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ND, South Bend to begin taxi reforms

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Early morning cab rides back from Club Fever will soon be safer for students thanks to reforms to South Bend taxi services planned by Notre Dame's student government and the South Bend Common Council.

The changes are intended to reduce the number of unlicensed cabs operating in South Bend, improve taxi safety for passengers and prevent drivers from price-gouging customers, the most common offense, South Bend assistant city attorney Ann-Carol Nash said.

"Specific reforms addressing these concerns include prohibiting smoking in all vehicles, requiring a receipt for each passenger, publicizing standards for passing inspection, raising the fine for operating an unlicensed cab and requiring placards inside taxis that list the driver's name, the fares and a phone number for complaints," Nash said.

The reforms will begin taking effect in October.

"The predictability and struc-



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

A pair of taxis waits at Main Circle for student customers Wednesday. The planned taxi reforms, such as prohibiting smoking in all vehicles, will take effect in October.

ture for charges is a very big [reform] because that is often the source of complaints or confusion," Nash said. "We want to help prevent surprises."

Student body president Patrick McCormick said safety issues are the biggest reason for the reforms.

"Taxis provide an essential service for many students who

lack transportation for otherwise getting to and from various places, whether meeting up with friends, going to parties or

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SGA plans key goals for campus

By KRISTEN RICE
News Writer

Saint Mary's student body president Nicole Gans and vice president Jackie Zupanic outlined a plan for their administration to be the "backbone" for student life and campus activities this year.

"Our goals for this year include partnering with more offices and departments to integrate activities on campus, creating better spaces for students to relax and study, and strengthening established clubs and organizations on campus by providing support both financially and structurally," Gans said.

Zupanic said the team worked over the summer to plan a retreat for their new board. During the Student Government Association (SGA)

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Professor predicts turbulent times



Bank of America Merrill Lynch traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. Notre Dame finance professor Jeffrey Bergstrand said he expects market volatility to continue.

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

The "Notre Dame bubble" will not protect current students and University administrators from feeling the effects of recent economic tumult in coming months, finance professor Jeffrey Bergstrand said in an interview with the Observer.

"The biggest concern is the volatility that we have been seeing in the stock market. This reflects constant uncertainty and pessimism for growth, cre-

ating the possibility for another recession," Bergstrand said. "The risks of parents losing jobs is heightened by the situation, and longer term, it means that there are prospects for our juniors and seniors heading out into the workforce to find a job."

As the job market reels, the country's unemployment rate reflects the turbulent economy, Bergstrand said.

"At this moment, we have a very low level of output relative to our potential, which is revealed by an abnormally high

unemployment rate of nine percent," Bergstrand said. "The United States of America's normal unemployment rate usually is at five percent."

He also added that the effects of the recent economic chaos are not isolated to those searching for jobs.

While Notre Dame traditionally ranks among the top universities for endowment performance, Bergstrand said administrators, particularly those working in the Office of Financial

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RecSports offers free fitness classes



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Class members work out as part of a Turbo Kick fitness class Wednesday during "Try It, You'll Like It" week, sponsored by RecSports.

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

With a determined look on her face, junior Eileen Quandt thrust her leg in the middle of a Turbo Kick class hosted in Rockne Memorial Gym on Wednesday afternoon.

Quandt and the other members of the class not only got

a good workout, but also burned their calories for free.

The Turbo Kick class was part of the "Try It, You'll Like It" promotion RecSports is offering this week, which allows students to try all campus exercise classes free of charge, Kristen Malmstrom, RecSports fit-

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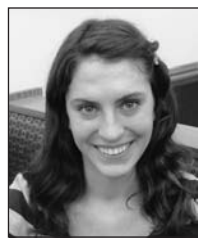
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CORRECTIONS

An August 24 article, "Saint Mary's welcomes new Board of Trustees," stated College President Carol Ann Mooney appointed the board's new members. The Board of Trustees, not Mooney, selected the new members. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BUILDING ON CAMPUS?



Susan Head

sophomore
LeMans

"South Dining Hall."



Max Deardorff

graduate student
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"O'Shaughnessy."



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"The Golden Dome."



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"Corby Hall."

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Students enter to win free pizza for their dorm Wednesday at the Campus Ministry Open House in the Coleman-Morse Center. The event showcased Campus Ministry opportunities available for students.

OFFBEAT

Clark Gable's grandson charged with crimes

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — The grandson of the late actor Clark Gable was charged in Los Angeles on Tuesday with pointing a laser at a police helicopter and momentarily blinding two officers on board, prosecutors said.

Clark James Gable, 22, was set to be arraigned on Friday on three counts of discharging a laser at an aircraft.

The late actor's namesake aimed the green laser at a Los Angeles police helicopter flying above a nighttime event in Hollywood on July 28, according to the local District Attorney's Office.

Gable faces up to three

years in prison if convicted.

The late Clark Gable was an Oscar-winning actor best known for his role in 1939 classic film "Gone with the Wind." He died in 1960.

Bull semen spill closes U.S. highway

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Reuters) — A spill of frozen bull semen bound for a breeder in the state of Texas triggered a scare on Tuesday that temporarily shut down a U.S. interstate highway during the morning rush hour.

The incident began when the driver of a Greyhound bus carrying the freight alerted the fire department he had lost a part of

his load while negotiating the ramp on a highway near Nashville.

The bus driver turned around to retrieve the canisters. Once emergency personnel learned the smoking canisters were nothing hazardous and that they simply contained frozen bull semen that had been stored on dry ice, Tennessee Department of Transportation and fire department workers cleared the ramp.

"It was no different to us than if a mattress fell off a truck," said transportation spokeswoman B.J. Doughty.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Former University President Edward A. Malloy will launch his newest book, *Monk's Tale: Way Stations on the Journey*, today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

There will be a FIDES: Freshmen in Discipleship, Evangelization and Service orientation meeting today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hammes Student Lounge in the Coleman Morse Center. FIDES, which means "faith" in Latin, is an intense program of faith immersion for freshmen.

The Woody Allen film titled "Midnight in Paris" will be shown in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for students.

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival's Mainstage Production of "The Merchant of Venice" will take place at the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students and can be purchased at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>.

The Class of 2015's first trip to the Basilica and the Grotto will occur tonight at 9 p.m. Freshmen will meet in their residence halls and travel together.

The documentary titled "Cave of Forgotten Dreams" will be shown in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for students.

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

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	HIGH 79 LOW 68	HIGH 67 LOW 55	HIGH 81 LOW 60	HIGH 80 LOW 56	HIGH 76 LOW 56	HIGH 74 LOW 58

Philosophy club approved for new school year

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Members of the Undergraduate Philosophy Club, new this semester, will have a venue to engage outside the classroom with the work of Albert Camus, Friedrich Nietzsche and other philosophy experts.

Senior Katie Finley, club president, said before the Student Activities Office (SAO) approved the club in the spring, Notre Dame's strong philosophy department lacked a corresponding student organization.

"Looking at other schools that have reputable philosophy programs like Notre Dame, all the rest had undergraduate philosophy clubs," Finley said. "Notre Dame was the only one of its caliber that didn't have a philosophy club."

Junior and club treasurer Cameron Cortens said the organization allows philosophy majors to sharpen skills that apply to their academic goals and enables non-philosophy majors to pursue questions they do not encounter in class.

"Philosophy Club's main purpose is to provide an informal atmosphere outside of classrooms and grades for Notre Dame students with an interest in philosophy to come together, share ideas, challenge themselves and one another intellectually on their positions and worldviews, and hopefully arrive at some fruitful discoveries in the realm of truth," Cortens said.

The club consists of students studying philosophy as well as students studying other disciplines, according to Finley.

"We have a lot of people who aren't philosophy majors," Finley said. "It's just kind of a good way to get an opportunity to talk, especially because they don't get that opportunity in their classes a lot of time."

Finley said the club would meet once a week to discuss various philosophical writings.

"We're going to send out a short article ahead of time that isn't too dry and academic, and then we're going to discuss it," Finley said.

Finley said she plans to host monthly movie events at which attendees can watch a relevant film and discuss the philosophical ideas it raises.

Cortens said the Undergraduate Philosophy Club will screen "Fight Club" in September, but the exact date has not yet been determined.

The club will also have dining hall dinners with philosophy graduate students and professors to learn about their research, Finley said. She also said she hopes to organize a spring conference at which a University professor or an outside speaker will address club members.

Last year, Finley said the club met as an unofficial group with between 10 and 15 members at each gathering.

"We're hoping to get a lot more members now that we can advertise because we're official," Finley said.

The club plans to integrate philosophy lovers of all levels of study, Finley said.

"[We hope] to make more of a connection between undergraduate students and graduate students and faculty members, especially for undergraduates that are hoping to go into graduate school for philosophy," Finley said. "[Another goal is] also to get more people interested in majoring in philosophy, just to show them what studying philosophy is actually like outside the freshmen intro classes."

Senior Dylan Belton, club vice president, said the club

would have fun events in addition to the more serious ones so that members can get to know each other.

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Dylan Belton
vice-president
Philosophy Club

Senior Chelsea King, club vice president, emphasized the impact the club has already had on her experience at Notre Dame.

"As a transfer student, it has really proved to be a great place for me to meet many incredible individuals who all share a common passion in discussing very deep and profound questions about life," she said. "I have made many friends since my time in the club."

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Katie Finley
president
Philosophy Club

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**Thursday, September 8
4:00 - 8:00 pm
Joyce Center Fieldhouse**

How to Prepare for the Career Expo

1. Compose a Resume that Markets You

- Visit The Career Center Monday - Friday from 1:00 to 4:45 pm for a 15-minute resume review or check out times and dates for resume reviews held around campus at <http://careercenter.nd.edu>.

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare

- Attend a "Prepare for the Career Expo" workshop
- Determine your objectives for attending
- Review the list of companies attending the Expo and position descriptions on Go IRISH
- Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services
- Develop and refine networking skills
- Develop your "Thirty Second Message"
 - Hello, I'm...(introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
 - Your company is...(demonstrate knowledge of company)
 - I'm interested because...(explain your interest in company)
 - I can...(match your skills with their needs)

3. At the Expo

- Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio
- Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways"
- Be proactive by approaching employers
- Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
- Demonstrate confidence and enthusiasm in delivering your "Thirty Second Message"
- If they are interviewing the next day, ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. "After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?")
- Obtain the representative's business card

4. Following the Expo

- Send an email thank-you to the recruiters with companies of interest within 3 days of the Expo
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 - Prepare by researching the company, industry, competitors, and the job or internship description on Go IRISH
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Career Fair Preparation

Workshops

International Students:

Monday, Aug. 29: 4:50pm in G20 Flanner Hall

Engineering Majors:

Tuesday, Aug. 30: 5:00pm in 216 DeBartolo

Monday, Sept. 5: 6:00pm in 216 DeBartolo

Fall Career Expo Boot Camp - All Majors:

Sunday, Sept. 4: 4:00pm in 114 Flanner Hall

Arts and Letters Majors:

Wednesday, Sept. 7: 7:00pm in 114 Flanner Hall

Resume Reviews

Arts and Letters Majors:

Monday, Aug. 29: 2-5pm, Waddick's O'Shag

Thursday, Sept. 1: 2-5pm, Waddick's O'Shag

Monday, Sept. 5: 2-5pm, Waddick's O'Shag

Science Majors:

Monday, Aug. 29: 2-5pm, 219 Jordan

Monday, Sept. 5: 2-5pm in 219 Jordan

Engineering Majors:

Tuesday, Aug. 30: 2-5pm in 217 Cushing

Friday, Sept. 2: 9am-12pm and 2-5 pm,
217 Cushing

Monday, Sept. 5: 2-5pm in 217 Cushing

Tuesday, Sept. 6: 2-5pm in 217 Cushing

Business Majors*:

Thursday, Sept. 1: 1:30-4:30pm, 102 Mendoza

Friday, Sept. 2: 9am-12pm and

1:30-4:30pm, 102 Mendoza

Monday, Sept. 5: 1:30-4:30pm, 102 Mendoza

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To view all companies attending the Fall Career Expo:

1. Login to Go IRISH
2. Click on Events Tab
3. Click on Notre Dame 2011 Fall Career Expo to view participating employers and general posting information

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- Up-to-date information on companies

Company Websites

- Review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services

Go IRISH

- Login to Go IRISH for additional online resources

Fitness

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ness coordinator, said.

