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## ND junior dies in video tower accident

By SARAH MERVOSH and LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Editors

Junior Declan Sullivan died Wednesday when a film tower fell over during football practice. He was 20.

Those who knew him well remembered Sullivan, a resident of Fisher Hall, as fun-loving and outgoing.

His rector, Fr. Robert Moss, said he remembers Sullivan "mostly just for his enthusiasm for everything he was involved in."

Originally from Long Grove, Ill., Sullivan was double majoring in marketing and Film, Television & Theatre.

Sullivan was a contributor to The Observer's Scene section.

He was filming practice from a hydraulic scissorlift at the LaBar Practice Complex on the southeast side of



Sullivan

campus when the tower fell around 4:50 p.m., according to a University press release. He worked as a videographer for the Department of Athletics.

Sullivan was transported to Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where he later died.

Junior Marc Anthony Rosa, who was a friend of Sullivan, said describing Sullivan was an "impossible task."

"He's an unbelievably unique soul that, when you meet him, he's completely addicting to be around. He's nonstop energy. He's like no one else you've ever met,"

he said. "Although he may not be here, his soul is impossible to leave this campus and the people who've known him."

Moss said he arrived at the hospital after Sullivan died, and he anointed and blessed the body.

"I was glad to be able to anoint the body," he said.

When Moss left the hospital, he said a University representative stayed with the body until family members arrived. Sullivan's sister is a freshman Lewis Hall resident.

Moss said he met with hall staff and gathered Fisher residents in the hall's chapel at 8 p.m. to

make the announcement.

"Every chair was full," he said. "He'll be greatly missed."

Sullivan's resident assistant Teddy Schaefer, a senior, said Sullivan was a "fun-loving guy, just a happy person. I'm in shock right now."

Moss presided over a standing-room-only Mass for Sullivan Wednesday night at 10:30 p.m. About 200 people attended the service in Fisher's St. Paul Chapel.

The Mass opened with the song

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## Walorski looks to partner with ND



Photo courtesy of the Jackie Walorski Campaign

Republican congressional candidate Jackie Walorski sits in a coffee shop. Walorski is challenging Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District.

By SAM STRYKER  
News Writer

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series featuring two candidates vying to represent Indiana's 2nd Congressional District.*

Across the country, Republicans are challeng-

ing Democratic incumbents to gain control of the U.S. House of Representatives. The race for Indiana's 2nd Congressional District is no different.

Republican candidate Jackie Walorski is running against Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly, who has held his position for the last four years. It has been highlighted in the media as

one of the nation's most contested races.

Walorski told The Observer she would look to the University as a potential partner to her if she were elected.

She specifically commended the University's focus on research and said it would be an asset to the

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## 'The Hub' sparks academic dialogue

By SARA FELSENSTEIN  
News Writer

Notre Dame students recently launched the Hub, a new online academic networking site created to facilitate intellectual discussion across various disciplines.

The Hub is completely user-generated, depending on contributions from Notre Dame students, faculty and staff. The site consists of three main areas: "Commons," which is a place for users to share personal experiences and get involved, "Think Tank," which acts as a platform for discussion on local, national and global issues and "Showcase," which allows users to post some of their best research or artwork.

Notre Dame is one of the first universities in the country to support such a site, Co-Editor-in-Chiefs Kirsten Adam

and Paul Baranay, both juniors, said.

Adam and Baranay said with the Hub, they hope to redirect some of the energy that students exhibit on the Internet to a more professional, intellectual arena.

"Students are already used to talking about their lives online with social networking. Moving that into a Notre Dame-focused place like the Hub is a ... natural direction," Baranay said.

Adam said that unlike Facebook and Twitter profiles, which are generally hidden from employers, profiles on the Hub are something students should put forward.

"It's a very professional environment. It's something you tell [future employers] about, not that you try to hide," Adam said. "You can update your profile to be a

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## 'Pizza, Pop and Politics' discussion centers on health care

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Heading into the 2010 midterm elections, health care is a front and center issue, said Kathy Saile, director of Domestic Policy for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Saile said Wednesday that the USCCB believes the health care bill should be passed. She spoke during the

fourth installment of the "Pizza, Pop and Politics" series.

"There have been a lot of cries for repeal, but the Bishops' believe we need to support this bill now more than ever," she said. "However, there are some things that need to be fixed so that it becomes a more moral bill."

USCCB has focused on three

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Kathy Saile, director of Domestic Policy for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke on health care in the fourth installment of "Pizza, Pop and Politics," Wednesday in Geddes Hall.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



**Michelle Gaseor**

senior  
Howard

"Mrs. Claus."



**Nick Pagani**

freshman  
Keenan

"NDSP."



**Dianna Bartone**

sophomore  
Pangborn

"Buzz  
Lightyear."



**Stephanie Walz**

junior  
off campus

"The Little  
Mermaid."



**Connor Barth**

freshman  
Keenan

"NDSP."



**Alexa Craig**

freshman  
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"A ninja."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail [obsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:obsphoto@gmail.com)



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Freshman Ali Searle, left, and sophomore Katie Vidal sell Special Olympics T-shirts to students in LaFortune Tuesday evening.

## IN BRIEF

The lecture "U.S. Foreign Policy and the Illiberal Peace" will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Lise Morje Howard, assistant professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, will speak. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The First Year of Studies will sponsor a RefWorks Workshop today at 2 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. First Year students enrolled in the FYS program are encouraged to register.

The seminar "Assessing the Impact of Future Sea-level Rise and Climate Change on Hurricane Flood-level Statistics" will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall Room 138. Jennifer Irish, assistant professor of coastal and ocean engineering at Texas A&M University, will present.

The Annual Blue Mass will take place today at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Mass is offered for police officers, firefighters, rescue workers and their families. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Coleman-Morse Center.

The Notre Dame Last Lecture Series kicks off today at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Mendoza College of Business Professor Edward Hums will deliver his "last lecture" to students, providing words of wisdom regarding his series of teaching and life experience. It is free and open to the public.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## OFFBEAT

### Candidate mails scratch and sniff attack ad

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Something stinks in Orange County. It's an attack ad mailed by Republican Congressional candidate Van Tran that paints a picture of incumbent Democratic lawmaker Loretta Sanchez as an insider politician. Tran's campaign manager George Andrews told the Orange County Register the mailer looks like a perfume ad and features a scratch-and-sniff patch that is supposed to smell like trash. The ad says: "It's the stench of Washington."

Sanchez's campaign manager Caroline Hogan said the mailer is a gimmick in

poor taste and the congresswoman has been campaigning on issues of importance to local families.

Sanchez is facing the first serious challenge to her seat since she was elected in 1996.

### Thieves trim tail hair from horses in Montana

BOZEMAN, Mont. — At least two southwest Montana horse owners are reporting thieves trotted off with tail hair from their horses. Such hair can be valuable to makers of handcrafted horse bridles or other items. Sandy O'Rourke reported someone entered a Three Forks corral on Oct. 17 and cut

off the tail hair of two horses and part of the mane of a third horse. The hair was cut off below the bony section of the tail. The horses were not injured.

In Dillon, Bob and Connie Riley are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to whoever snipped the tail off their horse about a month ago.

Horses use their tails to communicate with one another and to swat flies. Bob Riley told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle that it takes four to five years for the tail to grow back.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	GAME DAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>LOCAL WEATHER</b>						
	HIGH 47 LOW 32	HIGH 40 LOW 32	HIGH 51 LOW 36	HIGH 61 LOW 35	HIGH 55 LOW 37	HIGH 53 LOW 30



# Moreau fellows adjust to life on Notre Dame campus

By AMANDA GRAY  
News Writer

Sekou Remy said he feels like a freshman again on campus, even though he has a Ph.D.

Remy, one of the 11 inaugural fellows of the Moreau Academic Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, said he is still learning his way around campus since his, and the other fellow's, arrival on Aug. 1.

"I like what I've seen," he said. "There are really cool things around. It's a really nice campus and nice people."

Remy is from Trinidad and Tobago and works in electrical and chemical engineering. On campus, he is working with the computer science and engineering departments.

"I'm not teaching this semester, but next semester I'll be teaching a class called 'Assisted Robotics,'" he said. "I hope it will be a fun class. All the other professors said it sounds fun and that they want to take it."

Susan Ohmer, assistant provost and co-director of the program, said she is thrilled with the fellows selected for the first year of the program, especially as the committee is now preparing for the second year's candidates.

"When I think about them, I am bursting with pride," she said. "They are fantastic in their fields and I'm really proud of them."

The deadline for applicants for next year's slots is Nov. 1, and Ohmer said she noticed a few changes from last year.

There are around 100 applications in so far, compared to the 300 applications they had

last year, she said. However, she said she is not worried because the number could double in a week's time.

She said there is also a possibility of selecting fewer than 11 applicants.

"The word is out there," she said. "There's quite a buzz about it and it's popular. We have a number of international applicants."

Ohmer said they won't be making any major changes to the program because it has been successful as is.

The program was designed to help celebrate diversity in all venues of life, not just diversity of racial background or culture. In fields of study, seven of the fellows work in the College of Arts and Letters, while four work in science and engineering. With funding help from the President's Office, several deans and the Lilly Foundation, the program was a success, she said.

"We work with the idea of diversity," Ohmer said. "The way these fellows exemplify diversity is either from under-represented groups or their research focuses on diversity. We have some women from fields with few women in them."

Remy said he can apply diversity to his field of study — though not many attempt to do so.

"One of the things about engineering is that there are not many ways the traditional views of diversity fit in, like skin color and culture difference," he said. "It works in different ways. How are you familiar with different ways to solve a problem? I can see that from going to a Catholic school and a secular school, from going to an engineering



TOM LA/The Observer

**Anne Garcia Romero, one of the inaugural Moreau fellows, is working in the Film, Television and Theatre department. She is writing a play focusing on artist Martin Ramirez and diversity.**

school and a non-engineering school. In my work I can see similar problems across various disciplines."

Anne Garcia-Romero, another Moreau fellow and working in the Film, Television and Theatre Department, said her ideas on diversity stem from her cultural background.

Born from a Spanish father and an American mother, Garcia-Romero works as a playwright and a theatre professor.

"I write about diversity in my plays," she said. "In my playwriting, I address and the Latin and American cultures collide."

Part of Garcia-Romero's fellowship is to write a new play. She said she is focusing on Martin Ramirez, an artist, and

her play will be structured around his life and work.

She is also working on a book about Latina playwrights.

"[The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center] is a phenomenal facility," she said. "The whole thing is incredibly impressive. The facility just blows everyone else out of the water."

The fellowship has offered her a chance to practice her craft and teach, she said. The fellows are required to teach one course a semester while working in their fields of study.

"As a scholar-artist, I was keenly interested in working in an institution which championed research excellence, intellectual rigor and artistic achievement and Notre Dame

clearly offered all of this and more," Garcia-Romero said. "As a bi-cultural Latina, I was encouraged by Notre Dame's commitment to cultural diversity. As a Catholic, I was also really interested in the opportunity to engage in a dialogue about issues connected to education in the Catholic tradition."

Remy's only complaint is he is hoping to discover more unique and interesting campus events.

"I get the sense there is so much more to experience," he said. "Like the midnight drum circle — that's not in the orientation. I look forward to experiencing things like that."

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"On Eagle's Wings" and closed with the congregation singing the Alma Mater.

Following the Mass, attendees processed to the Grotto, where about 150 students gathered and recited a decade of the rosary.

Junior Kathryn Greenfield, a friend of Sullivan's who was among the students at the Grotto, said Sullivan was the first male student she became friends with at Notre Dame.

"He is the nicest, most easy-going [person], always has a smile on his face, always wants to have a good time," she said. "Sweet person."

Junior Alex Karamol agreed and called Sullivan "a total sweetheart."

Greenfield and Karamol said they spent time sitting together in silence after hearing the news of Sullivan's death, but also spent time telling stories about their friend.

They recalled his signature facial expressions and phrases, and laughed while mimicking them for each other.

Karamol said her favorite memory of Sullivan was when she was in a film he made his freshman year because she saw her easy-going friend being serious about his passion.

"It was a different side of him," she said.

The University notified students of the death at 9 p.m. Wednesday in an e-mail signed by University President Fr. John Jenkins and Vice President for Student Affairs

Fr. Tom Doyle.

"No words can convey the shock and grief we all are experiencing," the e-mail said. "Declan was a well-liked, bright and enthusiastic film and marketing student and a valued member of the Notre Dame family. His death is a tremendous loss that will be felt very deeply and we share in your grief during this incredibly difficult time."

Head football coach Brian Kelly also released a statement Wednesday night.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Declan's family and friends," he said. "Declan was a diligent student worker in our video department and had a tremendous personality and great sense of humor. He brightened the days for all that had the privilege to work with him, and the Notre Dame football family will dearly miss him."

Moss, who has been rector of Fisher Hall for 12 years and in education for almost 40 years, has faced student death in the past, and said it is always difficult.

"It's always a tragedy when a young person is called home to God," he said.

