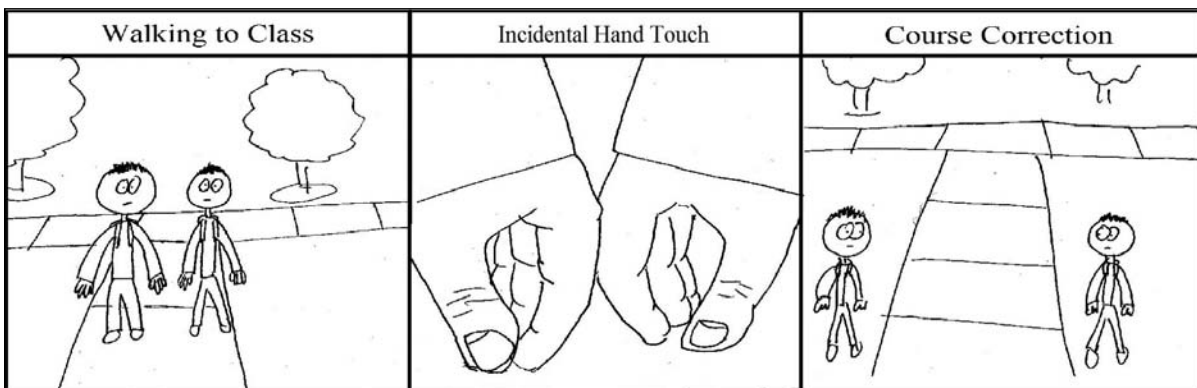
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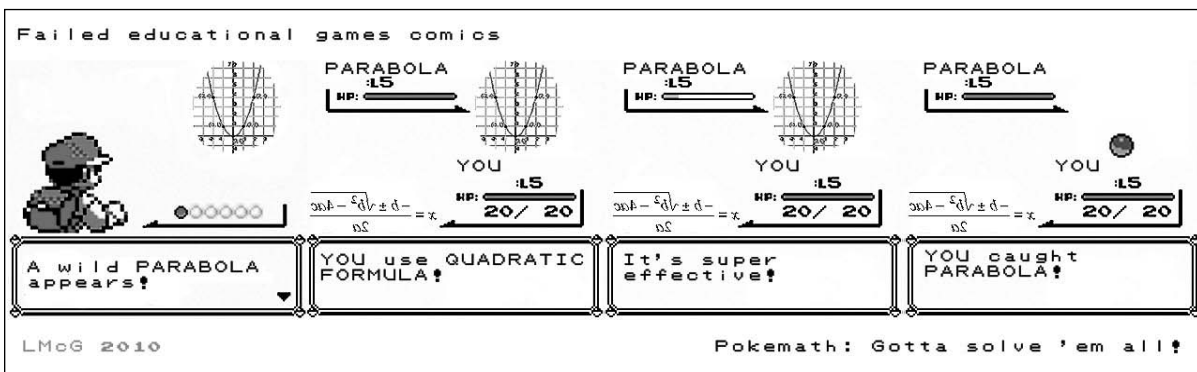
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FOOTBALL

Man down

Rudolph out for season with hamstring injury

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph will have surgery this week and will miss the rest of the football season, Irish coach Brian Kelly announced Tuesday.

"There was an evulsion of both tendons on his hamstring; in other words, they came off the bone, so that's going to require surgery," Kelly said in his weekly press conference. "And right now, his family is putting together, really, you know, the doctor, who is going to do the surgery, the rehab, all of those things."

Rudolph had struggled with hamstring since injuring it during a one-on-one drill over the summer, and said he never felt 100 percent after that.

"It's definitely frustrating, especially when you deal with something for so long," Rudolph said. "You know, you're just try-

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TOM LA/The Observer

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph holds on to a catch during Notre Dame's 23-17 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday. Rudolph will have season-ending hamstring surgery later this week.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles hold fundraiser for cancer

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Tonight will be a special opportunity for Saint Mary's, both on and off the court. The Belles will be holding their annual "Dig for the Cure Event" during their home match against Olivet this evening.

The team, along with other participants, will be going around the stands asking for donations throughout the evening. They are asking fans to pledge an amount of money for each dig they pick up during the match. Also, pink shirts and desserts will be sold. All proceeds will go towards breast cancer research and awareness.

"This is a very special night for us as we will be playing not only for a win but also

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Senior libero Angela Puente puts leadership on display

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Leading the team isn't always about having the highest number of kills or digs. It's not about who can block the most or who can set up the best play. But it is always about heart, and that's where senior libero Angela Puente is at the top.

"Angela has demonstrated strong leadership skills from

the first day she stepped on campus at Notre Dame," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "Even as a freshman, she wasn't hesitant to speak up in team meetings when she felt strongly about something. She has the ability to have a strong opinion, but at the same time be open to hearing others' views and accepting them."

Puente's leadership skills earned her the title of Notre Dame's co-captain this season,

a role she has been preparing for since day one, and a role she held her senior year of high school as well.

Since stepping onto the Irish court, Puente has been showcasing her skills as a player as well, stepping into the role of libero and learning to analyze other teams' game plans as a defensive specialist. In her rookie season, she was second on the team in digs with 276, averaging 2.82/set. That includ-

ed a six-match streak with twelve or more digs.

Puente's sophomore season was highlighted by another year of strong performances, as she played a key role on a squad that made it to the final round of the Big East Championships against Louisville. The season also included Puente and classmate Megan Dunne sharing the libero role with junior Frenchy Silva, contributing to a highly

successful Irish defense. But sharing her role has never bothered Puente, an attribute that stood out to her coach.

"She has always been a strong team player, whether she has started or been a substitute," Brown said. "This has helped her to relate to all on the team and to be sensitive to how her teammates might react to the various roles they

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish face tough schedule

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish will take to the familiar pitch of Alumni Stadium Wednesday night to face off against Marquette in the only home match of a difficult four-game stretch that takes the Irish to three different locations.

"I think the players will be fine," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The road trips last week were tough because the players were in the middle of midterms. Next week during fall break, it's almost like going on a trip with the team, so that'll be okay."

Before embarking on a three-game road trip over fall break,

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COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Senior forward Steven Perry advances the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Providence on Oct. 3.

MEN'S GOLF

Scodro ties record; squad finishes second

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

For the third straight tournament, the Irish played well — and for the third straight tournament, they came up just short of a victory.

Notre Dame wrapped up play Tuesday at the Firestone Invitational at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, with a final team score of 14-under-par, one stroke behind Indiana for the top spot on the leader board. Regardless of the outcome, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the Irish are optimistic at this point in the season.

"You know, as much fun as

it is to win a tournament in October, we have to look past that," Kubinski said. "We have to remember that it's a long season. Our goal is to keep getting better each tournament and get better for the long run, and ultimately we're doing that. You want to make the postseason and championships in the spring."

Leading the Irish at Firestone were juniors Max Scodro and Tom Usher, who fired 209 and 212 respectively over three rounds to pace the squad. Scodro's score of 7-under-par for the tournament places him in a tie for

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