"The free classes allow participants to try different class formats and instructors before making a commitment. They may also find one facility or a time more convenient," Malmstrom said.

Quandt said the trial week is useful for students looking for a RecSports class to take during the semester.

"The free trial sessions are really helpful," she said. "I probably wouldn't make the commitment without trying the class first."

During the regular year, students and faculty can participate in RecSports classes for a small fee.

Junior Emily De Araujo took two classes last year, Crunch Time and Zumba,

and plans to sign up for the Turbo Kick class this fall.

"I always do the trial sessions before signing up for the class," she said. "Otherwise, if I end up not liking the class, it's a waste of money."

Malmstrom said some of the most popular classes in recent years include Zumba, Yoga, Pilates and Cardio Box.

RecSports will also introduce a number of new classes this year, including Power Strength, Turbo Kick and SatAWAY, a class that takes place on away-game Saturdays and involves a number of upbeat activities.

"The schedule [for SatAWAY] includes Outdoor Yoga, Outdoor Bootcamp, Hula Hooping and Piloxing," Malmstrom said.

In addition, RecSports will offer several new yoga classes this fall, including Yoga Basic and Yoga Challenge.

"The Yoga Challenge is geared toward individuals who have previous experience in yoga. Another new, unique class is Prayerful Postures Yoga on Sundays," Malmstrom said.

Even though the "Try It, You'll Like It" classes are free, the number of participants in the cost-free week is typically lower than the number of people who sign up for the actual classes, Malmstrom said.

"In the '10-'11 year, we had 2,200 people participate in the free classes and over 6,300 registered for the regular fitness schedule," she said.

Junior Aurora Kareh said that of the people who do sign up for the classes, she has noticed girls make up the majority.

"There are never guys in the fitness classes," she said. "If guys are looking to meet some girls, fitness classes are a great way to do it."

Class schedules, descriptions and registration information can be found on the RecSports website at recsports.nd.edu, Malmstrom said.

Contact Emma Russ at eruss@nd.edu

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**Aurora Kareh
junior**

College begins year with mass

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

When Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney addressed the crowd at the College's Opening Mass on Wednesday morning, she stressed the importance of educating both the mind and the heart.

"This is a community in which I see ample evidence of the presence of grace, and of the human capacity to accept that grace and pass it on in love," Mooney said. "Having the will to serve, the heart to serve, is wonderful. But without the skills to do so, we are of limited help."

Nearly 700 students, faculty and staff congregated in O'Laughlin Auditorium during the Mass.

"To truly answer the call of the Spirit, we need more than a good heart," Mooney said.

"We must also make full use of our talents ... Whatever our educational or professional paths may be, we must develop the necessary competencies to meet the needs of our neighbor, our community and our world."

Mooney said events like the Dance Marathon, the 12 Days of Christmas project and Rebuilding Together are all signs that Saint Mary's women possess those talents.

Mooney encouraged the Saint Mary's community to continue to work for others.

"Grace, the gift of the Spirit, is available to each of us," she said. "It is poured out for us. It is up to us whether we respond to it."

Fr. John Pearson, who presided at the Opening Mass, echoed Mooney's thoughts in his homily.

"[Saint Mary's is] where students learn not just skills, but who they are and their relationship to God and the

world in which they live," Pearson said.

He also called on the Holy Spirit to enter those areas of both faculty and student's lives where they may not feel the most secure.

"We call on the paraclete because ... who are we elders to claim the capability and responsibility to guide these young people in these many layers of searching?" He asked. "And how capable do you students, wise and confident as you feel one day, and inadequate and lost on another day, how capable do you feel to figure out all these things in your life on your own?"

While the campus of Saint Mary's has changed quite drastically over the years since its beginning in 1844, Father John said one thing remains the same.

"What has not changed is the hope that all of us who come to this place will leave it better prepared to make our world one in which the love of God can be experienced as powerful through the love of these students and the faculty and staff who are privileged to be their guides," he said.

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**Carol Ann Mooney
president
Saint Mary's College**

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Friday, August 26 at 9:30pm
Saturday, August 27 at 6:30pm
On holiday in Paris, a young couple (Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams) confront their divergent ideas on love and happiness with fantastic results.

► **CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS** (2010)
DIRECTED BY WERNER HERZOG
Thursday, August 25 at 9:30pm
Friday, August 26 at 6:30pm
Saturday, August 27 at 9:30pm
This breathtaking new documentary from Werner Herzog follows an expedition into the Chauvet Cave in France, home to some of the most ancient visual art known to have been created by man.

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getting to and from the airport," he said. "The safety of students is the main focus of why we would be engaged in something like taxi reform."

Nash said she has seen students cramming into cabs at late hours and riding in unlicensed vehicles with drivers that have not received criminal and background checks or drug testing.

"I was very concerned for [students'] safety when they go from house party to house party or from one bar to another or back and forth to campus," she said.

McCormick said Notre Dame students are often charged an unfair rate.

"The reforms hopefully will go a long way to address many of the concerns that students have raised about being taken advantage of by taxi drivers in terms of not knowing the area," he said.

He also said the reforms will help students make sure the cabs they enter are certified.

Other reforms include prohibiting smoking in all vehicles, requiring a receipt for each passenger, publicizing standards for passing inspection, raising the fine for operating an unlicensed cab and requiring placards inside taxis that list the driver's name, fares and a phone number for complaints, Nash said.

After a meeting Monday night with the South Bend Common Council and representatives from Notre Dame student government, some of the proposed

reforms were abandoned, including requiring cameras in all taxis by 2013 and requiring that every vehicle used by a particular company display a uniform color and design.

"We're still going to have to have some kind of identifying information on the vehicle," Nash said.

The proposed reforms are the product of years of work, McCormick said, and student government and the South Bend Common Council are still open to hearing students' concerns.

"They're still undergoing an implementation phase," he said. "Many reforms will take effect in 2013. Because of that, there is an opportunity to continue to provide input."

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retreat, she said the board members met with department heads and administrators to talk about their goals for the year.

The women will meet with all of their board members individually during the first weeks of class, Gans said.

"These positions will help us not only develop into good leaders, but also great listeners," Gans said. "We hope we learn how to be ambassadors to our school inside and outside of the office. Being approachable and open-minded will aid in the continued success of Saint Mary's student government."

Gans said their team is "passionate" and "serious" about improving student life at Saint Mary's.

One of their accomplishments at the end of the spring semes-

ter was the addition of a printer in one of the campus residence halls. The team will continue to work on their other platform initiatives this semester, and Gans said she would like more students to participate in student government to hear more of their ideas.

"Since all of our meetings are open to campus, we hope to see a higher attendance throughout the year," Gans said.

Social media and improved communication will also be a part of the Gans-Zupanic administration.

"Also, we plan to have open forums and communication by email, Facebook, Twitter and our website."

Gans said she and her vice president are excited to work with the other members of SGA, in addition to the finer perks of the job.

"[We get] free t-shirts and our own desks," she said.

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Nicole Gans
student body president
Saint Mary's College

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Aid, could struggle to meet previous standards.

"In the current scenario, one of the largest concerns with the stock market down affects the endowment for the University, financial aid packages, continued volatility and lower levels of wealth that correlate with alumni giving," Bergstrand said.

As the University looks to the future in an uncertain economy, students must do the same. Bergstrand said the workplace may not be stable when current upperclassmen

enter the job market in a few years.

"I think we are looking at a position for the next several years of a very high unemployment rate with very low growth," Bergstrand said. "The reason for this is monetary policies are nonexistent and fiscal stimulus policies will not be pursued due to Congress' concern over the debt crisis."

Job security should be a top priority as national leaders deal with that debt crisis, he said.

"Students need to be aware that while the national debt issue is a concern for their future, that is something more important to address when we have gotten

back to full employment," Bergstrand said. "As members of society, the most important concern now must be getting back to full employment."

As senior Matt Razzano plans for his life after graduation, the political science major said he is doing what he can to adapt to the vacillating economy.

"I think because unemployment is so high at this point, more experienced workers will definitely beat out less experienced workers for jobs," Razzano said. "The only advantage we as students have is that they can pay us less money, but it is scary to think that many companies are not hiring recent graduates."

Razzano also said the aspirations for political science majors to land a job in Washington might not be as realistic as it once was.

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"As members of society, the most important concern now must be getting back to full employment."

Jeffery Bergstrand
professor
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Hurricane Irene alarms tourists on East Coast

Associated Press

HATTERAS — Hurricane Irene could hit anywhere from North Carolina to New York this weekend, leaving officials in the path of uncertainty to make a delicate decision. Should they tell tourists to leave during one of the last weeks of the multibillion-dollar summer season?

Most were in a wait-and-see mode, holding out to get every dime before the storm's path crystalizes. North Carolina's governor told reporters not to scare people away.

"You will never endanger your tourists, but you also don't want to over inflate the sense of urgency about the storm. And so let's just hang on," North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue said Wednesday. At the same time she warned to "prepare for the worst."

In the Bahamas, tourists cut their vacations short and caught the last flights out before the airport was closed. Those who remained behind with locals prepared for a rough night of violent winds and a dangerous storm surge that threatened to punish the low-lying chain of islands.

Irene has already hit Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, causing landslides and flooding homes. One woman was killed.

No warnings or watches were out late Wednesday for North Carolina though they were likely on Thursday. But on its Outer Banks, some tourists heeded evacuation orders for a tiny barrier island as Irene strengthened to a Category 3 storm, with winds of 120 mph.

By Thursday, that could intensify to a monstrous Category 4 hurricane with winds starting at 131 mph.

"We jam-packed as much fun as we could into the remainder of Tuesday," said Jessica Stanton Tice of Charleston, W.Va. She left Ocracoke Island on an early-morning ferry with her husband and toddler.

"We're still going to give North Carolina our vacation business, but we're going to Asheville" in the mountains, she said.

Officials said Irene could cause flooding, power outages or worse as far north as Maine, even if the eye of the storm stays offshore. Hurricane-force winds were expected 50 miles from the center of the storm.



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Earthquake rocks capital

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There was a crack in the Washington Monument, and capstones were broken at the National Cathedral. In the District of Columbia suburbs, some people stayed in shelters because of structural concerns at their apartment buildings.