A Mass of Remembrance will be held in honor of Sullivan today at 10 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The entire Notre Dame community is invited to attend, according to the e-mail sent to the student body.

Douglas Farmer contributed to this report.

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district she would serve.

"The research dollars, the things that have happened in this place, not only produce a great community for us, but a great alum community around the world," she said.

Walorski previously worked as a local reporter, and she said this exposed her to various research initiatives that are now coming to life at the University.

"Things that they were looking for are now a reality. So this is the paramount issue for me," she said.

Walorski said in terms of her economic platform, the country must control spending, which will especially impact recent college graduates in search for employment. She said

her time serving the Indiana state legislature has prepared her to do it on a more broad level.

"What we have done in these past six years is melted down our size of government, all aimed at protecting the taxpayer," Walorski said. "That has to be done as a foundational measure

at the federal government in order for [students] to have a job when they get out of here."

Walorski said she would propose the 2011 budget be frozen in order for the president to audit agencies and cut back on duplicative efforts. She said trimming bureaucracy would help the job market.

"If we create a level of certainty at the federal level where they know there is not going to be mandates coming down, that the next shoe is going to drop, we will see a flexibility of the market where people are hiring," Walorski said.

In terms of recent health care reform, Walorski said one of the most popular aspects crossing party lines particularly applies to college students.

"I think the issue of being able to carry kids until they are 26 is probably the most popular part of the whole program," she said. "I have heard from Republicans and Democrats and Independents alike that because the job market is so tight they like the security of being able to carry college graduates until they are 26."

Walorski did say that despite that particular

aspect of the health care bill, more steps are needed to control medical litigation and damages, otherwise known as tort reform.

Walorski also said education represents an extremely important part of her political platform. She said one thing that needs to be changed is how much responsibility teachers are being charged with.

"We are shoving an unbelievable burden on teachers because of the breakdown of the family [and] because of our culture changing," Walorski said. "Teachers are responsible for, in many cases, the kids more than the parents are and they are responsible for an unbelievable amount of teaching, not just curriculum."

Walorski also said the No Child Left Behind Act has created problems in the educational system by complicating funding for schools, which is controlled by each state. She said rectifying this issue is extremely important.

"The money needs to be driven into the classrooms, not the administrators," Walorski said.

Walorski also said she has

taken a strong stance on the issue of abortion, which is of particular importance to the Notre Dame community, noting in the past she has worked to de-fund pro-choice institutions.

"The battle that is raging, the reason that people are so angry, is because we are talking about a tax supported industry. I've stood up to Planned Parenthood to de-fund them," she said. "I don't believe we should force anyone who does not believe in it to pay for it."

On the issue of the United States' military presence in the Middle East, Walorski said the safety of

the troops and the decision making of military personnel should guide government decisions in respect to the area.

"I think that one of the biggest mistakes that happens in this country is that we as adult voters have allowed this government to evolve into this thing where bureaucrats make military calls," she said. "Military calls need to come from the generals on the ground that we trust the president to put there."

Walorski said she felt military presence in the area

impacts the everyday safety of American citizens, and therefore is an issue that must be addressed in an appropriate manner.

"The number one job of the president of the United States is to protect the United States of America from foreign invasion and threat of domestic assault inside," she said. "I don't see how you skirt that when you have generals on the ground saying we are still not able to walk away from Afghanistan."

Overall, Walorski said the progress of her campaign so far makes her confident for the results Nov. 2. She said the unique nature of her campaign has allowed her to communicate her platforms successfully.

"I'm as blue collar as they come. I'm self funding, it's a real grass-roots race," she said. "We have done a good job of getting our message out."

Despite any political differences Walorski and Donnelly may hold, they do share a common devotion to the Fighting Irish football team.

"I'm a Notre Dame fan, and very, very grateful that Kelly is here as a coach," she said.

*The second part of this series will feature Democratic incumbent Joe Donnelly. It will run in tomorrow's Observer.*

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**Jackie Walorski**  
congressional candidate



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(Information, education, and resources)

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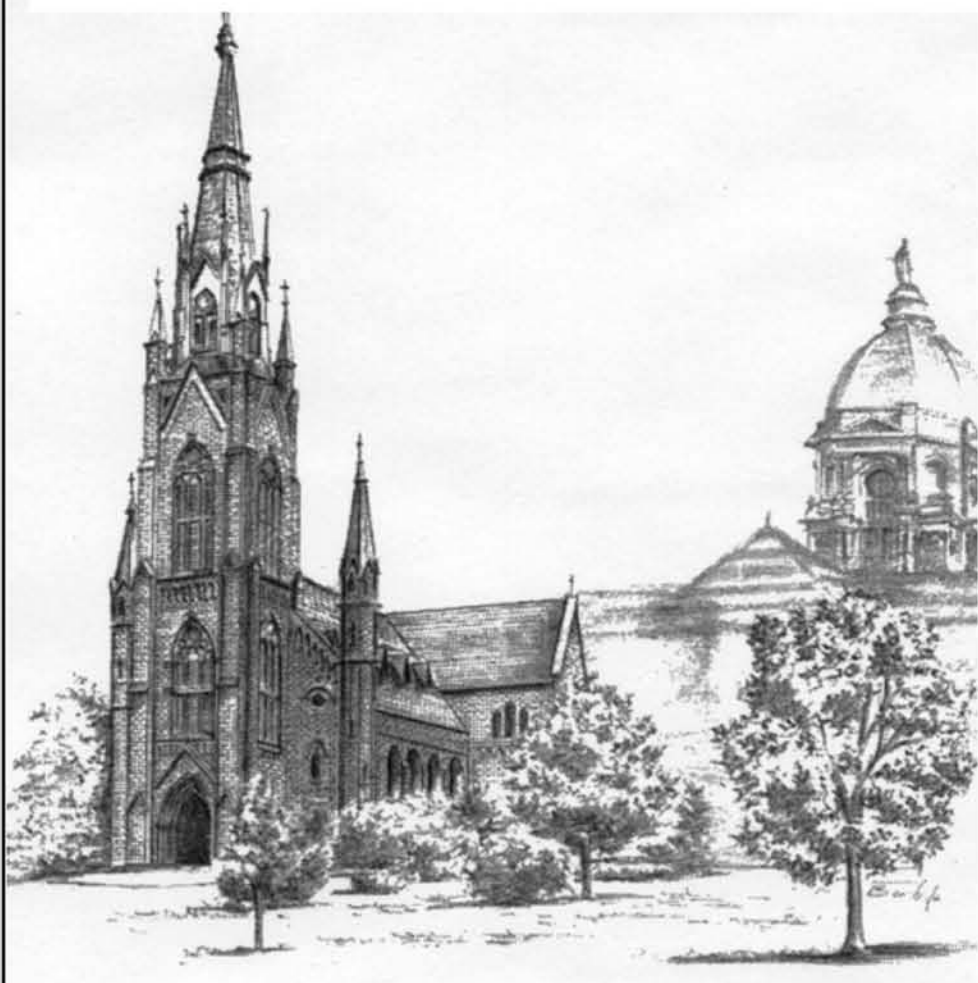
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## STUDENT SENATE

# Costumed members discuss communication

By MEGAN DOYLE  
News Writer

Student Senate was filled with Harry Potter characters Wednesday as its members discussed ways to communicate more effectively with students across campus.

In anticipation for Halloween, the members of Senate dressed as Harry Potter characters, and the student leaders became Ron Weasley, the Golden Snitch, Lord Voldemort, Hedwig, a demontor, the Whomping Willow and other figures from the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell led the meeting as Hermione Granger and Harry Potter.

Moving to more serious topics, Soler and Bell discussed campus-wide e-mails, table tents in dining halls and poster displays around campus.

Student government will host "Whine Week" in November to take suggestions and complaints from students in the dining halls, Soler said.

Students can also join the Notre Dame Student Government fan page on Facebook to stay updated on student government events and submit comments to campus leaders.

"We really want to encourage students to send their feedback and their complaints through our Facebook page," campus technology chair Casey Cockerham said. "Students live on Facebook anyways so it is a great discussion page."

Senators gave differing reports from their dorms on the effectiveness of "The Week" e-mails that are sent out to all students Sunday night with campus events to be held during the week ahead.

"In my dorm girls said they really liked 'The Week,'" Welsh Family Hall senator Elizabeth Jen said. "They just wished it would be more effective if it was organized by date."

Some senators said members of their dorms disregard "The Week" because the information is not concise.

"A lot of guys in Siegfried do not like 'The Week,'" Siegfried senator Kevin McDermott said. "They preferred bullet points or direct links."

Lyons Hall senator Erinn Riley said a more localized version of "The Week" e-mails sent out within the dorm rather than across the whole campus might be more successful.

Senators also discussed posters and other information displays on campus.

"A lot of people in my dorm like the table tents in dining halls that are quick and easy," McDermott said. "But many people overlooked posters because there are so many."

Student Senate also discussed possible changes to midterms week.

"During finals week there are limitations on what activities are available so there will not be a ton of distractions," Bell said. "During midterms week all those commitments are still out there."

Some members of Senate

said they wanted more emphasis on midterms week.

"Midterms are usually as much as or about five percent less of my grade than my final exams," chief of staff Nick Ruof said. "But midterms week seems the same as any other week in the semester."

Most senators said the schedule for midterms was too staggered to limit help everyone.

"Most clubs also recognized that it was time for midterms and everyone was busy," Cavanaugh senator Tegan Chapman said. "Nothing needs to be mandated."

Soler concluded the meeting by reminding the senators to save their costumes for the Harry Potter dinner to be held on Nov. 17.

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## Hub

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mini resume online — it becomes a living document."

Adam said the Hub is also about getting advice from others in the Notre Dame community and addressing communication issues between students in different colleges.

"It's been a really interdisciplinary project," she said. "We're sponsored by CUSE, and pulling in money from [various] academic departments."

Baranay said other universities have networking sites similar to the Hub, but theirs are based on more of a social model. The Hub's focus is much more academic.

"CUNY [The City University of New York] has a site called the CUNY Commons, which is not as specific as the Hub," he said. "In terms of prestigious universities, Notre Dame is the first one pushing towards this [kind of thing]."

Adam and Baranay began actively working on the Hub

last May. They met with senior Cristin O'Connor over the summer, who was developing the site's layout and design.

"In terms of the architecture — that was mostly done by OIT-affiliated students," Baranay said.

Baranay said former professor of Anthropology Daniel Lende originally came up with the idea for blogs spotlighting research and academic engagements at Notre Dame. Lende then contacted Cecilia Lucero, assistant director of Undergraduate Research in the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE). Lucero got in touch with Adam and Baranay, who have been working on the project ever since.

Lucero is the current advisor for the Hub.

"We have a big mix of people on the editorial team," Baranay said. "Everyone has different interests, which is [what we wanted]."

Besides Adam, Baranay and Lucero, the Hub team includes freshman Chris Moore, sophomore Eric Huang, juniors Rosie Conover and Amanda

Jonovski, and seniors Annette Ruth, Cristin O'Connor and Dan Jacobs, who is also the photo editor at The Observer.

The Hub itself is public, but in order to post entries or comments, a Notre Dame ID is required. Baranay said right now they are focusing on reaching out to undergraduates, faculty and staff but including alumni is a long-term goal.

"We've had a really positive response," Adam said. "It's a new way to engage in the discussions we're already engaging in, but in a more public way."

Baranay agreed. "The Hub is about pushing yourself beyond what your familiar with, doing something more," he said.

A launch party will take place today from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Student Center. Free Jimmy John's sandwiches, T-shirts and books will be provided.

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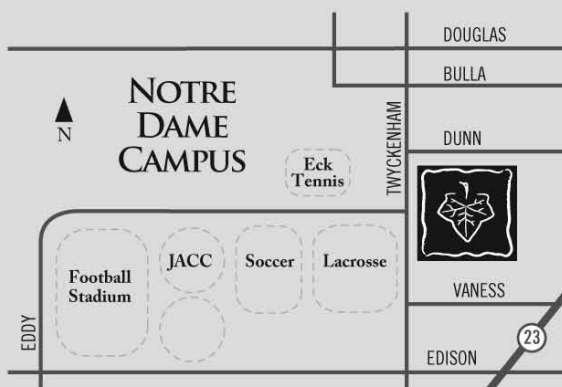
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# Green Dot Initiative combats domestic violence

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary's Editor

An initiative to prevent domestic violence has helped 13 Saint Mary's students so far this school year, director of the Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) Connie Adams said.

Adams presented to the Student Government Association (SGA) at its meeting Wednesday to discuss the Green Dot program, an initiative to help prevent domestic violence.

BAVO began its office this year at the College, and the fact that students have used it shows the need for this kind of action on campus, Adams said.

"There is such a need here and these are issues that affect all of us," she said.

The Green Dot Initiative encourages people to not ignore violence or situations

that may lead to violence when they see it, Adams said.

"Green dots are very simple decisions, very simple actions we can take in our everyday lives," she said. "[Green dots are] those times when you witness something that doesn't seem quite right [and] finding ways when you see those things happen that you can really do something about it, taking that extra step."

Adams said there are many different motives why people avoid these situations, even when they suspect violence may be an issue.