A day after the East Coast's strongest earthquake in 67 years, inspectors assessed the damage and found that most problems were minor. But the shaking raised questions about whether this part of the country, with its older architecture and inexperience with seismic activity, is prepared for a truly powerful quake.

The 5.8 magnitude quake felt from Georgia north to Canada prompted swift inspections of many structures Wednesday, including bridges and nuclear plants. An accurate damage estimate could take weeks, if not longer. And many people will not be covered by insurance.

In a small Virginia city near the epicenter, the entire downtown business district was closed. School was canceled for two weeks to give engineers time to check out cracks in several buildings.

At the 555-foot Washington Monument, crews found a 4-inch crack late Tuesday in the side of the monument's pyramidium — the section at the top of the obelisk where it begins narrowing to a point. The damage was discovered during a



A 5.9 magnitude earthquake that struck the nation's capital Tuesday left a 4-inch crack in the Washington Monument.

visual inspection by helicopter. It cannot be seen from the ground.

The monument, by far the tallest structure in the nation's capital, was to remain closed indefinitely. It has never been damaged by a natural disaster, including earthquakes in Virginia in 1897 and New York in 1944, said Bill Line, a National Park Service spokesman.

Tourists arrived at the monu-

ment Wednesday morning only to find out they couldn't get near it. A temporary fence was erected in a wide circle about 120 feet from the flags that surround its base. Walkways were blocked by metal barriers manned by security guards.

"Is it really closed?" a man asked the clerk at the site's bookstore.

"It's really closed," said the clerk, Erin Nolan.

Steve Jobs resigns as Apple CEO

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Steve Jobs, the mind behind the iPhone, iPad and other devices that turned Apple Inc. into one of the world's most powerful companies, resigned as the company's CEO on Wednesday, saying he can no longer handle the job.

The move appears to be the result of an unspecified medical condition for which he took an indefinite leave from his post in January. Apple's chief operating officer, Tim Cook, has been named CEO.

In a letter addressed to Apple's board and the "Apple community," Jobs said he "always said if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know. Unfortunately, that day has come."

Jobs' health has long been a concern for Apple investors who see him as an industry oracle who seems to know what consumers want long before they do. After his announcement, Apple stock quickly fell 5.4 percent in after-hours trading.

The company said Jobs gave the board his resignation Wednesday and suggested Cook be named the company's new leader. Apple said Jobs was elected board chairman and Cook is becoming a member of

its board.

Jobs' hits seemed to grow bigger as the years went on: After the colorful iMac computer and the now-ubiquitous iPod, the iPhone redefined the category of smart phones and the iPad all but created the market for tablet computers.

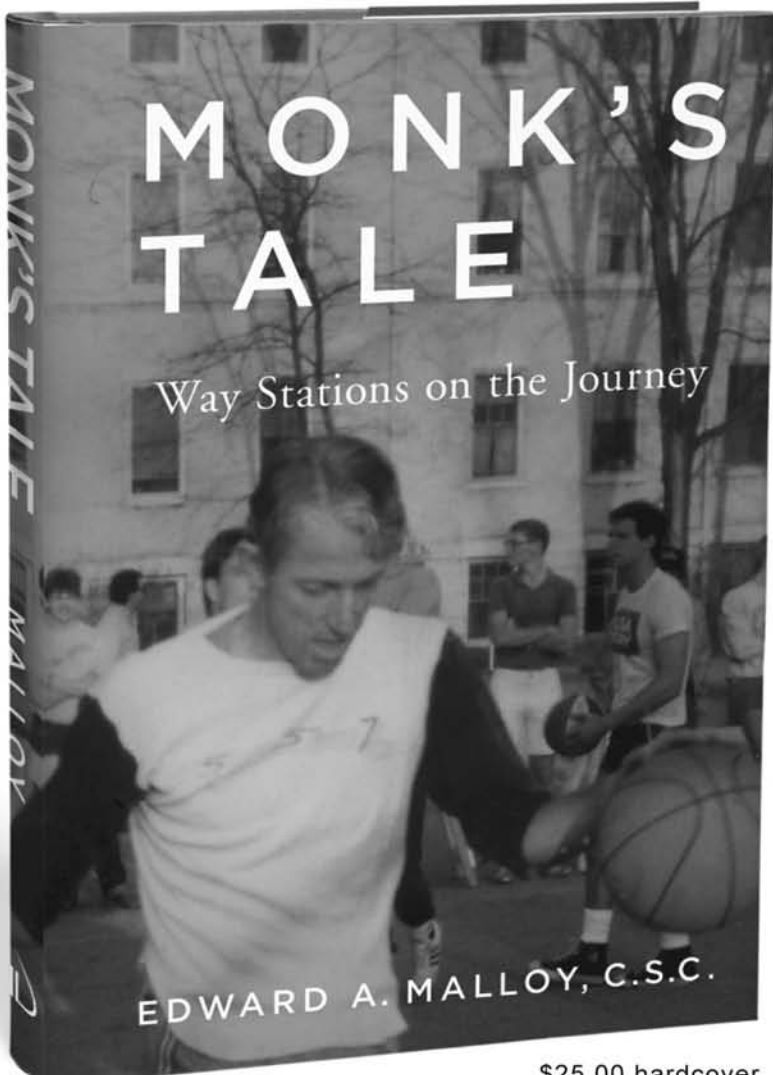
His own aura seemed part of the attraction. On stage at trade shows and company events in his uniform of jeans, sneakers and black mock-turtlenecks, he'd entrance audiences with new devices, new colors, new software features, building up to a grand finale he'd predictably preface by saying, "One more thing."

Jobs, 56, shepherded Apple from a two-man startup to Silicon Valley darling when the Apple II, the first computer for regular people to really catch on, sent IBM Corp. and others scrambling to get their own PCs to market.

After Apple suffered slump in the mid-1980s, he was forced out of the company. He was CEO at Next, another computer company, and Pixar, the computer-animation company that produced "Toy Story" on his watch, during the 10 years before he returned.

The January leave was Jobs' third medical leave over several years. He had previously survived pancreatic cancer and received a liver transplant.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Locked out

You know that old motivational speech where the coach tells you not to let your opponent come into your house and steal your momma's television? Well, what happens when you can't get into the house because you lost the keys?

Just ask the NFL, the NBA, Spain's La Liga or Italy's Serie A.

Or maybe you just shouldn't, because coaches aren't allowed to talk to players during a lockout.

It is such a bewildering state of circumstances that four of some of the world's grandest leagues turned over the chairs and shut off the lights at some point this summer. Even more bewildering is the thought of what we would be doing if seasons were/are actually cancelled.

Where would our country be if the NFL went into a lockout? Probably a depression. A battle of billionaires vs. millionaires took over a hundred days to get resolved but no one was really worried — a \$9 billion-per-year industry isn't just going to fold with that kind of money on the line.

But what if it did? Would we walk out of Mass at the Basilica on a Sunday morning and go straight to the Stadium to watch the Michigan State game? College football undoubtedly would have benefitted from the "unfortunate" loss of their weekend brethren, probably enough to churn out a few extra prayers from athletic directors across the country.

Speaking of prayers, one can only imagine what Turkish and Chinese basketball team directors are doing right now. All we know is that the Turkish league all-star game is going to be pretty wild this year with Deron Williams, Kobe Bryant and Sasha Vujacic (does Maria even like Turkey?).

But if you think the situation would have been bad here, think about Spain and Italy's current predicament: Their beloved soccer leagues drenched in history (and surely lots of garlic) are on strike over wages.

The likes of Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Zlatan Ibrahimovic are certainly outside of team headquarters — this instant — in the cold and rain chanting and picketing with signs over the mere millions that they are barely getting by on.

If you think it would have been bad here if the NFL season was in true jeopardy, how do you think the Spaniards and Italians are feeling, where soccer is their first, second and third favorite sport to watch (and a close tie for fourth with Formula One racing and basketball)? That's true desperation over there, where they can't even change the channel to watch their favorite sons and NBA stars Ricky Rubio and Danilo Gallinari play ironically because of — say it with me — a lockout.

And what are we supposed to do if basketball season makes like a tree? Obviously the answer is watch more football, but after football season is over and the dreary winter months pick up, the only alternatives are to watch more hockey or study more.

Looks like our GPA's will be going up.

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Sports Writer

And so it begins

Beginnings, by definition, are moments of incompleteness. They are the commencement of something that is not yet. So, thankfully, beginnings are filled with freshness, a sense that anything can happen. And yet, for precisely that same reason, but not always so thankfully, beginnings are also filled with uncertainty, disorientation, even some fear or anxiety.

Even our most beloved Scripture stories — the endings of which are so well-known that we can easily forget that their actors were experiencing it all precisely as NEW — testify to the mixed blessing that beginnings are. Remember: the first disciples of Jesus did not begin as disciples. In fact, the Gospels suggest, in the beginning, they had no idea what they were getting into.

Certainly, this was true for Andrew and Peter, the first two called by Jesus. John the Evangelist captures their awkward beginning — famously and sublimely — in the first chapter of his Gospel.

John the Baptist is preaching on the banks of the Jordan River, arousing a captive audience with a fiery, penetrating message of the coming of God's Kingdom, full of conviction and resonance. In a rather unlikely place — the middle of a desert — his crowd of listeners swells.

The desert — though, aptly, a deserted place — is also a surprisingly frequent setting for beginnings in the Scriptures — from the Israelites' journey through the wilderness towards the Promised Land to the temptation of Jesus before he begins his public life. Perhaps, as we reflect on our own beginnings, there is something spiritually resonant about the desert. For when we begin something, we do so, not from a place of total strength and certainty, but with the future somewhat unknown, the outcome somewhat in the balance.

In the Baptist's desert, life hangs by a thread. No one (except him, and wild beasts) makes a home there, and insects are standard fare. His disciples go there

perhaps for similar reasons that we journey to Notre Dame — not to be confirmed in what we already know and experience, but to lose, at least momentarily, our daily comforts and certainties, and encounter something fresh and new.

The first disciples take a risk — making this journey into the desert. (It is, arguably, about the only thing they do right through the first several chapters of the Gospels!) Evidently, these would-be disciples were dissatisfied with some aspects of their daily lives — personal, social, political, religious, whatever. So they wander into the desert and let go of their daily, insulating routines, to see what is there, what directions the outrageous, yet compelling, Baptist would propose.

Who knows how long they waited, homesick, in that place of uncertainty? All we know is that one day, the Baptist finally proposed — a new beginning.

An unidentified figure enigmatically arrives in the desert. John points to him, and alerts the crowd: "There walks the one we have been waiting for." It must not have been what most of them expected, for a mere two disciples — Peter's brother Andrew, and a second, unnamed — follow. But though they follow, it can hardly be said that they know what they are doing, at least with any certainty. They simply trail behind this mysterious figure ... trusting, hoping, questioning.

Finally, perhaps sensing their growing disorientation, Jesus turns to them and asks, "What are you looking for?" Surely, he already knows their perplexed answer — they don't really know.

At a loss, and now feeling how distant from their familiar comforts and certainties they have strayed, they make a plea for the recognizable: a home-cooked meal and a fire. "Teacher," they ask, "where is your home?" Get us, in other words, to a place of security.

Jesus gently but surely refuses. Instead, he invites with three indelible words right to their hearts: "Come and see."

And so it begins.

Perhaps in this story of the beginning of

the first disciples' journey, we can see some semblance of our story, here at the beginning of a new semester.