"There are a lot of reasons we don't take that extra step; we're embarrassed, we wonder if what we see is really what we see, or we're shy and don't want to get noticed," she said.

According to Adams, one in four women will experi-

ence violence in their lifetime, which creates red dots, or acts of violence that she said do not need to be the case.

"If we do nothing it is an acceptance of what is happening and every time we accept it, it's a red dot," she said.

For students interested in helping with the program can attend an informational meeting in the basement of Holy Cross today at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a training session on Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for students. Adams said there are limited slots, so students should RSVP if they are interested.

Students who are interested can contact her at [cadams@saintmarys.edu](mailto:cadams@saintmarys.edu).

Rachael Chesley, student body president, also discussed two new SGA initiatives being launched next week; the Board's new web-

site and its Discount Program, which will provide student discounts at select vendors when they are out in the South Bend community.

Chesley said the Board will be working to market the website to students and hopefully making it part of the "Quicklinks" on the main Saint Mary's site.

"We want to try to get students to utilize it now so it becomes more habitual and they use it all the time," Chesley said.

Information about the Discount Program will be included on the new website. Students will be able to use their ID cards to receive the discounts.

"[Students] don't have to register for it," Chesley said. "It's just a benefit for students."

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moral criteria in their push for health care reform, which include respect for life and conscience, affordability for the poor and access to much-needed basic health care for immigrants, Saile said.

"Politically, the USCCB was one of the only pro-life organizations that supported health care reform," she said. "That really kept as the table when the bill was being debated and discussed."

She said the USCCB came to an agreement with pro-life Democrats that health care would not be used for the federal funding of abortions.

"The bill had to be fixed so that we could honestly say it didn't provide for federal funding of abortions," she said. "In the very end, the Rules Committee voted to allow one amendment, the Stupak amendment, which made that statement true."

While the USCCB recognizes that the bill would provide quality and affordable access to health care, there still are some issues, Saile said.

"Immigrants would still most significantly be left out of health care," she said. "Even legal immigrants are somewhat cut out."

Saile said much of the health care bill has yet to be written.

"A great deal of the bill uses the phrase, 'the secretary shall,' which means there isn't a set policy in place," she said. "It is important to continue to monitor what is going on with health care in the United States."

Bishops in the United States have been talking about the need for accessible and affordable health care throughout the 20th century, Saile said.

"Health care is a moral issue and something that everyone, created in the image and likeness of God, has a right to," she said. "And that message has been constant in the USCCB's teachings."

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Honoring Declan

The entire Notre Dame family was deeply shocked and saddened by the news that 20-year-old Declan Sullivan died Wednesday in a tragic accident.

Those who knew Declan best remember a driven, passionate young man who always had a smile on his face. Declan was a valued contributor to The Observer's Scene section, and while I didn't know him as well as some others on staff, I have fond memories of several of the stories he wrote for us. He was never afraid to approach an intimidating interview, and he consistently delivered arts and entertainment articles that demonstrated his enthusiasm for music and film while showcasing the personality loved by those closest to him.

After attending an on-campus performance by The Roots and Mike Posner last spring, for example, Declan wrote a colorful review that expressed his satisfaction with the concert. Though we had to remove a certain adverb that preceded "epic" before sending the article to print, we still get a great laugh here in the office when we remember Declan's "creative" writing skills.

As a film student, Declan found interesting angles and presented unique insights in his stories, truly making each assignment his own. He secured interviews with rapper Shwayze and comedians Mike Birbiglia and Michael Ian Black, further demonstrating his commitment to the newspaper and his ability to connect with others. Declan was close with several members of The Observer staff, and he struck the perfect balance between being laid-back but excited to lay the groundwork to take on those tougher stories.

Our editorial board had already gathered Wednesday before we heard Declan's name, and we were together when we heard the shocking news. The Observer is a tightly knit organization, and Declan was a part of our family here at the paper. As we worked to speak to those who knew Declan and to tell the community about his life, we couldn't forget that we were writing about one of our own. He was in the office earlier in the day Wednesday to turn in a routine reimbursement form. It still seems unreal that we will not get any more "epic" reviews from Declan.

We join Declan's family and friends and the entire Notre Dame community in prayer and remembrance as we honor Declan and all of his contributions, not only to The Observer, but also to the University and to everyone he touched.

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**Matt Gamber**

*Editor-in-Chief*

# A new era of slavery

The other day, a friend of mine brought up the fact he wouldn't mind paying 50 percent of what he made in taxes. Take a minute to think about that. That would mean that half of your working life would be as a virtual slave to the government. For the average person that would be 15-20 years of bondage where you worked long hours at your job without receiving your rightful pay. Sure, you get to choose where you work, but that is like trying to differentiate the slave that works in the house and the one that works in the field. Even a third of your income today going to the government makes you a part time slave. When you think about it in those terms, the fact that you will have to work twice as hard to get where you want to be by the time you retire is unbelievable. Well surely we are getting something for that money, and yes, we are — the greatest military in the world, a well established highway network and a mostly fair system of law to name a few — but we are increasingly getting stuff that a lot of us don't need from the government.

The government should not be bailing out failed companies and buying uncompetitive automakers with taxpayer dollars. Real health care reform needs to be implemented, not costly insurance reform in disguise. There is no strategy in the decade-long global war on terrorism, not due to lack of ability by our military, but lack of leadership from a president who inherited the war and refuses to end it like he promised. Taxation is too complicated. It should be obvious to

everyone how much they owe and the fact that is complicated is costing everyone tons of money and time. Social Security is virtually bankrupt and Americans are not getting their money's worth. Our out of control spending policies of the last decade (by Republican and Democrat controlled congresses) have made spending our way out of the recession through government stimulus a very risky move.

All these factors plus many others are creating an unsustainable debt that will lead to only three scenarios. One: We come to our senses, make the tough cuts and reforms as a people, and balance our national budget in the next few years. Two: We collapse in the greatest depression in world history when we can't pay off our debt and world financial markets freeze, probably leading to war and chaos. Three: We "own up" to our mistakes and enslave the middle and upper class of our country by taxing them to death and beyond until we pay off our incredible government spending.

The first scenario is difficult, but obviously the best option for everyone involved. Unfortunately, most people don't see the inevitable doom we are heading toward. The poor and ignorant want their benefits and shout "screw the rich." The politicians can't fight the flow of Washington so they try to get as much of their state's share of the pork as possible from the money printing machines that spew out more and more worthless paper every month. The unemployed desperately search for relief. And everyone else is disillusioned by a government that isn't listening to the people.

The second scenario is highly possible given the interconnectedness of

global markets. It only takes a small catalyst to expose the big cracks that still remain in our financial base. A European power that falls apart, a collapsed dollar, a WMD terrorist attack, an unstable Iran or N. Korea or a greedy China or Russia can put the world over the edge on any given day.

The third scenario is most probable given the vast size of the US and the diversity of our economy. We can keep saving ourselves from complete disaster but someone has to pay for our irresponsibility and instead of the politicians, it will be hard working Americans who employ people and generate wealth. Guess who is going to be among that group? Yes, pretty much every single student that reads this article (college educated leaders on large and small scales). There is already talk about the biggest tax hike in US history coming soon, so don't think it can't happen to us. "The Overseer," known to us as the IRS, is already in place to keep you honest.

Slavery never works, because no matter how hard the slave works the results are the same. The slave remains enslaved and there are no rewards for doing better. Imagine this breaking of our collective will across the country and you will see why this likely future will kill our way of life from top to bottom.

Are you ready to be a slave? The day is coming when you won't have a choice.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jelly-beans."*

**Ronald Reagan**  
Former United States president

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to the Editor at

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius."*

**Comte de Buffon**  
French mathematician



## Let's hear it for the underdogs

I couldn't help but overhear two of my colleagues commiserating the other day about the miserable state of this year's World Series. Perhaps they miss the presence of their own beloved Phillies and Red Sox, or possibly they feel genuine concern for the financial straits they have predicted for FOX, stuck with two such underwhelming potential champions. And maybe their forecast of doom will prove correct — unless you're from San Francisco, or you're one of the few people in Texas who has realized they have a baseball team, weren't you hoping for a series played by big-name players from big-name teams?

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

Well I say, let's hear it for the little guy. The history of Christianity is filled with unexpected people receiving unexpected chances: Imagine Mary, an unwed teenager, selected to bear the Messiah, or a bunch of moderately successful fishermen chosen to share in that Messiah's life and work. We meet Zacchaeus in this Sunday's gospel — perhaps the most famous little guy in the gospels, both

by stature and reputation. He had a job and apparently quite a bit of money, but the Jewish people despised him for working for the government of the hated Roman occupiers, and they suspected him of embezzling as well. He ended up surprising everybody, as underdogs often do when you simply give them a chance. Jesus — who one might argue spent his life as an underdog himself — seemed to have a sense that Zacchaeus had something in him, some potential for goodness and integrity that everyone else had overlooked. And whether it had been in him all the time or the loving presence of Jesus Christ called it out of him, Zacchaeus rose to the occasion with a burst of generosity that gave him a new and eternal greatness: "Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus tells the grumbling crowd, and 2,000 years later we still read the story of little Zacchaeus in the context of our own salvation history.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of saints Simon and Judas, two of those apostles of Jesus, who remained so unknown that they are

usually simply referenced by who they're not: This Simon is not Simon Peter (the famous Simon), and this Judas (also called Jude or sometimes Thaddeus) is not Judas Iscariot. So these two are barely ever remembered as part of Jesus' band of apostles, unless you had to memorize their names in grade-school religion class, and yet imagine how their lives were transformed by their participation in Christ's public ministry. Our tradition holds that Simon and Judas eventually suffered martyrdom for their beliefs and their willingness to preach the message of the risen Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth."

Remember what Mary, an unexpected hero if ever there was one, said to Elizabeth regarding her potential status as single-mom-to-be (surely not a desirable demographic in ancient Israel)? "My soul magnifies the Lord ... he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant ... He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." Mary's Magnificat is truly an anthem for the little guy.

And so for anyone complaining about the two relatively anonymous teams in the World Series, consider just enjoying the opportunity to root for the unexpected participants we find at the top of this year's heap. The Giants last won it all in 1954, and the Rangers have never — never! — even been to the World Series. Mary, and Zacchaeus, and Simon (not Peter) and even Jesus were all once people no one had heard of. If you do end up watching the games (and FOX sure hopes that plenty of us will) let them remind us again and again that goodness, even greatness, often comes from the most unexpected people and places. We ought to then live with hearts as open as Mary, as bold as Zacchaeus, as generous and loving as Jesus. We never know whose lives might be transformed ... including our own.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Lay off

In response to the recent opinions in the viewpoint section, articles such as "Celebrate Seniors" (Oct. 26) and "Absence of toughness" (Oct. 26) are unfair to both our football program and the athletic department. I believe that it is obnoxious that one fan can possibly have a letter published about how he should "storm the field," after a loss. As an athlete here at Notre Dame and on a competitive team (fencing) that realistically can win a national title every year, the last thing I would want to see in my campus newspaper is an article by a fellow student which would celebrate our loss for a national title. Letters like this are not motivational, but rather insulting to the program and won't change anything.

Although students have criticized the apathy of the alumni, it needs to be remembered that the lack of motivation starts from the ground up with the students and fans. Writing letters which are negative towards the players only adds up to the incredible amount of stress players already receive from media, alumni, bloggers and especially Mark May.

The stigma of losing is more taxing for the players than any fan or class here at Notre Dame. No one will remember any individual fan or student, but people later down the road will point out names of players and coaches. They don't need our help thinking about that.

To follow up, if you feel important insulting the football team by writing in a newspaper, go further. I would love to hear you say how awful the team is to the faces of say, Dayne and company. They would love to hear your opinions in person. And how about next time you fail at anything (a test, a Madden game, attempted hookup, etc.), let's invite the football team to painfully insult you with low blows and storm your residence.

Jack Piasio  
sophomore  
Stanford Hall  
Oct. 27

Break's over.

Stop slacking and  
write in a letter.

### UWIRE

## The suicide vest

I am brown, Muslim and Pakistani.

You'd think those credentials would normally make me immune from terrorist attacks, considering it is widely believed that most terrorists are also brown, Muslim and Pakistani.

Unfortunately, the war on terror, and terror itself, is all but normal. This is the story of a Pakistani struggling with that abnormality. The more we try to simplify the situation, the less we have in our arsenal against extremist ideology. The best I can do in this column is complicate things for you, since grappling with confusion is better than settling for simplification.

Zeerak Ahmed

*The Daily  
Princetonian*

As much as most modern Pakistanis distance themselves from an extremist ideology, it only takes a trip to New York's John F. Kennedy Airport to remind me that we will remain connected to the so-called "fundamentalist tendencies" back home. After all the time I've spent there, the secondary inspection room is no longer something that I need to get used to. It has already become a place to catch up on reading and meet other people who are also perhaps missing their connecting flights and have a headache. The poor pilots aren't even spared.