All of us — whether first-year students or lifetime Domers — begin this year to some degree incomplete and restless. If we are NOT feeling some sense of freshness, with a corresponding disorientation, we are probably not really beginning this year, but just continuing last year. Beginnings demand restless hearts, the embrace or at least the facing up to, of what is still unknown.

Beginning to identify the burning questions inside of us, the ones that have driven us to this place — the ones that drove the first disciples out into the desert — can be a great spiritual exercise to begin this semester. In fact, John's Gospel suggests that in the following of our restlessness — the questions about ourselves, our world, our God that escape us, the questions that a professor or roommate or friend raises that we just can't shake, the questions and people that are on our minds and in our hearts when we go to bed and when we wake up — are often invitations from Jesus to "come and see."

Here, perhaps, in our unarticulated hopes, our restless desires and even in our uncertainties and fears, we can wrest some consolation from the beginning of the journey of Peter, Andrew and the first disciples. They followed a path whose end they did not yet know, into a desert, trailing behind a mysterious man, until one day, their restlessness provoked a conversation with God:

"What are you looking for?"

"Teacher, we hardly know ourselves, but we do seek, and you seem to know the way. Where do we live?"

"Come and see."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

Helen Keller
U.S. blind & deaf educator

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King Jr.
U.S. civil rights leader & clergyman

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Ramadan: Behind the tradition lies value

Currently, we are more than halfway through Ramadan. As a Muslim, I never want such a time to end, for there is no greater opportunity during which one can grow closer to Allah and gain good deeds.

Butheina Hamdah

The Independent Collegian

This is done through more frequent prayer, Qur'an recitation, spending spiritual moments with loved ones and Muslims in the community, especially at the mosque, donating to the needy through zakah as a moral and spiritual investment (as well as a major pillar of Islam) and, of course, the essence of Ramadan: fasting.

Noor Najjar, a student blogger and a very dear friend of mine, posted on the first day of Ramadan a reminder about one of the core concepts of fasting: "The best way to understand a person is to step in their shoes. What better way to understand what the hungry or deprived endure other than to step in their shoes for 30 days?"

Noor's post re-instilled this highly relevant and ever true notion in me. In turn, I would like to expand on it in light of recent global developments. While the importance of fasting is first and foremost to exercise self-restraint and demonstrate disci-

pline so that Muslims may become more righteous, there's also a second benefit. Ramadan provides an opportunity to sympathize with those struggling elsewhere in the world.

This could not be more appropriate to the current crises going on worldwide. For instance, East Africa is currently enduring a humanitarian crisis as a result of the worst drought in 60 years. Two failed rain seasons led to crop shortages on top of the horn of Africa's already vulnerable state. It is expected to affect more than 10 million people in several countries, including Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and Djibouti.

According to reports by UNICEF, southern Somalia is suffering from lack of proper healthcare, insufficient food supply and lack of clean water. In addition, Somalia's political instability is worsening to a critical condition and hundreds of refugees flee to camps in Kenya as Kenya struggles to accommodate. The images online and on television depicting the famine are beyond distressing.

Matters are expected to become worse with no rain forecast in sight. Spiking food prices are making it increasingly difficult for the main agencies to afford emergency aid, so your help is crucial. You can help UNICEF meet these needs by texting "FOOD" to 864233 to donate \$10

from the United States or visit their website at www.unicefusa.org to donate online. You can also make a donation through numerous other agencies including Islamic Relief Worldwide by simply visiting their website at www.islamic-relief.com, which provides more information on their East Africa appeal.

Another life-threatening crisis overseas is Bashar Al-Assad's government crackdown on the Syrian people's protests for reform and civil rights. Al-Assad's continued use of imprisonment, torture and outright killing of any who oppose him in Syria has in turn made him one of the worst human rights offenders in the Middle East.

The tragic stories we hear from Syria hit home with many members of Syrian descent in Toledo who still have family there. This Ramadan, I am not alone in remembering other struggling populations of the world. Every night at my local mosque I join the prayer of my fellow Muslims in the Toledo community to make a special call (du'aa) on behalf of people in Somalia, Syria and elsewhere.

We pray for the relief of their struggles brought on by hunger, oppression or both. Even if you are not a Muslim observing Ramadan, it's important to be aware of the dismal circumstances overseas as people fight and face threats of torture,

death by their own armies or malnutrition. The tumult in Africa and in the Middle East often frames our own concerns as quite trivial, especially when we have basic necessities and securities we should never overlook.

As a Muslim, I find acts through my faith one of the most powerful reminders of such fundamental concepts. After such reflection, it is easy for me to discipline myself, to forget I have not had water since five o'clock in the morning. I can look forward to breaking my fast and sleeping comfortably at night once the sun sets, but I cannot speak on behalf of the millions of others globally who can not necessarily do so. Living in a world that distracts and shuffles priorities, I find re-evaluating this world is most humanizing.

Try to live by a verse in the Qur'an that reads, "And what will explain to you what the steep path is? It is the freeing of a (slave) from bondage; or the giving of food in a day of famine to an orphan relative, or to a needy in distress. Then will he be of those who believe, enjoin fortitude and encourage kindness and compassion." [90: 12-17]

Ramadan Mubarak to all.

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Gold bubble will burst

Businesses and shops that deal in gold have become commonplace across America. Pawn shops as well as new companies that buy and sell gold in mall shops have made gold speculation easily accessible to Americans.

On Sept. 16, 2008 — the same day global investment bank Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. collapsed — the price of gold was \$779 per ounce, according to [kitco.com](http://www.kitco.com). As of Monday evening, gold prices reached \$1,911.90, which was more than double the price at that time.

The debt crises in Europe and the U.S. have been the backdrop for gold's rise, and the recent crashes in the stock market have scared investors further. In the current volatile period, investors who are seeking safe havens have been buying strong currencies like the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen and commodities like gold, silver and oil.

However, gold investing is also deceptively lucrative, as fears of hyperinflation are overblown in the news and the price growth of gold is unsustainable.

This is a worrying shadow of the behavior seen during the recent U.S. real estate bubble of the mid-2000s. People bought houses in expectation of higher prices and tried to sell those houses to people who thought prices would go even higher.

According to economists, this behavior is called speculation. It continues until no one will buy the asset anymore because it is overvalued, causing prices to fall and the person holding the asset to get burned by the market. Gold is in a price bubble that is

due to burst.

Veteran investor Warren Buffet shares this dim view of gold, dismissing gold investing during an interview with CNBC last March. "If you took all of the gold in the world, it would roughly make a cube 67 feet on a side," he said. "(That) cube of gold, it would be worth about \$7 trillion at today's market prices. That's probably about a third of the value of all the stocks in the United States. So you could have a choice of owning a third of all the stocks in the United States or you could have a choice of owning that little block of gold."

What he means is investors gain no financial benefit from holding gold other than the opportunity to sell it. Furthermore, U.S. stocks and bonds have outperformed gold by more than 200 percent since the 1980s.

Gold is a volatile commodity and its value only increases when fear and uncertainty in the global market increases. Given the Federal Reserve's Aug. 9 statement that the U.S. interest rate is expected to remain between 0 and .25 percent until 2013, there is good reason to believe that there will be more uncertainty and probably a short-term rise in gold prices. Even with price increases, the increasing value of gold over the past three years is an outlying phenomenon that is temporary.

According to [kitco.com](http://www.kitco.com), gold lost more than 17 percent of its value in the two weeks following Lehman Brothers collapse in 2008. Sudden falls in gold prices have and do occur during times of economic uncertainty.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Athletic Department needs to use honest marketing

Like just about everyone at Notre Dame, I'm a huge sports fan. Unlike quite a few people here, though, neither of my parents own or run any companies that are household names, so I'm not exactly rolling in dough.

This is why I love the fact that Notre Dame lets its students attend all of its athletic events for free or at reduced prices. The \$250 students pay for season football tickets may seem like a lot of money at first, but it starts to look cheap once you consider that a regular ticket to the USC game alone costs about as much as a black market kidney. Right now, though, I'm mad at the University's athletic department, because they just ripped me off.

You've probably received e-mails about how Mike Lee, a Notre Dame alum and former Bengal Bouts champion, is going to fight at the Purcell Pavilion the Friday before the Michigan State game. I bought tickets as soon as I got the e-mail because I wanted to see an old-fashioned Irish beatdown.

At 6-0, Mike Lee is a pretty good fighter. Look up his November 2010 fight in Cowboys Stadium on YouTube and watch him reduce Keith Debow's IQ by a measurable amount with a nasty overhand right to see what I mean. When I found out that I could get a ticket to this fight for a measly 15 bucks, I couldn't click my way to the UND.com checkout page fast enough.

When I got there, though, what I saw made me angry. Fifteen dollars

had quickly become \$25.50 after I got hit with the one-two combo of a \$1.50 "fee" and a nasty \$9.00 "ordering charge." Do they really expect me to believe it takes them \$9.00 to process my 10-kilobyte online order? Either the electrons that transmit data through cyberspace have formed a union and demanded higher pay, bigger pensions and comprehensive health plans, or the athletic department wants to charge me \$25.50 for a boxing ticket but doesn't have the guts to say it to my face.

In the grand scheme of things, \$25.50 isn't that much. It's the equivalent of literally about nine minutes of instruction from one of my esteemed professors. If the University had sent me an e-mail saying "Mike Lee tickets, only \$25.50," I wouldn't have written this letter.

Instead, they told me the tickets were \$15. I love my University enough to expose the rot in her midst. Those who market sporting events need to stand up and ask for the full price up front like real Fighting Irishmen. If I wanted to attend a university full of money-grubbing cheaters who shun the light of truth and righteousness, I would have gone to USC.

To paraphrase the late, great Patrick Henry, give me honesty, or give me an ugly red and yellow shirt!