"Did you go anywhere but Pakistan?" an officer asked me last December. "No," I said. "Have you ever been in a military?" "Have you ever owned a firearm?" Similar replies. This September, the whole charade lost its drama. The wait, much longer, was now quite anticlimatic. All they wanted to know was whether I lived on campus. "All that waiting for nothing?" I thought. "At least give me some credit for the hippie garb I'm trying to pull off. Heck, even the Pakistani authorities send me to anti-narcotics until they realize I'm going to New York."

We Pakistanis make jokes about everything (albeit, as you perhaps have witnessed now, and understand if you've ever talked to me, not very good ones). We learn ways to tune out all that goes on around us. Does that make me an innocent bystander? Or does that make me guilty of ignorance?

I've lived in Pakistan for 20 years now. The last few have been turbulent, perhaps dangerous. But I've never witnessed an attack first-hand. Does that mean I'm not from the Pakistan most people imagine? Does that mean I'm elite (or elitist) or just plain lucky?

A few days ago, one of my father's colleagues was gunned down because of his continued public criticism of the extremist philosophy. He had been under threat, he knew what was coming, but he kept going, trying to get his word across. This was a great loss to the moderate cause and to humanity in general.

Does that episode make me more of a bystander? Or perhaps more of a victim?

If I say I understand where the extremists are coming from, does that make me more dangerous? I'm not

saying I agree with them, but their thought process is plausible. It is flawed, but it contains some degree of logic.

And what do I make of the fact that these fighters, criminals (although heinous ones), are not granted the same rights that prisoners or combatants must be in all other situations? What are we to say about the people who are unfortunate enough to live in the same village as one of these "terrorists" and are killed in an unsanctioned drone strike that was meant to eliminate the "threat"?

Sure, our president is far enough from the reality of things to say that collateral damage does not worry him, but should that prompt us to forget the values that our country holds and apply separate standards to some segment of our citizenry?

I ask a lot of questions. I don't have many answers. Things are complicated, and they can't just be separated into right and wrong. Similarly, many Pakistanis can't be classified as one or the other, as terrorist or not terrorist, threat or not a threat, Taliban or not Taliban.

The military has launched a full-scale war against these extremist elements. But Pakistanis were also confused when the war started. Many soldiers would ask, should we fight these men that claim to be holier than we are? Is it possible that perhaps they have some weight in their argument? Is it right to just go out and try to kill them?

The decision became easier once schools, colleges and places of worships were attacked. What used to be sacred places are now battlegrounds. Every Thursday night, Sufi worshippers will worry whether they will come out alive from their shrines. The army, the police and the government are threatened, as are foreigners at times, but the individual citizen now bears the brunt of the threat. Every Friday, we no longer hug each other as we go to prayer; we pat each other down. Who knows where that suicide vest is hiding?

Dialogue in the United States about Pakistan, and about the Muslim world in general, is oversimplified. There are no dichotomies. Muslims are often the "other" in most discussions in this part of the world. Every now and then I hear how many Americans have never met a Muslim or a Pakistani but would like to meet one. And every now and then I hear a Pakistani saying that there's only so much they can do — of course a Pakistani will try to present the other side of Pakistan, but everyone's sick of that story.

I am brown, Muslim and Pakistani, and I'm confused. I hope you are too.

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By LAUREN HENDERSON  
Scene Writer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to enroll as an MFA student here at Notre Dame? Or are you just curious to find out more about the art that is created here on campus? If so, you can learn more about both the MFA program and the arts from current MFA students Friday at the Fall Walkthrough event.

The Fall Walkthrough, which will run for most of the day on Friday (9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3:30 p.m.), presents an opportunity to see the MFA students' artwork in person, and to discuss their work and the program in general. Represented concentrations will include ceramics, design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Kamilah Campbell, a first year sculpture student, explains that the MFA Walkthrough program

was started to give professors from different areas in the department a chance to become familiar with all of the students' work before the final review.

Campbell, who graduated from Clemson University with a BFA in Sculpture, will be showing non-representational forms created from melding chitlins with fabric. She explained that her work "navigates my family relationships and religious upbringing" and, in the end, intends to "reconcile the two." In general, these sculptures comment on the human condition, as the chitlins act as a substitute for the human form.

Another first year student, Nick Roudebush, came to Notre Dame after graduating from Wabash College with a BA in Art, concentrating in Ceramics. Roudebush's work investigates landscapes through clay, while retaining some influences from his earlier work, such as his "interest

in collecting" and "Eastern aesthetic sensibilities." At the Walkthrough, he will be "showing some work about the poetry of collecting and the effect of agriculture on landscape. With this work, I intend to spur discussion on contemporary agriculture issues like food storage, government subsidies and reformed landscape."

Both Campbell and Roudebush strongly encourage all undergraduate students interested in the MFA program to attend the event on Friday. According to Campbell, "Seeing other students' work and letting them tell you their thoughts behind it encourages you to do something that you may not have thought possible before." Roudebush adds that the Walkthrough allows undergraduates to "not only see some interesting and challenging work, but also some of the obstacles and challenges that current artists are working through. This event really uncovers

the process of making, and I believe a lot can be learned from understanding some of these challenges in the contemporary art world."

Their work is just a sampling of what will be shown this Friday; 20 students in total will be presenting. The 2010 Fall Walkthrough will take place in Riley Hall, with the following schedule:

**Friday, October 29: 9-11 a.m.**

Ceramics:  
Jessica Zekus: Room 120E  
Design:  
Marie Bourgeois: Room 210  
Stephen Pennington: Room 210  
Julia Shin: Room 210  
Painting:  
Jason Cytacki: Room 317  
Jackson Zorn: Room 315  
Photography:  
Matt Bean: Room 216  
Joseph Small: Room 216  
Printmaking:  
Virginia Hungate-Hawk: Room 322  
Sculpture:

Benjamin Funke: Room 100

**Friday, October 29: 1-3:30 p.m.**

Ceramics:  
Chad Hartwig: Room 119W  
Nick Roudebush: Room 119E  
Design:  
Mayra Duarte: Room 210  
Aaron Huffman: Room 210  
Charlotte Lux: Room 210  
Painting:  
Amanda Joseph: Room 315  
Photography:  
Christine Lenzen: Room 216  
Printmaking:  
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Sculpture:  
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Scene Writer

"Red" is, at its most basic, exactly what you expect it to be — an excuse for a bunch of aging (but still great) movie stars to wield big guns and prove they've still got "it." And is there anything wrong with that? "Red" isn't likely to be on anyone's Top 10 list this year, but it's the type of cheesy cinematic thrill that deserves a lit-

**'Red'**

**Directed by:** Fobert Schwentke  
**Starring:** Bruce Willis, Mary-Louise Parker, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren



tle appreciation. It's a fun movie. It's fun to watch Bruce Willis keep doing his tough guy thing, even at the age of 55. It's fun to watch Morgan Freeman pretend to be a French diplomat. It's fun to watch John Malkovich put on his paranoid-neurotic-but-deadly persona. And it's really fun to watch Dame Helen Mirren shoot a machine gun.

The film centers on Willis' Frank Moses and his motley crew of RED (Retired Extremely Dangerous) cohorts. When the CIA tries to kill Moses and his crush, Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker), he gathers the old gang together to try to figure out why. That gang includes Freeman's nursing home-bound Joe Matheson; Marvin Boggs (Malkovich), who was once given daily doses of LSD and Victoria (Mirren), a

deadly assassin.

The plot features typical political corruption, a fairly predictable ending and lots of explosions. With few surprises along the way, "Red" relies on its veteran cast, which also includes recent "Star Trek" star Karl Urban and famed Scottish actor Brian Cox, to make the movie more than just a stale, formulaic action flick. And the vets deliver.

Bruce Willis can take down a handful of trained CIA agents without blinking an eye. Morgan Freeman has deadly aim with a handgun. John Malkovich has even deadlier aim when facing large missiles. And Helen Mirren maintains a composure reminiscent of her turn in "The Queen" when firing a machine gun. The four, along with their talented costars, are hilarious to boot.

The comedy draws primarily on geriatric jokes and strange accents, but in the hands of these seasoned pros, even the cheesiest joke is still funny.

The cast really is superb, bringing their best to the table and clearly having a ball in the process. Helen Mirren and John Malkovich, though, are certainly the most memorable. There's something about the image of Malkovich in a coat of dynamite running like a madman or Mirren in a regal white gown with combat boots on that is hard to forget. Karl Urban, in one of the bigger roles of his career, does a great job as the CIA is-he-good-or-bad agent. His fight scene with Bruce Willis is a definite "Red" highlight.

With a lesser cast, "Red" probably would have been horrible. It's unique because it's

an action movie starring an over-50 cast. But that's where the movie's distinctiveness ends. However, director Robert Schwentke ("The Time Traveler's Wife") seems keenly aware of the material and plays up the shtick. He emphasizes all the right moments for a film that is a great blend of comedy, action and Hollywood superstardom.

Ultimately, "Red" is entirely reliant on its fantastic cast to hold it together. Without them, specifically Willis, Freeman, Malkovich and Mirren, "Red" would be subpar at best. Even with them, it's more an enjoyable cinematic romp than a good movie. But there is exuberance in the performances that make "Red" worth seeing.

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# Weekend Events Calendar

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# CATFISH FALLS FLAT AS A SOCIAL NETWORKING FILM

By SHANE STEINBERG  
Scene Writer

Twenty minutes into the new viral-sensation documentary film "Catfish," I had shivers running up and down my back as I sat on the edge of my seat. I was entranced by the film's intriguing story and a shocking revelation I could feel coming. Twenty minutes after the movie ended, I felt a bottomless pit in my stomach — the kind you get after you see something very unsettling.

Only, "Catfish" wasn't unset-

ling, per se, but rather frustrating in that it builds to a roaring climax that has such incredible promise, but then falls flat not because it's a "bad" movie, but because it chooses to delve into the wrong themes.

Without giving away too much, "Catfish" is like a hall-of-mirrors film that answers what's real and what's fake while barely scratching the surface of what it all means. That may work for some films which beg for an inner deconstruction of the plot in order to figure out what's really going on and what are the implications, but it lends to the seemingly unfinished, unsavory feel of the film.

If there has ever been a movie that could be spoiled with a plot summary it is "Catfish." The film starts off when Nev Schulman, a photog-

rapher from New York, receives a series of paintings from Abby, an eight-year-old girl from Michigan. The two forge an online correspondence over Facebook, which prompts Nev's brother Ariel and his best friend Henry, to make a documentary about the friendship. What ensues is a cat-and-mouse game of love and deception when Nev starts talking to Abby's mother, Angela, and her older sister, Megan, whom Nev strikes a romantic connection with.

What starts off as an unassuming project that could have ended up anywhere between the lines of "My Kid Could Paint That" to just another recycled, sappy love story ends as anything but. "Catfish" is, after all, a story of love and deception in the internet age. It is inherently a product of its time, yet the film turns its back on the most intriguing route it could have taken: an exploration of how we desire that "connection"

and how online deception fits into the equation. Instead, "Catfish" falls short of being the social critique it could and should have been, and coils up into a state of mediocrity.

Somewhere between the time when the audience is clinging to those sticky minutes before "the big reveal" and the time when it's safe to say that the film fades into that aforementioned state of mediocrity, "Catfish" takes a wrong turn was made that could have been avoided. By the film's end, when the "protagonist" and "antagonist" sit in a children's room staring eye-to-eye for the last time as they face the reality of their respective realities, it's near impossible to tell just who wins and who loses, and most of all, who's who in this story. Who is the hero, and who is the villain, if there is one at all? And most importantly, just what does it all mean?

Juxtaposing the pathetic, yet human image of Mark

Zuckerberg sitting at his computer waiting for his ex-girlfriend to accept his friend request in "The Social Network" with the themes at the heart of "Catfish," it becomes clear that social networking is about "connecting." It's about simply connecting and establishing a form of closeness and openness that we so rarely achieve, regardless of how many friends we have on Facebook.

The characters at the heart of the film, both coming from different worlds, desired the barest level of connection, and achieved so much more — before the truth set in and reality washed over them like a bucket of ice water. Somewhere along the line that was lost, and that's where the film becomes too jumbled and gets lost in itself before the end credits roll and the opportunity is wasted.

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## 'Catfish'

Directed by: Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman





## NBA

# Wade nets 30 in Heat victory over Philadelphia

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh have their first win with Miami, and the Big Three got help from some big 3s in the Heat's 97-87 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Playing with purpose a night after an 88-80 loss in a hyped showdown with Boston, the three looked as if they still need some games to get used to playing with each other. Only Wade, with 30 points, looked particularly sharp against the Sixers. The Heat hit three straight 3-pointers in the third quarter to bust open an eight-point halftime lead.

James scored 16 points and Bosh had 15.

James and the Heat just couldn't squash the Sixers, who went on a 15-3 run late in the fourth to make it surprisingly competitive.

Wade's tough driving layup gave him 30 points—on 10-for-20 shooting—and sealed the win.

A James—not LeBron—led the Heat. James Jones hit 6-of-9 3s and scored 20 points. The Heat shot 50 percent from 3-point range—enough to make up for

tough shooting nights from James and Bosh (combined 11 for 24). James had nine turnovers.

"When we have our long ball going like that, it's unlimited what we can do offensively," James said.

Up next, Friday's home opener against Orlando.

For all the buzz surrounding the Heat, there were plenty of patches of empty seats in the announced sellout crowd of 20,389 in the Sixers' home opener.

Evan Turner led the Sixers with 16 points in his first NBA game. Lou Williams and Thaddeus Young had 15.

All three came off the bench to help the Sixers outscore the Heat 33-17 in the fourth.

"We know every night we go out, a team is going to want to beat the Miami Heat," James said. "Especially on the road, you're going to have the opposing crowd on you all game."

James heard the loudest boos when he was introduced from fans that can deliver them as vociferously as any city in the league. He heard them occasionally during the game, but the vol-

ume was turned down and the noise mostly disappeared as the Heat pulled away.

"I've been booed my whole NBA career," James said. "They boo you because they love the way you play basketball."

One fan's sign called James "LeBum, the lyin' King" while another read "I witnessed no championship."

James was slow to warm up, and played the first quarter like it was a preseason game. He was whistled for a travel, an offensive foul and threw the ball out of bounds off a drive down the lane.

James drew a crowd of onlookers during warmups, including several members of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Before the game, James said he already forgotten all about the Boston loss. He didn't seem to care about suggestions that teams were playing harder with a chance to shine against the marquee team in the NBA.

"I've been a friend of that bulls-eye for a long time," James said.

Jones was the one right on target.

He hit four 3s during a 16-2 run



Miami's Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, and LeBron James earned their first win this season against Philadelphia Wednesday.

in the second quarter that gave the Heat a 49-41 lead at the break. For most of the first half, the fired-up Sixers gave Miami a bit of a run. In Doug Collins' first game as coach, the Sixers led 26-24 until Jones sparked a 10-0 run with the first 3 of his spurt.

The Heat kept rolling from long distance in the third quarter. Jones hit two around one from

Eddie House and the lead was 76-51. Miami was up 80-54 after three.

As for the Sixers, Collins said before the game his pieces didn't all fit. It showed when he started Jason Kapono—one of the team leaders in DNP-CD's last season. Kapono and starters Spencer Hawes and Jru Holiday combined for eight points.

## NBA

# New-look Cavaliers win season opener against Boston

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron's former team has already done something his new, super team in sunny Miami couldn't: Beat Boston.

Playing its first game in seven years without LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers stunned the Celtics 95-87 in their season opener Wednesday night, a win that at least for one night gave local fans reason to believe that life will be OK minus the two-time MVP.

J.J. Hickson scored 21 points, Daniel Gibson added 16 — all in the second half — and the Cavaliers made several big, clutch plays to hold off the Celtics, who defeated James and the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

Rajon Rondo scored 18, Paul Pierce 13, Ray Allen 12 and Kevin Garnett had 15 rebounds for Boston, which led by 11 points in the third quarter but was outscored 27-14 in the fourth.

Gibson, who missed his first eight shots, made four free

throws in the final 17.2 seconds for Cleveland, dealt a devastating blow in July when James announced he was leaving as a free agent. The loss rocked a city that hasn't celebrated a pro sports championship since 1964 and triggered predictions the Cavaliers would slide back among the NBA's bottom dwellers.

Not just yet.

As the final seconds ticked off, Cleveland fans jumped for joy, owner Dan Gilbert pumped his fist and hugged those sitting near him, first-year coach Byron Scott smiled and confetti fell from the ceiling like it did so many times while James was around.

With the score tied 86-all, Cleveland's Anthony Parker drilled a 3-pointer with one tick left on the 24-second shot clock. Boston got a tip-in from Glen Davis, and during a timeout, the officials reviewed Parker's shot and determined it was in fact a 3.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers disagreed, shaking his head and saying "No way." Rivers

seemed to be contesting if Parker got the shot off in time. It did appear to take him several seconds to gather himself and shoot.

Allen misfired on Boston's next trip, Pierce missed another and Anderson Varejao made two free throws to put the Cavs up 91-86 with 24 seconds to go.

Rondo's free throw cut it to four, but Gibson made two free throws to make it 93-87. Pierce then missed again, and Gibson put it away with two more free throws, giving the Cavs some sense of revenge after being bumped from the playoffs last season by Boston.

The Cavs played without starting point guard Mo Williams, still working his way back from a groin injury before camp training camp opened. Scott said Williams is "day to day" and wants him to get another few practices before he returns. Williams played in just one preseason game because of the injury, and missed five days recently to attend his father-in-law's

funeral in Mississippi.

Things have changed dramatically since the teams met in the playoffs last season. James is with Miami; former Cavs coach Mike Brown is looking for work after being fired; Shaquille O'Neal and Delonte West swapped wine-and-gold jerseys for green-and-white ones, and Scott returned to coaching after a spin as a TV analyst.

There wasn't a trace of James inside an arena he helped put on the NBA's map. Earlier in the day on a building outside, a giant black-and-white banner depicting Cleveland's skyline was hung in the exact spot where James' iconic image once towered over downtown.

No. 23 is gone, but hardly forgotten. He'll be back on Dec. 2, and Cleveland fans can't wait.

While walking around the city, Rivers received congratulatory handshakes from Cavs fans who thanked him for beating James.

"I got lots of them," Rivers said, laughing. "They said,

'Thank you.' I thought it was pretty funny."

Before the game, Gilbert said he did not regret criticizing James in the hours after the superstar announced he was leaving as a free agent. Gilbert sent out a scathing letter to Cleveland fans, calling James "narcissistic" and "cowardly." Later that night, James told The Associated Press that he felt James quit on the Cavs in Game 5 last season against the Celtics.

Gilbert didn't back off from any of his remarks, and believes the Cavs are still a playoff team without James.

"This team can certainly make the playoffs and maybe beyond that," he said. "I'm like anybody else. I can't wait to see it. We have some very good players and some very good players coming off the bench. Not a lot of teams have the quality of Antawn Jamison and Daniel Gibson coming off the bench. When you think of it in that sense, and having the kind of quality coach we have, anything can happen."

It already has.

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"I would never have called up Magic and Larry and suggested teaming up. I wanted to beat those guys!" - Michael Jordan

If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome. -Michael Jordan

**NBA**

# NBA to move draft to new location in Newark

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The NBA will hold its 2011 draft in Newark, N.J., while Madison Square Garden undergoes renovations.

Commissioner David Stern said Wednesday the event might keep moving around even after the work on the Garden is completed.

The draft will take place at the Prudential Center on June 23, Stern said before the New Jersey Nets' season opener against the Detroit Pistons. The Nets will play their home games at the arena for the next two years before a planned move to Brooklyn.

The NBA hasn't decided where to hold the 2012 and 2013 drafts while the Garden is under construction — and it may keep the road show going beyond that.

Stern said the NBA had been thinking about moving the draft around again even before it learned the Garden wouldn't be available.

"The fact that it wasn't, it gave us the capacity to begin talking to a lot of other cities," he said. "I think it may have changed our perspective a little bit, because the draft has become a really culturally different event and a source of great popularity and publicity."

The draft was held in New York from 1979, when it became a

public event, through 1991, and from 2001 until this past summer. In between, though, it bounced around North America for nine years, including a stop in the Nets' former home in East Rutherford, N.J., in 1996.

With Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov about to watch a game as Nets owner for the first time, Stern joked that the NBA could hold the draft in Moscow.

The Prudential Center, which opened in 2007, is home to the NHL's New Jersey Devils and Seton Hall basketball. The WNBA's New York Liberty announced last month they'd play the next three seasons at the Prudential Center while the Garden was renovated.

"We considered other cities. We had some relatively attractive offers," Stern said. "But we thought that with the Nets coming here and the excitement that's going to be generated for Newark, it was really the time to put the draft here."

Newark Mayor Cory Booker suggested that future cities should be picked through 1-on-1 basketball games between their mayors — as long as Sacramento's Kevin Johnson, the former Phoenix Suns All-Star, is disqualified. But Booker said he'd take on Detroit's mayor, 66-year-old Hall-of-Famer Dave Bing.



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## MLB

# Barry Bonds still influential in San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The statue out front says Willie. The cove past right field belongs to McCovey.

But the place still feels an awful lot like Barry.

Not in the Giants locker room, where the leather recliner Barry Bonds liked to sit in and watch his own personal big screen TV is gone. Tim Lincecum has the corner spot now, and has plenty of room since the massive ego of baseball's greatest — and most suspect — slugger no longer resides at AT&T Park.

And maybe not over the right field fence, where regulars still paddle their kayaks furiously at even the hint of a long ball splashing near them. The home runs that used to land there with such regularity when Bonds played are now largely a novelty among the current group of small ballers who make up a not-so-fearsome Giants lineup.

But if this isn't the park Bonds built, it is the park he owned. He played in a World Series here, and he made baseball history here in front of cheering fans who found a way to ignore what seemed obvious.

"This ballpark will always be synonymous with Barry Bonds," said Barry Zito, who had the locker next to Bonds. "He's the greatest player ever to play the game."

Bonds doesn't play the game anymore, even though he still hasn't officially retired. Unsigned after his march to break Henry Aaron's record in 2007, his only real connection with the team he dominated for 15 years has been

a few perfunctory appearances at games.

The slugger who nearly carried San Francisco to its first World Series title in 2002 with home runs in the first three games was at Game 1, though in an unofficial capacity. He wasn't asked to join six Giants greats of the past — minus Willie Mays, who wasn't feeling well — in throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

It's not hard to figure out why.

The Giants have a date with destiny. He has one in a federal courtroom.

The stigma of the steroid years refuses to fade, especially for the guy who hit 73 home runs in 2001 while playing in a pitcher-friendly park. Bonds is scheduled to go on trial next March in San Francisco on charges of lying to a grand jury about taking steroids, and prosecutors have put together a list of former players who will testify against him.

Look around AT&T Park and it's hard to find any evidence the backbone of the franchise for all those years even played here. The huge banners in center field that featured his likeness during the historic home run chase are gone, and there are no "756" signs to mark the historic home run that put him on top the all-time list.

While Mays has a statue outside the main entrance and McCovey has his cove, all Bonds has is a plaque embedded in the sidewalk outside the right field wall where other milestones in Giants' history are also duly noted.

The team he once played for

has changed, too. These Giants are the anti-Barrys, a team of singles hitters who struggle to score more than a few runs a game but somehow have enough faith in each other to have made it to the World Series.

They have guys with cute nicknames like The Freak and Kung Fu Panda. There are no oversized heads, though there is one very bizarre beard.

"I think it's kind of a lesson in baseball 101, in some cases humility, in that A, we don't have a superstar and B, we really don't have a team of stars and C, we've got enough talent, whether young or old or experienced with people who have won the World Series, and also depth," general manager Brian Sabean said recently. "It's truly a team that knows that on each given day they've each got to do their job and somebody will step up and help us win a game. For that very reason the fans are endeared by it."

Bonds was hardly an endearing figure, his personality often more odorous than the scent of garlic fries that permeate this stadium. He rarely signed autographs and seemed contemptuous of the people who paid his salary.

Still, they hung chickens over the wall in right field every time an opposing pitcher gave him a free pass and cheered wildly when one of his mammoth blasts cleared the walls. The splash count on the right field wall — Bonds has 35 of the 55 balls the team hit there in 10 years — is still a reminder of the greatness fans witnessed at the plate.

It's been three years now since



Barry Bonds waves to fans in San Francisco before throwing the ceremonial first pitch before game three of the NLCS.

Bonds last splashed one in McCovey Cove, three seasons since he launched the home run that passed Henry Aaron. The Giants have moved on, declining to offer Bonds another contract.

He visited the clubhouse Wednesday and talked vaguely of helping to coach the Giants someday. Before that happens, though, there's the upcoming trial and the possibility Bonds could spend some time in a place other than on a field.

"I have a gift and sooner or later I have to give it away. I have to share it," Bonds said in a hallway before the game. "Hopefully, I'll get the opportunity here. This is where I want to

be when the time is right."

The time certainly isn't right now, not with the current team of overachievers that has a chance to give fans something equally special by winning the World Series for the first time since the Giants moved west in 1958.

With Bonds, fans often had to offer an explanation to go along with their cheers. With this group, no explanation needed.

Four more wins, and the Giants could cap the most improbable of seasons with a championship trophy.

Four more wins, and the place may not feel so much like Barry anymore.

## NBA

## Knicks hold off Raptors to open season with win

Associated Press

TORONTO — Wilson Chandler scored 22 points, Amare Stoudemire had 19 points and 10 rebounds and the New York Knicks beat the Toronto Raptors 98-93 on Wednesday night.

Chandler scored eight points in the final quarter and Stoudemire added seven for New York, which led 74-72 through three. Stoudemire, the Knicks' prize free agent acquisition, is hoping to lead New York back to the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Andrea Bargnani scored 18 points in the first half but had just four in the second for Toronto, which had won eight of its previous nine home openers. The Raptors were playing their first game without star Chris Bosh, who signed with Miami in the off-season. He spent seven years in Toronto.