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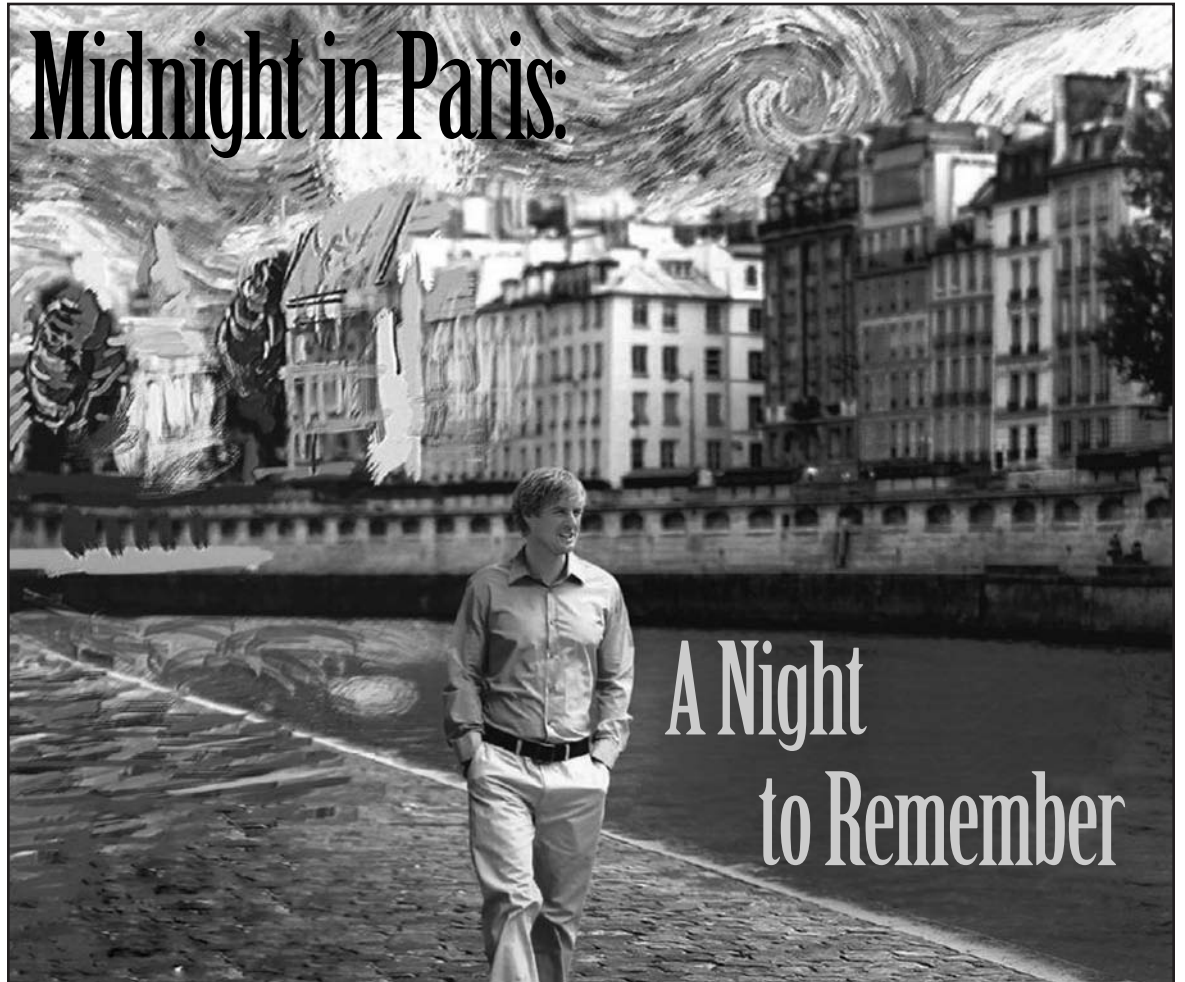


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Finally, we're back. Despite the new adventures, friendships and possibly love that summer brought, it feels good to be back at Notre Dame. Catching up with friends is more than a Skype date. It's Frisbee on the quad or Finny's on Fridays. So kick back, turn up the music and soak up the sunshine that will no doubt be gone in about a month. Enjoy the time.

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By NEIL MATHIESON
Scene Writer

The past decade was not kind to an aging Mr. Allen. The indelible quality that made him one of the most illustrious filmmakers of the 1970s, with films such as "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan," all but vanished. Before the curtain closed on Woody Allen's career, the 75-year-old filmmaker once again found his stride with "Midnight in Paris." A huge success both critically and commercially, "Midnight in Paris" is Woody Allen's highest grossing film to date.

The film stars Owen Wilson as Gil, a Hollywood screenwriter who feels artistically unfulfilled with his career. Gil aspires to write fiction and achieve something similar to the literary giants that inspired him. He comes to Paris on vacation with his fiancée Inez, played by Rachel McAdams, and falls in love with the city. Paris ignites Gil's artistic ambition,



A Night to Remember

On campus

Who: 'Midnight in Paris'
Where: Browning Cinema
When: Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
How much: \$6 regular, \$4 seniors, \$3 students

and he even suggests that he and Inez move there after they are married. Unfortunately, Inez does not share Gil's adoration of Paris and leaves him to explore Paris's elegant boulevards on his own.

During one of Gil's evening walks, a taxi pulls up beside him and ushers him in. Gil is then transported back in time to Paris in the 1920s, his favorite era, where he is able to socialize with iconic figures such as Hemingway and Fitzgerald over evening cocktails and lavish parties. Gil even meets Adriana (Marion Cotillard), a bewitching socialite who shares Gil's romantic ideals. However, this fantastical past is not Gil's present and he struggles to decide between both women and time periods.

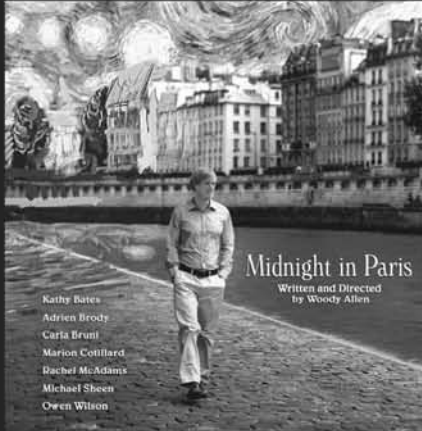
Wilson is incredibly charming and affable as Gil, as he tries to come to grips with this magical journey and attempts to quell his excitement when meeting his literary heroes. Cotillard, Adrien Brody and Michael Sheen also lend strong performances, but Allen gives most of the screen time to Paris and films with brilliant cinematography. The re-creation of Paris in the 1920s is luminous and without question the lifeblood of the film.

The success of "Midnight in Paris" is unforeseen and astounding. Allen, a constant combatant against the use of TV ads and marketing ploys, is rarely viewed by the Hollywood community as a breadwinner. He believes that if a film is good, then word of mouth and critical praise will translate into ticket sales. While most studios would cringe at this suggestion, Sony Picture Classics is laughing all the way to the bank. The film played in selected cities but its popularity had theatre owners calling for a nation-wide release, and Sony was happy to comply. It is now the second highest grossing film in Sony Pictures Classic history behind "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon."

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WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

thursday 25



'Midnight in Paris'

When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Browning Cinema
How Much: \$3

DPAC opens its yearlong film-screening program with Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris." The film, about a disillusioned screenwriter (Owen Wilson) and his fiancée (Rachel McAdams), follows the pair as they travel to Paris. There, Wilson's character finds a mysterious and fantastical gathering of 1920s writers and finds it hard to return to the present.

friday 26



IRISHenigans

When: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Where: Across campus
How Much: Free

Held in various locations across campus, the annual SAO-sponsored IRISHenigans will entertain students with fun-filled events like a comedy show, carnival, music, a bear bus, mini-golf and tons of other activities throughout the night. All events are completely free for students, so scour campus Friday night to find the best food and the most exciting activities.

saturday 27



B1 Block Party

When: 5 p.m. to 4 a.m.
Where: B1 parking lot
How much: \$10

This Legends-sponsored event features food, activities and tons of live music. The highlight of the night will be headliner Girl Talk hitting the stage for what is sure to be a fantastic set. Known for his infectious mash-ups and crazy stage antics, Girl Talk always gets his crowd dancing (and often joins in as well). Opening acts Midwest Hype and Tim Stop Trio will take the stage at 5:30 p.m.

sunday 28



'The Merchant of Venice'

When: 2 p.m.
Where: DPAC
How Much: \$15

The annual Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival closes out its 2011 season with the final performance of "The Merchant of Venice." This classic Bard story centers on the titular Venetian merchant and other Venetians who find love, face betrayal and question justice in this tragic comedy. Tickets can be purchased at the DPAC box office or on their website, performingarts.nd.edu.

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PGA TOUR

Playoffs offer new life for Els and other veterans

Associated Press

EDISON, N.J. — Ernie Els sure didn't look to be down in the dumps for someone who has tumbled so far in the FedEx Cup.

It was only a year ago that the Big Easy was the No. 1 seed going into the PGA Tour's version of the postseason. He went to the top of the standings by winning a World Golf Championship in March, and stayed there for the next five months.

This year, he wasn't even sure he would make it to The Barclays.

Els was just outside the top 125 — the cutoff to make the FedEx Cup bonanza — and had to play last week in the Wyndham Championship to have any chance of making the playoffs. He tied for 30th and moved up to No. 118.

"It's a little different," Els said Wednesday. "But I think this is almost a better mentality. I feel I need to be aggressive and get up the bloody points list. Otherwise, I'm going home. Last year I was the No. 1 seed, but I wasn't quite playing as good as I was in March. This year, I feel like I have to make a move. And I feel a little more comfortable with that."

"I had three good rounds last week, and I feel my game is coming along," he said. "It's a good feeling going in."

Els is among five players who have made it to the Tour Championship — and a shot at

the \$10 million bonus — each of the last four years. His chances of being in the top 30 are much more remote starting out at No. 118.

Even so, his optimism remains high, and there are a couple of reasons for that.

One is Heath Slocum, the poster boy for opportunity in the playoffs. Two years ago, Slocum barely got into the playoffs at No. 124, and then won The Barclays to secure a spot in the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake.

Another is Martin Laird. He faced elimination in the first tournament last year until he was the runner-up at The Barclays, moving him up to No. 3 in the standings. He wound up 11th in the final standings and picked up a \$300,000 bonus.

The fifth year of the FedEx Cup playoffs gets under way Thursday at Plainfield Country Club, the fourth course used for the opening event, one that ends with a 285-yard par 4 that should deliver plenty of excitement.

Along with a different course, there's a different look to the 125-man field.

Tiger Woods, a two-time FedEx Cup champion and the No. 1 seed in three of the four years, failed to qualify for the first time when he missed the cut at the PGA Championship.

The No. 1 seed is Nick Watney, whose two wins this year include a World Golf Championship at Doral.

"I feel like I'm in the best position I can be, and I'm very pleased with the year so far," Watney said. "But we have a long way to go. I'm excited to see if I can hold up in these next four events."

Phil Mickelson kept alive his streak as the only player to be among the top 10 seeds in every year of the FedEx Cup. He is at No. 6 this year, and he has listed winning the cup as one of his goals.

The change can be found more toward the bottom, where Els has plenty of company.

Padraig Harrington, a three-time major champion, nearly missed the playoffs. He closed with a 68 last week to tie for 47th. He then had to wait some two hours to see if it would be enough to qualify for the postseason. He barely made it, finishing at No. 124.

He studied accounting in college, so the Irishman knew how close he came to missing out. And yes, he already has done the math at The Barclays, figuring he needs to be in the top 30 at Plainfield to be among the top 100 players who move on to Boston next week.

Much like Els, he sees only opportunity.

"I'm of the opinion that I'm in a great position going into this, that I'm just like every other guy," Harrington said. "In order to win the FedEx Cup, you're going to have to win one of the first three events, and the last



Ernie Els hits out of a bunker during the first round of the PGA Championship at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Jones Creek, GA.

event. I've got nearly the same chance as anybody else of winning this outright. I just need to perform a little bit quicker than other guys."

Some of that is misleading, some of that is true.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen has been among the top 24 seeds the last two years. Now he's at No. 101, meaning his season will end if he misses the cut, or perhaps if he finishes toward the bottom of the pack.

His hopes are not as great, mainly because of a freak accident on his way to New Jersey.

Before leaving home in

Orlando, Fla., Goosen watched the track of Hurricane Irene. Just in case it turned toward Florida, he decided to push his boat into the garage. The front wheel of the boat trailer went over his right toe.

"It went blue instantly," Goosen said. "I had X-rays and they said it was a fracture. But I don't think it is. It's not as sore as it should be. But all the other toes are getting sore now because I'm walking funny."

Indeed, it will be an uphill climb this week at Plainfield.

"You just have to go for it, move up as much as you can as quickly as you can," Goosen said.

MLB

Dodgers dent Cardinals' playoff hopes with road sweep

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The situation could not be any bleaker for the St. Louis Cardinals. Manager Tony La Russa refuses to play the blame game.

"We're all in this together," La Russa said after the Los Angeles Dodgers scored an early knockout for the second straight day and completed their first road sweep of the season with a 9-4 victory on Wednesday. "We talk all the time and we'll get it fixed together."

"Whether I talk or don't talk or some talk. Whatever."

Lance Berkman said it certainly wasn't the manager's fault the Cardinals are 10 games behind the Milwaukee Brewers with only 32 games to go.

"He's not the one out there making bad pitches or having bad at-bats or not playing defense," Berkman said. "He's doing the

best he can. I think it's all on us."

Juan Rivera homered and knocked in three runs for the Dodgers, who outscored the Cardinals 24-7 in their first three-game sweep in St. Louis since Aug. 20-22, 1993. The Cardinals have dropped seven of nine and failed to capitalize on a loss by NL Central-leading Milwaukee.

La Russa said getting swept at home was "as bad as it can get" but he says no one's giving up.

"That'll never happen, not to this club, not to the coaching staff or myself," La Russa said. "But disappointed — you get frustrated with some of the way the games are being played."

"This league forever and ever, all the major leagues, are as much a sign of your toughness and your character as they are your talent."

Frustration is building in a fan base that showered more boos than usual the last few days. One

fan wearing a blue Dodgers T-shirt was ejected after firing a baseball across the diamond from the stands and nearly striking Albert Pujols at first base when the Cardinals were on defense.

The Cardinals have been swept twice at home and Rivera homered in both, helping the Blue Jays take a three-game set from June 24-26 before the Dodgers traded for him in July.

Hiroki Kuroda (10-14) worked seven solid innings in 98-degree heat, the hottest first-pitch temperature of the year, and A.J. Ellis hit his first career homer off of Jaime Garcia (10-7) to give the Dodgers a two-day total of six long balls. Matt Kemp had two singles and two RBIs and James Loney had three hits with a pair of doubles and an RBI.

The Cardinals trailed 6-0 before Garcia got his first at-bat leading off the third, and a day earlier it was 7-0 before Kyle Lohse struck

out for the final out of the second.

St. Louis was 1½ games behind the Brewers after acquiring Edwin Jackson and Rafael Furcal at the trade deadline, but is 10-13 since while the Brewers have gone 24-5. Gerald Laird hit his first National League homer, a two-run drive in the seventh, and Skip Schumaker had a season-high four hits with an RBI to hike his average to .301.

Eight straight Dodgers reached safely to start a six-run third that matched their season best and put them up 6-1. The rally was kicked off by a pair of walks followed by six straight hits that produced at least one RBI.

Garcia, who had been 6-3 with a 2.06 ERA at home, finally recorded his first out of the inning on Kuroda's sacrifice and gave up seven runs in five innings. He's 0-3 in his last six starts and has lasted just five innings in four of his last five outings.

La Russa and Garcia, who exited with a 2.73 home ERA, both maintain fatigue is not an issue.

"I had a couple starts where it was tough," Garcia said. "Today it was no physical fatigue or anything. I felt good. It's just one of those things."

Garcia said his biggest problem Wednesday was failing to take more time between pitches in the third.

"When stuff like that happens, you've got to step off and think about the pitch you're going to make," Garcia said. "Just relax for a little bit and try to limit the damage."

"I'm not going to lie, sometimes I don't do a very good job. But I'm trying."

Kuroda has won four of his last five starts and is 3-2 with a 2.11 ERA in six day starts. The right-hander allowed three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts and a walk.

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NFL

Steelers to start year with new linemen

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Three Super Bowl appearances over the past six years, three different starting centers for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Three different right guards, left tackles and right tackles, too.

In fact, along the Pittsburgh's offensive line, only left guard has had a modicum of stability over the course of Super Bowl wins following the 2005 and 2008 seasons and even through last season's Super Bowl loss to the Green Bay Packers.

In a league — and on a team — in which stability, chemistry and cohesiveness are valued in constructing an elite offensive line, the Steelers have managed to consistently remain among the NFL's best despite constant change.

This preseason, the reigning AFC champions have auditioned no fewer than four candidates for the job of starting right guard, and virtually every prominent player on the unit has missed practice time due to injury and/or contract issues.

The depth has been questioned enough that the team brought back six-year veteran Trai Essex less than a month after coaches had determined he was too out of shape to resign as a free agent.

Yet somehow, the Steelers aren't all that concerned. After all, they've overcome it before.

"I think every guy in here knows that when your number's called, you've got to answer the bell, and we've been successful with that for the most part," right tackle Willie Colon said. "But having that solid (starting) five out there is going to be really important for us starting the season."

Colon missed all of last season with an Achilles injury and sat out the first week of this training camp because of the post-lockout rules governing free agents.

But Colon and Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey — himself briefly bothered by a pesky ankle this camp — are the most steady components of the line. Chris Kemoeatu is entering his fifth season as the starting left guard. But he opened camp on the physically unable to perform list due to left knee swelling.

"As of right now, we've got a bunch of new guys stepping into the (first-team) scene," Kemoeatu said, "and I'm still trying to get back to 100 percent. But we've got two weeks left."

"It's all about repetition and trying our best to build up the communication with everyone. It doesn't really matter who you play next to here because every one of them are capable guys who have been around who can step in there."

Pittsburgh cut former starting left tackle Max Starks this summer and re-signed the player who started the final 12 games of last season (including play-offs) in his place, Jonathan Scott.

Like Colon, Scott was forced to sit out the first week of camp. Then, he left Thursday's preseason game vs. Philadelphia due to a minor knee injury — the same fate that fell his backup, second-

round pick Marcus Gilbert.

That compelled the Steelers to move Tony Hills back to left tackle after Hills had been given the start at right guard. Ramon Foster, Doug Legursky and Chris Scott also are in the running to be the starter at right guard for the season opener Sept. 11 at Baltimore.

"We've shown from the years past, with the never-ending revolving door with us, that we've really just got to focus on the next person in line who's going to step up so that there weren't be any dropoff in play or capability," said Legursky, who started the Super Bowl at center in place of an injured Pouncey. "No matter who's in there on gameday, that's who's going to lead us into battle."

"We've preached from Day 1 that, especially on the offensive line, position flexibility is probably most valuable thing you have. And that's why we'll go get somebody like Trai."

Essex has started 25 games over his six seasons with Pittsburgh — some each at tackle and guard. He also can play some center, but he did lose his job as the starting right guard early last season.

His contract expired, Essex said Steelers coaches weren't shy in letting him know when they saw him at quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's wedding last month that Essex was too overweight for them to re-sign him.

"They see the huge difference between then and now," Essex said this week after he agreed a one-year contract on Monday. "They know I spent some time losing weight. They'd been keeping in contact with me, but this would have never happened if I didn't take the time to lose weight in the first place."

Essex married this year, and his lockout was spent "living it up" between bachelor parties and honeymoons.

Word from Steelers coaches hit home, however.

"It made me realize that if I want to stay in this game and if I want to play, that I have to really change some habits," Essex said. "I made some bad habits, and the lockout was bad for me. But also, this was blessing."

Having the Steelers temporarily turn their back on him was one thing. The phone not ringing from any other club was another.

But it says just as much about Pittsburgh's depth on the line as it does about Essex's successful diet that he was lining up as the No. 2 left tackle in practice the day he returned to the team.

That sounds alarming — and it probably would be, for most teams. Somehow, though, the Steelers find a way to make it work year after year.

"It starts, first, with our coaches in the room," Foster said. "Coach (Sean) Kugler and coach (Harold) Goodwin, they do a good job of making sure everyone knows everything. They treat everyone as if you're going to go in to play the game each week."

"We don't mind who's beside us playing. We just keep it rolling with whoever's in there."

The Steelers play host to the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday.

DANTE'S *DIVINE COMEDY*: THE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSE AS POETRY

Professor Zygmunt Baranski
Notre Dame Professor of Dante and Italian Studies
Fall of 2011 (TR from 2:15-3:00pm)
(LLRO 40114-01; MI 40565; ROIT 40114)



Dante is the greatest religious poet of Western culture, and his great epic poem, the *Divine Comedy*, offers a remarkable and original synthesis of his view of the fundamental relationship between God and humanity. The course offers an introduction to Dante's *Commedia* (the title of the poem is *Comedy* and not *Divine Comedy* as is commonly believed) by focusing on the first of its three parts, *Inferno*, while also paying significant attention to its other two parts, *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*. Classes will principally concentrate on providing readings of individual cantos. (The course will be divided into 4 introductory lectures, 12 classes on *Inferno*, 7 on *Purgatory*, and 6 on *Paradiso*.) At the same time, broader issues central to Dante's masterpiece will be discussed. In particular, attention will be paid to Dante's ties to classical and Christian culture, his political views, his ideas on language, his involvement in contemporary intellectual debates, his efforts to use poetry for ethical and religious ends, and his literary experimentation (including his perplexing choice of title for his masterpiece). The course is open to all second-, third-, and fourth-year students, and will be taught in English. Dante's poem, too, will be read in English translation, though students with a reading knowledge of Italian are encouraged to read it in both languages. The translation is that found in the annotated bilingual edition by Robert and Jean Hollander (Doubleday). [This is a one-semester lecture course on the entire *Comedy*, distinct from ROIT40115-40116, Dante I and Dante II.]

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MLB

Red Sox dominate Rangers, move ahead of Yanks

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington knows it is still too early to worry about watching the standings.

But if the defending AL champions keep playing like this, they might not be in the position they want to be in mid-September.

Matt Harrison gave up four runs in the first inning and the AL West-leading Rangers suffered another lopsided loss in a potential playoff preview against the Boston Red Sox, 13-2 on Wednesday night.

“All you can do is bounce back,” Washington said. “We got beat, it wasn’t nothing we could do about it. ... You come back tomorrow and you try to put your game together.”

The Rangers (74-57) have lost five of seven games, the latest matching their worst of the season. Their last three losses have been by a combined score of 34-7 — including a 10-0 loss at the Chicago White Sox on Sunday before an 11-5 setback to the Red Sox on Tuesday night.

“It’s not demoralizing at all,” Michael Young said. “Obviously we didn’t play our style of baseball tonight or [Tuesday], so we’ve got to make some quick adjustments, come out tomorrow and play better.”

There is one more game against the Red Sox before the AL West-chasing Los Angeles Angels get to town this weekend for three games.

“Our priority is always on what we do,” Young said. “If we take care of our business, we like our chances of ending up winning the division.”

Texas had a seven-game division lead after winning three consecutive games in Los Angeles last week, then led in the ninth inning of that series finale before the Angels got a game-ending homer.

Los Angeles has now won six in a row, including 8-0 over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, to cut the division gap to 2 ½ games. Los Angeles is off Thursday.

Mike Napoli hit his 22nd homer and had an RBI single for the only Texas runs against Boston.

David Ortiz returned to the Boston lineup with an RBI single on the first pitch he saw in 10 days and scored twice.

Carl Crawford, Jacoby Ellsbury and Adrian Gonzalez hit two-run homers in consecutive innings late off three different relievers for Boston (79-50), which moved a game up on New York after the Yankees lost 6-4 in 10 innings to Oakland.