Raymond Felton scored 15 points, Danilo Gallinari had 12 and Landry Fields 11 for the Knicks, with Toney Douglas adding 10.

Toronto's Reggie Evans had 16 rebounds but the Knicks

outrebounded the Raptors 49-45.

Barbosa made a 3-pointer at 10:48 of the fourth, giving Toronto a 77-76 lead, its first since the second quarter. New York reclaimed the lead before Toronto's David Andersen tied it with a 3-point play. Chandler scored on the next two possessions to give the Knicks a four-point edge, and New York never trailed again.

Jack made two free throws, then added a layup with one minute left, cutting it to 96-93. Kleiza's 3-pointer rimmed out on the next possession and, after a New York miss, Barbosa airballed a 3 from the corner, giving the Knicks the ball with three seconds remaining. Felton was fouled and iced it with a pair from the line.

Toronto trailed by 16 points early in the second but cut the deficit to one, 44-33, with an 11-0 run capped by a 3-point play by Kleiza with 3:52 left. The Knicks held firm and led 51-47 at the break.

Felton scored seven points in the third as New York carried a two-point edge into the fourth.

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NFL

# Kenny Britt begins to shine in role with Titans

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Start ticking off the NFL's biggest and best wide receivers, and names include Andre Johnson, Larry Fitzgerald, Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens.

Kenny Britt's name doesn't come to mind.

Not yet, anyway.

The Titans receiver has the size, weight and speed to be one of the NFL's top pass catchers. He put together the NFL's best performance by a receiver this season with seven catches for 225 yards and three touchdowns — all after spending the first quarter on the bench as punishment for his role in a bar fight.

Tennessee plays San Diego Sunday, and Britt certainly has Chargers coach Norv Turner's attention.

"There are just a few guys that have that rare, explosive speed and quickness," Turner said Wednesday. "When he gets going, he gets his head of steam up. In the Philadelphia game, he gets matched up with those safeties that is tough duty for everybody. He was extremely impressive in the way he played last week."

That's why the Titans made Britt the first player ever drafted out of Rutgers in the first round in 2009, looking for the kind of receiver they haven't had in years.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Britt provided glimpses of his talent as a rookie.

He led the team with 701 receiving yards — fifth in the NFL among all rookies — and played in all 16 games. He averaged 16.7 yards per catch, eighth in the NFL. His best game was against Arizona; Britt had 128 yards and the game-winning catch as time expired.

Titans cornerback Jason McCourty, who defended Britt in practice when both played at Rutgers, said Britt boasted back in college about the type of receiver he would be.

"The moment he stepped on the field, he kind of backed that up. Just the way he plays, the physical nature. He's not afraid to take a hit. The type of athleticism he possesses, I always knew he'd be able to get to this level and be able to excel," McCourty said.

But Britt, who left college after his junior year, coasted into his second NFL season — so much that Titans coaches didn't immediately clear him to practice once the team resumed its on-field training last spring.

He also has had other issues.

Britt was arrested in January for three outstanding traffic warrants (he paid the \$865 due and was released). Nashville police stopped him in August during training camp, ticketing him for driving without a license because he obtained a photo I.D. after misplacing his license.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher even benched the receiver after repeated mistakes dur-

ing a preseason game. Britt, who didn't turn 22 until five weeks ago, insisted he understood he had to focus at work.

And he did. When Justin Gage hurt his left hamstring Oct. 3 against Denver, Britt moved into the starting lineup and caught a TD pass in four straight games.

Then Britt took another step back early last Friday.

Harold Pointer, 29, told police that Britt joined in a fight and struck him several times during an altercation at the Karma Lounge, a Nashville nightclub. A police investigation into misdemeanor assault remains open.

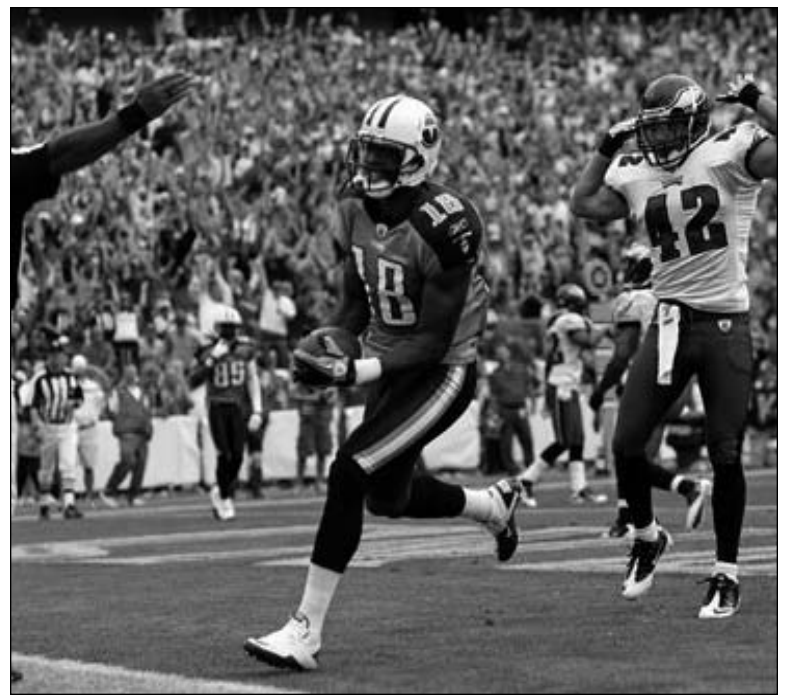
Fisher sent Britt home before practice Friday and benched him for the first quarter against Philadelphia. All of which made his performance against the Eagles even more impressive.

He had a 26-yard TD on his first series fighting off safety Ellis Hobbs for the ball before getting going in the fourth quarter. Then he had an 80-yard catch and run for a TD and a 16-yarder.

The Eagles couldn't stop him.

Britt now ranks second in the NFL with seven TD catches with a game that was the Titans' best since 2004 when Drew Bennett had 233 yards against Kansas City.

"The easy thing to do is point to the guys covering them and so on ...," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "And so, that's my responsibility



Titans wide receiver Kenny Britt scores a touchdown against the Eagles in Tennessee's 37-19 victory last Sunday.

for reeling that thing in and making sure that we, when you're given opportunities, man, that you put your foot down and you're not denied there."

Titans defensive back Vincent Fuller said Britt's play after the bar fight was a tremendous lift the receiver.

"It's a confidence thing," Fuller said. "Right now, he's playing lights out football and had been weeks prior. It's good he's able to do that and let whatever goes off the field happen and come to work."

Britt's status for Sunday remains unknown. Fisher has

said he might punish Britt further, and the coach said Wednesday he expects the legal case to be resolved by the weekend.

The receiver didn't talk to reporters on Wednesday, but Britt insisted after the Eagles' win that he has learned his lesson. Whether this game is his launching pad to more success remains to be seen.

"My focus is to stay level headed," Britt said then. "And God has a path for all of us and I believe that God has put me on a path, and I'm just following it."

NBA

# Nets finish strong to win opener over Pistons

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Anthony Morrow hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 26 seconds to play and the New Jersey Nets gave Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov a win in his first game as their owner with a 101-98 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

The Nets outscored the Pistons 13-3 in the final 1:40 to give Avery Johnson a win in his first game as coach — coming much quicker than last season, when they set an NBA record by losing their first 18 games.

Brook Lopez led the Nets with 25 points and nine rebounds, and Devin Harris added 22 points and nine assists. Morrow, who was signed a free agent in the offseason, added 13 points and Jordan Farmar and Terrence Williams each had 10.

Tayshaun Prince, Rodney Stuckey and Charlie Villanueva had 14 points apiece for the Pistons, who had seven players in double figures in the Nets' first regular-season game at the Prudential Center.

The Pistons had two chances to tie in the closing seconds. Villanueva missed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds to go and

Stuckey missed a desperation heave from the corner at the buzzer after Williams missed two free throws at the other end.

The Nets, who won a franchise-low 12 games last season, seemed headed for another opening-night loss when Richard Hamilton (13 points) hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 1:40 remaining for a 95-88 lead.

Farmar cut the gap to 95-91 with a 3-pointer from the left wing with 1:31 to play, then stripped Ben Gordon on the other end. Harris created contact with Gordon at the other end and converted a three-point play with 57 seconds left to cut the lead to 95-94.

After Stuckey missed a shot under pressure from Farmar, Morrow put the Nets ahead 97-95 after Harris nearly lost the ball and flipped it back to him.

Villanueva missed a 3-pointer on the Pistons' next possession with 18 seconds to go and Harris pushed the lead to 99-95 with two free throws with 16 seconds left.

Villanueva cut the deficit to a point with a 3-pointer with 14 seconds to go but Farmar made two free throws for the Nets' final points a second later.

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## NFL

# Young QBs look to Favre as example

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Aaron Rodgers and Mark Sanchez have followed the same set of imposing footprints to starting jobs in the NFL.

They're both from California, played in the Pac-10 in college, share the same agent and were first-round draft picks a few years apart. They're also the only quarterbacks — for now — who can say they replaced Brett Favre.

That's a unique bond that ties them together — even if they don't know each other all that well.

"I've just seen him at a few events and watched him play quite a bit in the Pac-10," said Sanchez, the New York Jets' quarterback. "He's a great guy, from what I know hanging out with him a couple of times. He's definitely, I think, one of the most underrated quarterbacks in the league."

Rodgers took over in Green Bay in 2008 — three years after being the 24th overall draft pick — following Favre's retirement and then bitter divorce from the Packers. Sanchez became the Jets' quarterback a year later, after Favre stopped in New York for one disappointing season before briefly retiring again and then signing with Minnesota.

Both have become franchise quarterbacks with bright futures, far removed from Favre's huge shadow. Rodgers is one of the league's most dangerous passers, while Sanchez has improved

greatly following a shaky rookie season.

The two will play against each other for the first time Sunday, when the Packers come to the New Meadowlands Stadium.

"He's always been a great guy," Sanchez said of Rodgers. "So, I'm excited to see him play."

They first met six years ago when Sanchez was a senior in high school and Rodgers was entering his junior season at the University of California.

"We were at a quarterback camp in Southern California and when I saw him then," Rodgers said, "I knew he had a lot of talent."

Rodgers was drafted by the Packers that spring as the successor to Favre, but had to wait patiently on the sideline for a few years. The two weren't particularly close, and Rodgers had the challenge of replacing a player who had established a legacy as a winner and fan favorite.

He helped everyone move on from Favre by becoming the first player in NFL history to throw for 4,000 yards in each of his first two seasons as a starter. Rodgers also joined San Francisco's Steve Young (1998) last season as the only quarterbacks to throw for 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns and rush for 300 yards and five scores in the same season.

"He's definitely one of the best and he's doing a heck of a job," Sanchez said. "He gets the ball to his receivers quick, is very accurate on the run and he's a really good leader for that team."

## NBA

# Duncan and Ginobili lead Spurs past Pacers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Indiana Pacers 122-109 on Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Manu Ginobili scored 22 points for the Spurs, who blew an early double-digit lead and nearly their goal of starting strong in what could be the last season for their Big Three.

Roy Hibbert led Indiana with 28 points and Danny Granger had 26. Darren Collison scored 19 points in his debut for the Pacers, who fell apart in the fourth quarter.

Tony Parker, starting the final year of his contract with the Spurs, had 20 points and nine assists.

No longer among the NBA favorites, the Spurs are mindful of beating the teams they should beat and not falling behind early in the West. San Antonio labored out of the gate with an overhauled roster last year and doesn't want to be so patient this time.

The Pacers, coming off a dreadful 32-win season,

showed promise before squandering a close game. They erased an early 10-point deficit thanks to Hibbert, who was 10 of 17 from the field, and carried a slim lead late into the third.

But the Spurs pulled away in the fourth.

Richard Jefferson opened the final quarter with a 3-pointer from the corner, and after Mike Dunleavy missed two free throws that would have tied the game, Ginobili gave the Spurs momentum for good with another 3-pointer.

Ginobili was 5 of 9 from behind the 3-point line in a familiar Big Three-led win for the Spurs. How much longer the championship trio will be together is in doubt with Parker in the final year of his contract, though the star point guard has repeatedly said he wants to remain in San Antonio.

Collison was 7 of 13 and had seven assists. The Pacers hope they've found their point guard after years of shuffling at the position, acquiring the New Orleans point guard who filled in for Chris Paul when Hornets star was injured last season.

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# Tennis

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that make it a special place to coach. Among those is the ability to maintain relationships with his players beyond graduation.

"Being at Notre Dame I am able to see a lot of my former players in the fall when they come back to football games," Louderback said. "It is always exciting to see them and their families."

He also tries to instill a certain degree of fervor the game that both he and his players love.

"I have always tried to show the passion I have for my job and hoped [the players] can find their passion," Louderback said.

Although Louderback has had a career loaded with success, he says the highlight of his career is a 2003 victory over then Big East rival Miami.

"We had lost to them the week before 6-1 and beat them 4-3 in the final," Louderback said.