With 33 games left to play, the Red Sox aren’t yet too concerned with the standings.

“I think there’s more significance to what food’s being served in there tonight,” manager Terry Francona said, motioning toward the clubhouse.

Just like they did in their win a night earlier, the Red Sox jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead.

The first of Dustin Pedroia’s two RBI singles off Matt Harrison (10-9) put Boston ahead to stay in the first. Ortiz immediately followed with his run-scoring hit and then scored from first base on Crawford’s two-run double into the right-field corner even though the relay throw beat him to the



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz connects with a pitch in the first inning for an RBI single in Wednesday’s 13-2 win over the Rangers.

plate.

It appeared that Napoli had the one-hop relay in his mitt, but the ball came out when the catcher swiped to tag Ortiz and the Red Sox led 4-0.

After Ortiz had a leadoff double in the fifth, Jed Lowrie had a sacrifice bunt and Crawford a sacrifice fly. Ortiz lumbered home and clipped the back of Napoli’s leg with his flop slide just ahead of the throw.

“He was moving today pretty good,” Washington said before chuckling. “Nothing wrong with

his heel, he’s been faking it.”

Josh Beckett (11-5) allowed one run and four hits over six innings and showed some quick reflexes to make a defensive gem by catching a comeback liner.

Harrison gave up seven runs and 11 hits over five innings with four strikeouts and one walk. The left-hander still has a 3.59 ERA this season, but that has risen from 2.94 in August, when he is 1-2 his five starts.

“They just put some hits together, that’s all,” Washington

said. “You’ve got to match their pitching and if you don’t match their pitching, the game can get away. And it got away from us.”

Beckett struck out four and walked two while throwing 110 pitches. The right-hander allowed 13 earned runs in 12 innings his previous two starts against Texas, both last season.

When Ian Kinsler hit a hard liner up the middle in the fifth, Beckett turned his head and put up his glove.

“That ball caught me,” Beckett said. “I didn’t catch it.”

MLB

Giants claim Padres closer Bell off waivers

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Diego Padres closer Heath Bell has confirmed that he has been claimed off waivers by the San Francisco Giants, although even he is skeptical about whether he will actually end up with the defending World Series champions.

The burly right-hander said before Wednesday night’s game — coincidentally at San Francisco — that he’s planning to “sweat my butt off” when the Padres play at Arizona on Friday.

“I feel pretty honored. They’re the world champs, they want me to be part of their organization,” Bell said. “But nothing has happened right now. I’m a Padre, and I’m pretty happy about that. Until something happens, there’s really not much to talk about.”

San Diego has 48 hours from the time Bell was claimed to decide whether to trade the three-time All-Star, allow him to be claimed or pull him back from waivers. Giants general manager Brian Sabean might also just be trying to block NL West-leading Arizona — under first-year general manager and former Padres GM Kevin

Towers — from landing Bell.

The Giants won the claim, first reported by ESPN, for the 33-year-old Bell earlier in the day. He converted his 35th save in 39 opportunities in Tuesday’s 7-5 win over San Francisco.

Bell admitted it would be odd to switch clubhouses at AT&T Park in the middle of a quick two-game series.

“It would be easy. It wouldn’t be that far,” he said, chuckling. “I know where the locker room is. It would be a little weird just because we’ve had so many battles over the years.”

The Giants are beat up in the bullpen, with closer Brian Wilson and reliever Sergio Romo on the disabled list.

There is no timetable for when Wilson will get on a mound and test his inflamed right elbow, though there’s a chance he could return in early September for the stretch run. Wilson has declined to discuss his injury.

Wilson was last season’s majors saves leader with 48, while Bell had 47. San Francisco began the day two games back of the Diamondbacks in the division race.

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Braves third baseman Chipper Jones looks on as his home run travels over the fence. The Cubs beat the Braves 3-2 Wednesday.

MLB

Braves waste Lowe's gem in loss to Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Even in defeat, the Atlanta Braves' clubhouse reverberates with confidence, as if there are greater things to focus on than one loss.

A deep run into October, for example.

Derek Lowe pitched seven strong innings, and Chipper Jones and Alex Gonzalez homered, but it wasn't enough as the Braves fell to the Chicago Cubs 3-2 on Wednesday night.

All the damage done to Lowe (8-12) came in the second, when the Cubs batted around and scored three runs.

Alfonso Soriano followed a leadoff walk with a two-run homer, and speedster Tony Campana reached on Dan Uggla's fielding error and came around to score on a groundout.

The Cubs went on to load the bases, but Lowe induced an inning-ending groundout.

"I don't consider that a rough inning for me," Lowe said with a grin. "That's damage control."

Other than that, Lowe was as dominant as he's been all season. He gave up four hits and four walks. Lowe struck out six and threw a season-high 119 pitches.

"He's gonna get the loss, but I think he deserves better," said Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez. "You look at his linescore, and it might be one of his best starts. He was really, really good."

Lowe tossed seven full innings for the first time since May 17.

"As embarrassing a stat as that may be, I'd rather be doing that now than back then," Lowe said. "We're winding down and you've got six or seven starts left, you want to finish up strong to put ourselves in a good spot. We're still trying to catch Philly."

"I don't think this loss is going to stay with us very long, especially the way we've been play-

ing."

The Braves have won 15 of 20 and remain 6½ games behind the Phillies in the NL East.

"Regardless of whether (Lowe) won or lost tonight, we needed him to give us innings and he did that," said Jones. "That's the luxury of how well we've played up until this point. We lose a game like this tonight, it doesn't really bother us because we are where we are. Just file this one away and come back out tomorrow."

Jones' home run chased Cubs starter Randy Wells (5-4) with two outs in the seventh, but it was just the second hit of the game for Atlanta.

Wells held the Braves to one run and two hits over 6 2-3 innings, striking out six and improving to 4-1 in his career against Atlanta.

"He had an outstanding changeup tonight. He made one mistake with it," Jones said. "I thought he pitched as good ... Well, I can't really say that, he had us no-hit in the seventh in our place, so I have seen him pitch that well. He did it to us again."

Wells, then a rookie, had a no-hit bid broken up by Jones with two outs in the seventh on June 2, 2009 in Atlanta. The Braves came back from a 5-0 deficit to win 6-5 in 12 innings.

"I'm starting to feel a lot better," Wells said. "I'm starting to command the fastball a lot better. Tonight, I had a pretty good changeup."

Carlos Marmol got the last three outs and joined Lee Smith as the only Cubs relievers to post consecutive 30-save seasons.

Soriano's two-run shot fueled Chicago's three-run rally in the second. He also walked and was hit by a pitch. Aramis Ramirez added a single and two walks, extending his hitting streak to 13 games.

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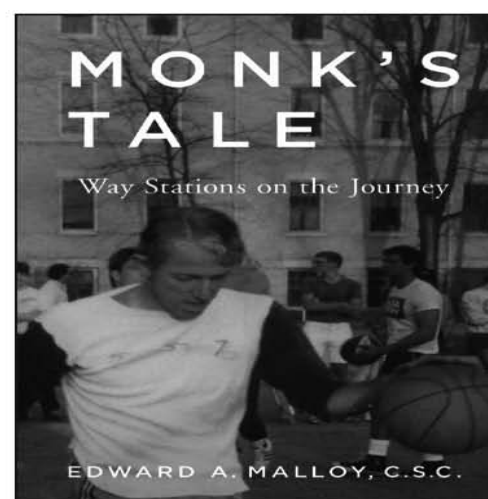
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NBA

Union discusses options

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Negotiators for NBA owners and players will likely meet again next week. And the league will have to offer something different to interest the players.

The union has been holding regional meetings, informing its members just how harsh it believes the owners' proposal is for a new collective bargaining agreement. The league is seeking significant changes to the salary structure as a way to eliminate its losses, which it says totaled \$300 million last season.

Players have balked at the demands, and players' association vice president Maurice Evans of Washington said Wednesday that when players are shown what the league wants, they are unified in their stance.

"When we're able to explain exactly what David Stern is asking for, it becomes so clear and evident that we cannot take this deal, and guys would be willing to not participate, to not play, if that's the offer to us," Evans told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Chicago, where the union was set to hold another meeting Thursday.

After that, Evans said the players hope to have a bargaining session with the league's negotiators next week, but that a specific day hadn't been locked down yet.

There has been only one session that included leadership from both sides since the league locked out the players on July 1 after the expiration of the old

CBA. Stern said during a podcast with ESPN.com earlier this month that progress needed to be made by the end of Labor Day weekend or "we may be headed to a bad place."

Evans said one of reasons for the regional meetings is to refute some of the things the commissioner said during that lengthy interview, which he called "very misleading." More than 100 players have attended the three gatherings, in Los Angeles and Las Vegas last week before New York on Wednesday. Evans added they hope to schedule more in Houston and Atlanta.

Stern blamed the players for an unwillingness to seriously bargain after a meeting on Aug. 1 and accused them of backing out of another meeting. Evans believes Stern has been more aggressive in his tone because the numbers don't support the position the league says it is in after a successful 2010-11 season on and off the court.

"He has to go to extremes to try to prove his case and normally he doesn't negotiate through the media," Evans said.

The league has backed off its demand for non-guaranteed contracts in a new CBA, but still wants salaries cut by more than a third among other changes. The league has proposed a flexible salary cap that the players contend is really a hard cap, which would replace the current system that allows teams to exceed the cap through the use of various exceptions. Evans called the elimination of the exceptions a

"total slap in the face to Michael Jordan and all the great players that came before us."

Both sides have filed charges against the other with the National Labor Relations Board, and the league also filed a lawsuit seeking to block the union from decertifying — which it hasn't indicated publicly it's considering at this time.

After a flurry of meetings in June before the deadline, the sides have felt they had little to talk about since. Owners quickly shot down the players' final proposal, saying it would have significantly raised salaries in the sixth year of the deal, and the union has been hoping for another offer from the league that hasn't and may not come.

"We just want something that's fair," Evans said. "We don't feel like their proposals have been in good faith at all. That's why we filed the suit with the NLRB."

Despite the differences, there's still time to make a deal without losing any of the season. During the 1998-99 work stoppage that reduced the season to 50 games, the league didn't cancel the start of training camps in early October until Sept. 24. Camps are scheduled to open Oct. 1 this season, with the regular season set to begin on Nov. 1.

But with no progress made since the lockout began, Evans seems to agree with Stern that something has to happen quickly.

"If a deal's to be made," he said, "it's going to have to be very soon."

NFL

Collins signed, status of Manning unclear

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are bringing one veteran quarterback out of retirement.

No, not Brett Favre.

The Colts agreed to terms Wednesday with Kerry Collins, making him the likely starter in case Peyton Manning hasn't completely recovered from offseason neck surgery when the season opens Sept. 11.

Collins said he has been given no indication that Manning won't play at Houston.

"Hopefully, Peyton will be back, but if he's not maybe I can be one of the guys that can help this ball club," Collins said in a conference call with reporters Wednesday night. "The biggest draw for me coming here was just being with a team that I have a lot of respect for and a lot of history with, and really to be with a great team and play with one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time."

Collins agreed to a one-year contract and acknowledged he could be talked into staying longer than 2011.

Not everyone in the Colts locker room is enamored with the move.

"We don't even know him, we ain't vanilla, man, we ain't no simple offense," receiver Reggie Wayne said. "So for him to come in here and be the starter, I don't see it. I think that's a step back."