This year's team, Louderback said, has its own uniqueness as well as similarities to teams he has coached in the past.

"This year is the first year that half of our team is our freshman class," Louderback said. "With that many freshmen we are going a little slower in how we practice and the concept of how we play as a team in an individual sport."

But, like Louderback's teams in the past, the Irish are looking to build on their success in the past and surpass those marks.

"We do have a bunch of competitors who like to play which has helped us do well in the past," Louderback said. "We are excited about such a young team and think we can continue to compete for a national championship."

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Irish coach Jay Louderback looks on during his team's opening match at the Eck Classic on Oct. 3.

## SMC SOCCER

# Belles finish season with win

By MAIJA GUSTIN  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's closed the book on a tough season with a win over Trine.

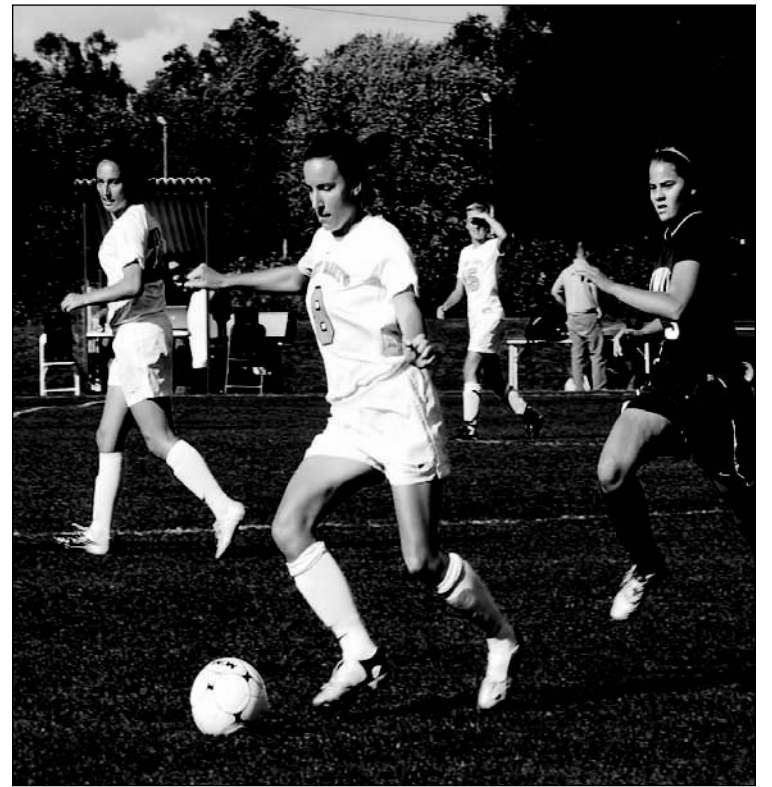
The Belles (3-16, 1-7 MIAA) traveled to Trine University (3-15-1, 0-8) for a 3-1 victory. Trine got on the board first less than five minutes into the game with a goal from senior Jen Wall. The Belles responded in the 24th minute with an unassisted goal from junior Katelyn Tondo-Steele. Two minutes later, sophomore Maddie Mecks knocked in a header off a pass from freshman Mollie Valencia for a 2-1 lead.

In the 35th minute, Tondo-Steele scored the Belles' third goal off an assist from sophomore Ashley Morfin. Sophomore goalkeeper Caitlin Walsh had two saves in goal on the night to hold Saint Mary's lead.

The Belles fired 11 shots overall, seven of which were on goal, while the Thunder got 10 shots off. The shots on goal came from senior Corissa Hart, junior Keely Noonan, Tondo-Steele and Mecks.

Belles coach Michael Joyce credits the tenacity of his players with their success.

"I think our work rate is second to none in the



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Belles sophomore defender Maddie Mecks controls the ball in Saint Mary's Sept. 8 loss to Illinois Wesleyan.

league," Joyce said. "Our players will give everything they have until the final whistle." The Belles have faced a season of tough competitors but are excited to head into the off-season with a win.

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Michael Joyce  
Belles coach

"We're looking at the game as a setup for next year. We want to finish our

season out on a positive note so we're motivated in the off-season," Joyce said. "We've competed this year but need to get a little better and are just missing one or two more quality players to really make a leap in the conference. With only one senior this year, I'm hopeful that recruiting will go well and we'll be in the win column more next year."

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## Lex

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strength of mine."

Lex is no stranger to diving success with the Irish. As a freshman, Lex finished ninth at the Big East championships in the three-meter event and earned third the following year in the same event as a sophomore. The Irish won the conference title both years.

"It is a great feeling having the team come together and accomplish something like this for Notre Dame," Lex said. "I take immense pride in being a part of something so great, and the lessons I have learned from the coaching staff as well as my teammates have been very special to me."

Lex has seen much improvement in his diving so far this season and credits his fellow swimmers and rigorous training schedules as keys to his success.

"Although there is absolutely room for improvement, I believe that the training schedule this year and the overall team atmosphere has had an extremely positive influence on my performances thus far," Lex said.

Lex also holds the support of his teammates as necessary for what he considers his best performance of the year at the Oakland/Michigan meet.

"I felt that everything really came together and my level of focus was great," Lex said. "My teammates were extremely supportive and I don't see myself having been able to perform that well without the support and competitive spirit they provide everyday at practice as well as in the meet atmosphere."

Notre Dame's next challenge will come when it hosts Purdue on Nov. 6. Irish head coach Tim Welsh is preparing the team for a very tough meet. The diving competition should be especially exciting.

"Purdue's diving is outstanding. They have one of the best programs in the country, led by Olympic diver Adam Soldati," Welsh said.

After his wins against Michigan and Oakland, Lex is ready to take on Purdue.

"I feel confident going into a very competitive Purdue meet," Lex said. "I'm hoping to use these meets as a stepping stone for the meets to come."

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## Clark

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stuck to playing good soccer and you felt it was a matter of time. We certainly took awhile, but it was great that Brendan was able to get the goal. From our point of view, it was one of those wins we had to have."

The Irish opened the game controlling possession, with sophomore midfielder Dillon Powers and senior defender Greg Klazura leading a smothering Notre Dame defensive effort and a clean crisp passing display. The Irish held the ball for the majority of the first half, holding the Panthers to just three shots in the period.

"Whenever we lost the ball, we had a tremendous appetite

to get back and get the ball. We held the ball for long periods of time," Clark said. "When they took it away we immediately got on it and got the ball back."

A number of missed chances early on in the contest caught up to Notre Dame when the Panthers got on the board first from a header off a free kick by freshman defender Alex Harrison in the 23rd minute. The Irish answered right back, storming down the field as a shot from Klazura hit the post and caromed to Perry, who buried the equalizer for the second goal in a minute of action.

"It was a good shot from Greg," Clark said. "Of course Perry picks it up, that's his tenth goal of the season. But it was a great response."

The Irish grabbed a second goal four minutes later when Perry was taken down by

Panthers freshman goalie Matt Aberegg in the penalty box and senior midfielder Jeb Brovsky converted the penalty kick.

"I thought we could have had several penalties. There seemed to be a couple handballs that weren't called, a few tackles," Clark said. "Anyways, we got one more goal than them and that's what's important. Considering the conditions, it was a really well played game."

Just before the half, the Panthers equalized when a booming shot caromed off a Notre Dame defender and found the back of the net on what was scored an own goal. Both teams missed a number of opportunities to score the go-ahead goal in the second half. The Irish outshot the Panthers 27 to 11 on the night, with their 27th and final shot coming on King's game winner. Clark said he is pleased with the exciting game's result, as well as where it leaves the Irish heading into the final regular season contest.

"It was a funny game, because I think we clearly dominated the game. It was a very windy and difficult night and I thought we put on a great performance tonight," Clark said. "This is when you have to stick runs together. We've got ourselves in a great position. We've got a great RPI for the NCAA's and we've got ourselves in great position for the Big East."

The Irish will wrap up the regular season Saturday against Georgetown.

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Senior defenseman Greg Klazura looks to advance the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Pittsburgh Wednesday.

## Big East

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ence unbeaten streak into the match in addition to a 13-game overall unbeaten streak.

After Sunday's regular season

finale, in which Notre Dame tied Georgetown, Waldrum said he believed his team was ready to shift its focus to the next phase of the schedule.

"This phase of our season is now done and over with, and we did accomplish what we set out to do, which was win our

division," Waldrum said to UND.com. "Now we move on to the Big East tournament and look forward to being back home at Alumni Stadium on Sunday in front of our terrific Fighting Irish fans for the start of the postseason."

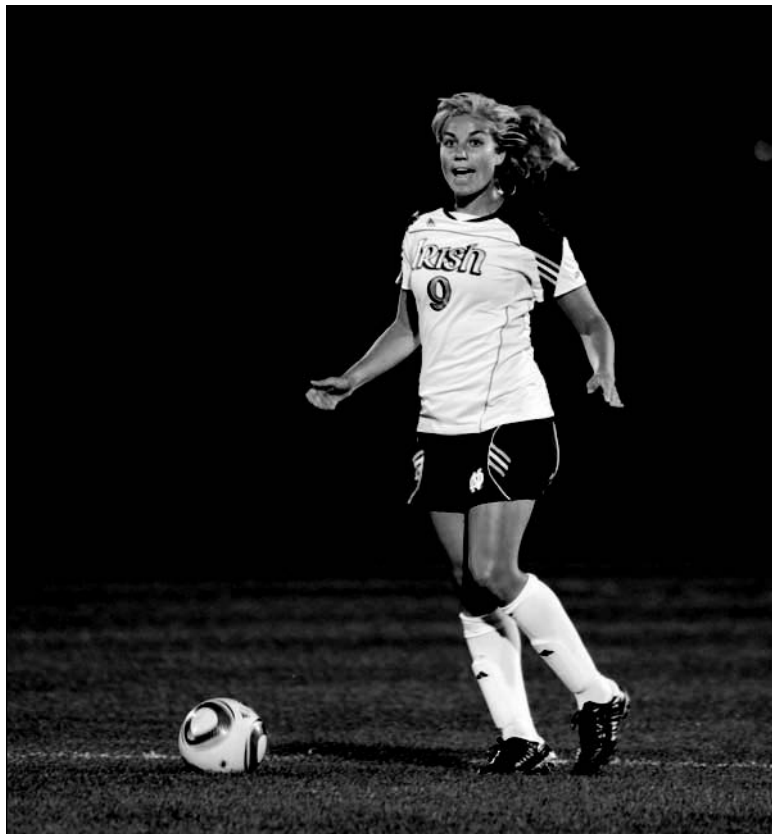
On their road to three straight College Cup Final Four appearances, the Irish have used the Big East tournament as a stepping-stone to deep tournament runs. Notre Dame's NCAA-record conference unbeaten streak includes the past two conference titles.

The Irish narrowly missed a five-year streak as conference champions, but lost to West Virginia in a shootout in 2007 Big East championship game. Overall, Notre Dame has won 11 out of 15 conference tournaments since joining the Big East.

The Big East tournament will likely impact Notre Dame's seeding in the NCAA tournament, as the Irish would like to earn a No. 1 seed in the tournament. Notre Dame currently ranks fifth in the latest RPI standings.

Notre Dame will likely earn a high seed and host early games in the NCAA tournament. If the Irish earn a top seed, however, they'll host each game that they play in leading up to the Final Four in Cary, N.C.

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Senior defender Lauren Fowlkes surveys the field during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Syracuse on Oct. 1.

## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Belles sneak past Adrian in five sets

By KATHERINE MACK  
Sports Writer

The Belles' season-long quest to establish themselves as competitors in the MIAA manifested itself in a close victory over Adrian Wednesday.

Saint Mary's (5-19, 3-11 MIAA) defeated Adrian (9-17, 3-11) in a five-set battle 3-2 (16-25, 25-23, 20-25, 27-25, 15-12).

"We just fought really hard, the whole team had this enthusiasm and energy that had been missing many times in the past," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

The Belles found themselves down early, but rallied to come back from a one-set deficit. Kuschel said her team got back to fundamentals in order to complete the comeback.

"Our hitting just really came around tonight so well," said Kuschel. "We also had phenomenal team defense and team effort."

Sophomore Allison Zandarski was a key contributor on offense with a match-high 17 kills, and sophomore Stephanie Bodien and junior Lindsey Stuss contributed 16 and 12 kills, respectively. Freshman Hailee Leitz had 50 assists and 12 digs while sen-

ior Meghann Rose added 21 digs. Five different players totaled double-digit digs for the match.

This result was quite different from what happened the last time the teams met. On Sept. 25, the Belles fell to the Bulldogs 3-1. Kuschel said Saint Mary's handled crucial moments much more effectively this time around.

"Last time we were not able to get big points in tight situations," said Kuschel. "Keeping down our unforced errors and our clicking offensively had a lot to do with the difference between tonight and a month ago."

She added that the Belles hoped to carry this positive momentum into their last two regular season matches this weekend.

"Every time we step out on the court, it's our time to get better as a team," Kuschel said. "Win or lose, we're always just looking to do our best and that's what we did tonight."

Saint Mary's will take on opponent Trine at 7 p.m. Friday in its last home match of the season.

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## MLB

# Giants defeat Rangers in first game of series

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Bumbling on the bases and fumbling on the field did in the Texas Rangers.

Their manager didn't help, either.

That's what a first World Series appearance will do to a team.

In Wednesday night's dismal 11-7 loss to the San Francisco Giants, Texas resembled the woeful Washington Senators of its expansion roots far more than the exciting team that won a surprise American League pennant.

"We have to find ourselves the next game," Bengie Molina said.

Cliff Lee looked nothing like the ace who had gone 7-0 in eight postseason starts. Meantime, Texas became the first team in six years to make four errors in a World Series game.

Ian Kinsler got tagged out when he took a turn past first base on a ball he thought rolled away but didn't.

Michael Young let Edgar Renteria's leadoff grounder to third kick off his glove for an error that led to San Francisco tying the score in a two-run third inning.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus misplayed Tim Lincecum's grounder in the fifth, and Vladimir Guerrero — inserted

into right field in the NL park rather than his usual designated hitter slot — let two hits skip by for errors in a three-run eighth.

"Usually, a team makes errors, you're going to find a way to score off them," Young said. "But we've been a great defensive team all season long, so this isn't really something we're going to lose sleep over."

By the time Lee labored through 32 pitches in the third it was clear he wasn't nearly the unhittable, dominant pitcher who went 3-0 in the AL playoffs against Tampa Bay and the Yankees. The one who allowed two runs in 24 innings.

Maybe manager Ron Washington couldn't believe his eyes, either. His bullpen was empty until the Giants were ahead 3-2 on consecutive doubles by Andres Torres and Freddy Sanchez off the fading Lee. Not until Lee went to a full count on Pat Burrell did Darren O'Day sprint down the right-field line to the bullpen. Burrell walked and Cody Ross and Aubrey Huff hit RBI singles that made it 5-2.

Washington insisted he didn't have O'Day get up too late. He thought Lee would get through the trouble.

"He was still in control," he said.

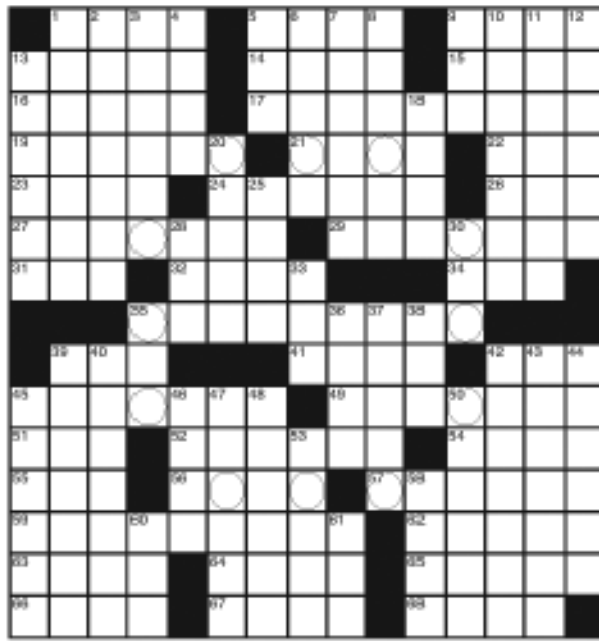
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  - 32 \_\_\_\_\_ Kramer, 2010 Dutch Olympic gold medalist in speed skating
  - 34 Practice
  - 35 Attendee at a 17-Across performance
  - 39 Bottom line
  - 41 Boomers' kids
  - 42 What you might need after a breakdown
  - 45 Clog up
  - 49 Savings vehicle
  - 51 Decide
  - 52 \_\_\_\_\_ Rouge
  - 54 Eat like \_\_\_\_\_
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Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 28 Medium strength?
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- 40 Peppy
- 42 Sneaks (around)
- 43 Birds with hanging nests
- 44 Composer of the 17-Across
- 45 Fighting
- 46 Issue
- 47 County next to Napa
- 48 Hurt's "Body Heat" co-star
- 50 Bother
- 53 Mislead, and more
- 58 Artist's pad? briefly
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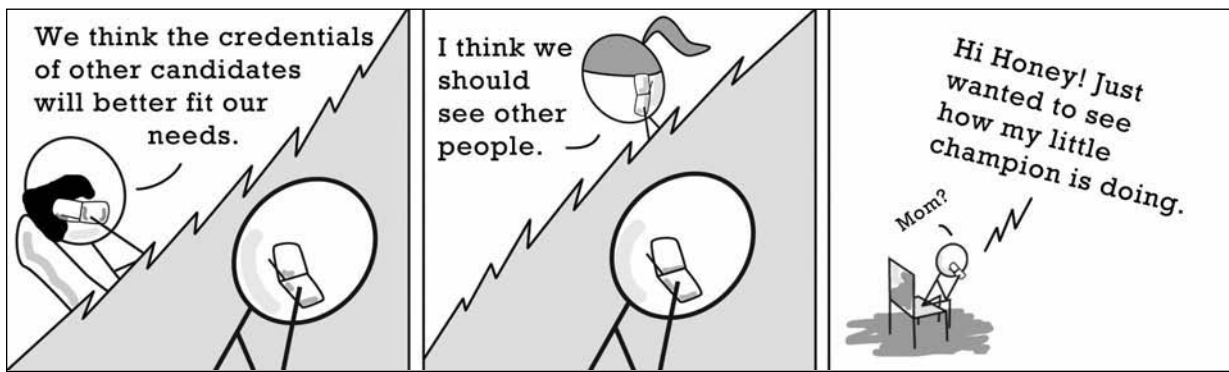
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**MEN'S SOCCER**

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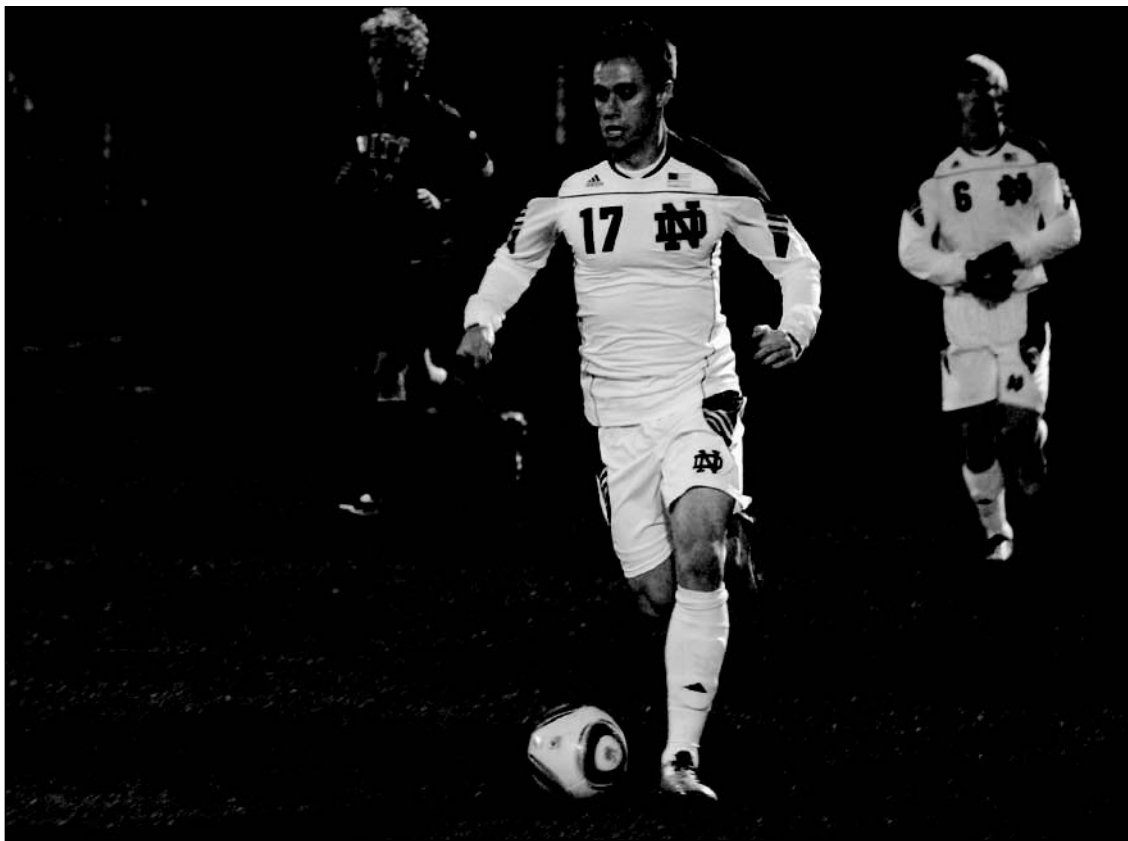
*King nets winning goal in frantic final minute*

By CHRIS ALLEN  
Sports Writer

Though Notre Dame dominated possession for the first 89 minutes of their Alumni Stadium clash against Pittsburgh Wednesday, a set piece goal for the Panthers and a freak deflection on an own goal had the teams even at 2-2 with a minute left in the game. With the Irish headed for a disappointing tie, junior midfielder Brendan King headed home a cross in the final minute from senior forward Steven Perry to give Notre Dame a thrilling 3-2 win.

"We showed a lot of character, because we were dominating the way we were dominating and then you give up two goals, one on their first corner and one on a deflection," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "They

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer  
Junior midfielder Brendan King runs the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Pittsburgh Wednesday. King scored the game-winning goal in the final minute.

**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

# ND coach reflects on team's past

By MATTHEW ROBISON  
Sports Writer

In 1989, Notre Dame had been playing Division I tennis for four years, had never been to the NCAA Tournament, and never earned a spot in the national rankings. That all changed when head coach Jay Louderback arrived. Since he was hired to lead the Irish program, Louderback has led Notre Dame to 16 NCAA Tournament appearances and 15 conference titles. A year ago, the Irish finished with their best performance ever with an appearance in the semifinals. This season the Irish want to compete for a national championship again and will attempt to surpass the achievements of last season's team.

Louderback says there are

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

# Senior Havens continues winning ways at Notre Dame

By ANDREW OWENS  
Sports Writer

All Irish senior Stephen Havens knows how to do it win, as it's all he's ever done in his tennis career.

The singles player has seen success at both the high school and collegiate levels. He was named to the All-Ohio team each year in high school, and was named an All-American as a senior

after claiming state championship honors in both singles and doubles.

Havens didn't miss a beat in his transition to college tennis after arriving at Notre Dame. He stepped up as a freshman and contributed immediately during his first season with the Irish after earning a singles spot early in the year. He went 20-21 during that first season (9-5 in the open season) and gained some valu-

able experience that has helped him in the three seasons since.

Irish assistant coach Ryan Sachire praised Havens for the many roles he's played for the team.

"This is Stephen's fourth year starting for us, and he has done it as both a singles and doubles player," he said. "There has not been a dual in which he has not played both, a feat that no one in his class has matched."

Havens been a constant on the court for the Irish and has won several big matches for the Irish over the past few seasons.

"He has gotten a few match-clinching victories, including one against Texas A&M, a top ten school, two years ago," Sachire said. "He isn't the most vocal player, but he is certainly respected."

Sachire also added that Havens' lasting mark on the

program is still to come, despite all of the accolades he has earned up to this point.

"His legacy is still to come," he said. "He hasn't been as consistent as he wants to be. He has some unfinished business. He is determined to be a superstar and get an All-American banner on the wall."

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# Irish plan for postseason

By MIKE GOTIMER  
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After claiming the Big East National Division title, No. 4 Notre Dame is shifting its focus to the postseason, which the Irish have become intimately familiar with during Irish coach Randy Waldrum's tenure.

While Notre Dame's ultimate goal is to win the program's third NCAA title, the Irish will open up the postseason at home in the Big East tournament on Sunday. With their strong play in the regular season, Notre Dame earned a first round bye in the conference tournament and will play the winner of the game between Connecticut and Louisville. The Irish carry a 77-game confer-

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer  
Junior midfielder Melissa Henderson goes up for a header during Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Rutgers on Oct. 10.

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

# Lex looks to finish strong in senior season

By MAIJA GUSTIN  
Sports Writer

Senior diver Eric Lex could be on the way to his best season ever with Notre Dame after two big victories against Michigan and Oakland.

Lex led his opponents by over 15 points in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events at last weekend's dual meet against Michigan and Oakland for a sweep. His one-meter dive earned him 336.60 points to top Michigan's Kasey Allen's 321, while his 324.40 points in the three meter dive easily put him ahead of Allen, who placed second once again with

307.85 points.

Irish diving coach Caiming Xie credited Lex's consistency for his two big wins. Xie said that Lex and his fellow divers aren't even at their best performance yet, but that "practice will make it perfect."

Lex attributes his success to his overall technique and to his diving attitude.

"My greatest strength as a diver, I would have to say, is my technique," Lex said. "Having a solid base to build upon makes learning more difficult dives much easier. I also believe that my competitive attitude during practice as well as in meets is another

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