Colts coach Jim Caldwell wasn't available to talk with reporters about Collins, a player he coached at Penn State, because the official announcement didn't come until after practice. Caldwell spoke with reporters before practice. But he struck a calm tone in a statement released by the team.

"He is a veteran quarter-

back who has started many games and he brings dimension and depth to the quarterback position, which will be helpful," Caldwell said. "He is familiar with our division and will make a great addition to our roster."

The move is another indication that Manning's streak of 227 consecutive starts, including playoff games, is in serious jeopardy for the first time since 2008.

Manning had surgery May 23 to repair a nerve in his neck, and the recovery has gone slower than expected partially, Manning said, because he couldn't work out with team trainers during the 4 1/2-month lockout.

On Saturday morning, Colts owner Jim Irsay wrote on Twitter that the Colts should be prepared to play without Manning in the opener against the division-rival Texans. Later that day, Manning acknowledged he did not expect to play in the final two preseason games and that he would need the next two weeks just to get healthy.

Collins said the first call from Indy came Saturday, too.

Caldwell hasn't said when he expects Manning to return to the field after signing a five-year, \$90 million contract to stay in Indy last month.

"I think he laid out pretty well where he is, and that he is working extremely hard to try and get back as quickly as he possibly can," Caldwell said Monday. "He's going to work hard at trying to get back and get ready, and he's doing everything he can to do so."

And if he's not ready? Well, there's Collins, who has played in 195 career games with Tennessee, New Orleans, the New York Giants, Oakland and Carolina before retiring in July.

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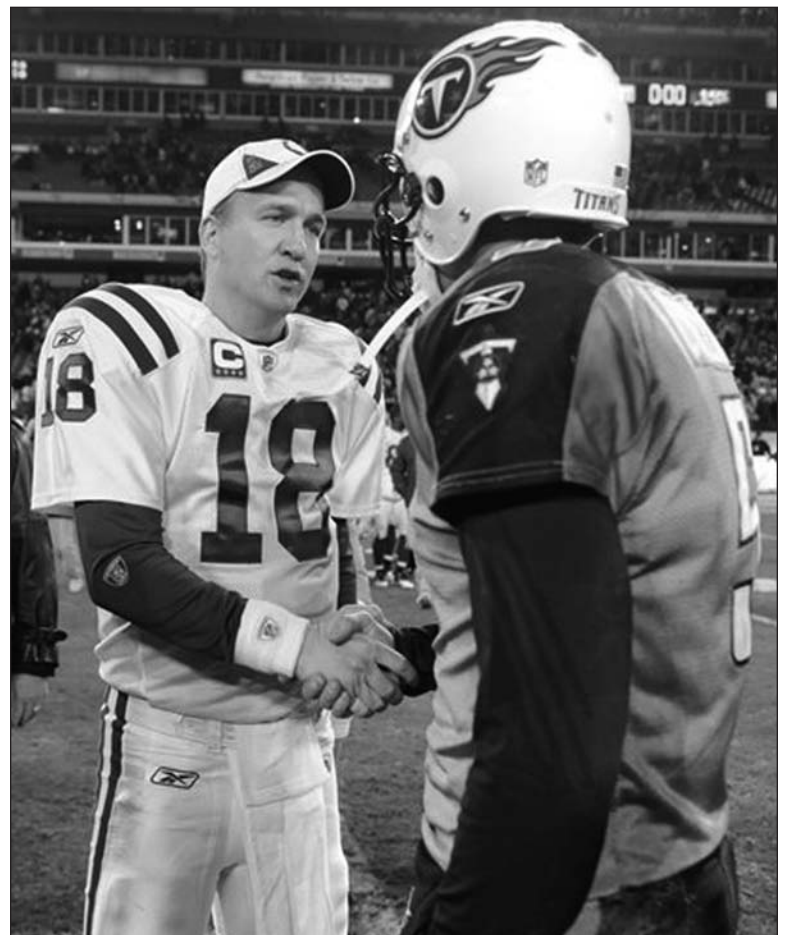


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Peyton Manning and Kerry Collins shake hands Dec. 9 following the Colts' 30-28 win. Collins was signed by Indianapolis yesterday.

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making improvements to advance even further this season.

"[Watt] has high expectations coming into the season," Bayliss said. "He can become even more successful if he embraces coming to the net and improves his short forehands."

The Irish also return sophomore Greg Andrews, who will likely take the reigns at the No. 2 singles spot from the graduated Stephen Havens. Andrews, who was last season's Big East Freshman of the Year, had a successful summer, earning his first ATP point.

Even with his recent successes, Andrews does not believe he will feel any additional pressure.

"There really is no pressure," Andrews said. "I am

just going to concentrate on building on my success and doing anything to help the team succeed."

The Irish finished as runners-up in last season's Big East tournament, falling to champion Louisville. But this season, Bayliss believes there may be several teams fighting for the conference crown.

"The Big East [championships] is at USF this season and that definitely makes them a major player," Bayliss said. "Louisville graduated four of their top five from last season, but they have a couple freshmen that should make a significant impact. I would also look for DePaul to be a contender due to their returnees."

Despite a more competitive landscape, Bayliss is confident in his team's ability to advance even further this season.

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NBA

Parts of lawsuit against Pacers' owner removed

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A judge suggested Wednesday she plans to throw out key portions of a lawsuit by a nanny who claims she was fired by Indiana Pacers owner Herb Simon and his wife because she became pregnant.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Amy Hogue, who planned to issue her decision Thursday, rebuffed hours of arguments by the attorney for nanny Claudia Leite, saying she didn't believe much of the nanny's testimony.

"I can't remember a case with so much impeaching testimony and things that didn't make sense," Hogue told Leite's attorney, Joseph Davis. "It's astounding."

She said she also doubted the testimony of a chauffeur who joined in the lawsuit.

The case offered insight into the lifestyle of a super-rich family with several homes and private jet. Simon, and his wife, Bui, a former Miss Universe, have homes in California and Indiana and travel with a staff that includes nannies for their four children. His family founded the Indiana-based Simon Property Group. According to Forbes, his net worth is \$1.4 billion.

"It's hard to infer an anti-family, anti-pregnancy animus from Mrs. Simon when her whole history has been pro-child," said the judge. She noted that Bui Simon runs a foundation for orphans and she adopted the daughter of a sister who died and raised her as her own child even before she married Simon.

"She's not someone who had children and abandoned them to nannies," said the judge. "She drove them to school, fed them, put them to bed."

She also noted that Bui Simon had been extremely generous to Leite, who worked for the Simons for eight years. She said the Simons gave Leite \$20,000 to help her mother buy a house in Brazil, gave her a used Mercedes for her personal use and an \$11,000 pair of diamond earrings for a

birthday.

"It's hard for me to reconcile that with some secret spiteful animus," said the judge who ridiculed the idea that Mrs. Simon was secretly "the Wicked Witch of the West or Cruella DeVille."

Attorney Joseph Davis, representing Leite and chauffeur Robert Young, said in his hours-long argument that Bui Simon tried to humiliate Leite by giving her some of her used pregnancy clothes which were too small for her. The judge said the motive wasn't believable. She also rejected a complaint by Leite that during a trip to Indianapolis, Bui Simon refused to let her go to an emergency room when she experienced discomfort with her pregnancy.

Instead, Leite acknowledged her employer called a friend who was an eminent neo natal doctor and sought his opinion on the phone.

"To me what she did was reasonable and kind," said the judge. She also noted that other employees in the Simon household testified that they were given generous maternity leaves when they became pregnant. Instead of avoiding pregnant employees, she said Bui Simon "continued to hire employees who had more and more children."

Leite was dismissed because of a screaming argument she had with another member of the household staff, the judge said, noting the incident caused the children to cry.

"This is not IBM and computer scientists in a cubicle," Hogue said. "This is a family."

She said Bui Simon had to act to insure calm in the household. She suspended both women for a time, she said, but Leite was fired after a phone conversation in which she told her employer: "It's your fault. You made the children cry." The judge called it "a belligerent response."

She said, "It is undisputed that the Simons were generally delighted with her care of the children," but by the end of the relationship, they no longer liked Leite.

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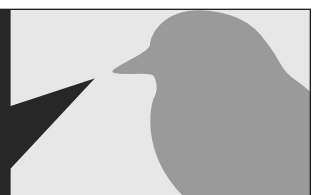
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tape and the fact that it had never happened here before,” Lee said. “But we had some really good meetings with [Director of Athletics] Jack Swarbrick and the administration about doing it for charity and got it done.”

The fight, dubbed “Fight Like a Champion,” will take place Sept. 16 at the Joyce Center, the day before the Notre Dame-Michigan State football game, with all event proceeds going toward the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation and the Robinson Community Learning Center in South Bend.

“When I was growing up, I was fortunate to have an older kid to look up to who played ball with me and taught me how to deal with bullies,” the 2009 Notre Dame graduate said. “An older role model is a great thing to have and I thought Notre Dame-affiliated charities where the students are involved are good places to start.”

Lee even had the opportunity to meet legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian at a press conference announcing the fight, a point of inspiration for the rising star, he said.

“Coach Parseghian told me that when he found out his grandchildren had [terminal Niemann-Pick Type C disease] they had two options: to either go into the corner or fight back and do something about it,” Lee said. “I was blown away by what he had to say. It was like being in one of his locker room pregame speeches.”

Meanwhile, the former O’Neill resident and University of Missouri transfer has been training in Houston with renowned trainer Ronnie Shields in preparation for the highly anticipated light heavyweight bout against Kansas-native Jacob Stiers (4-1,



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Notre Dame alumnus Mike Lee fights in the semifinals of the 2008 Bengal Bouts. Lee will return to the JACC as a professional Sept. 16.

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“Ronnie is a big reason why I’m here in my career today,” Lee said. “We’ve grown to be really close. Learning from a world-champion trainer is just an incredible experience.”

Lee, a Chicago Golden Gloves champion, is coming off a dominating performance in a knockout win over Michael Birthmark in July at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. Even though Lee knocked his opponent to the floor three times, Birthmark was able to counter at key opportunities in the middle of the fight, something that Shields has worked on with his protégé.

“Ronnie and I watched tapes of the fight and even though I was able to get my overhand right working, I should have calmed down and picked my shots,” Lee,

who is scheduled to fight at Madison Square Garden in December, said.

But with his upcoming headline fight — one Lee calls the biggest of his career up to this point — the Chicago native expects an exhilarating atmosphere on a weekend that already draws over 80,000 people to campus.

“The atmosphere is just going to be unreal right before a big game like this,” Lee said. “I just hope the students come out and support this cause. There is nothing like a live pro fight.”

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Sophomore Meg Ryan runs during last year's Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 1. Ryan is one of nine sophomores returning for the Irish.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish return strong core of upperclassmen

By **MATTHEW DEFRANKS**
Sports Writer

Following a 25th place finish at the NCAA championship meet last season, Irish men’s cross country coach Joe Piane said he expects further development and even more success in this year’s campaign.

“The goal is always to do well in the Big East and make the NCAAs,” Piane said.

Returning all but one of the championship meet runners, the Irish maintain a strong core to make another deep run in 2011. The status of junior Jeremy Rae, who finished 78th in the national meet last year, remains uncertain, however, due to an injury.

“[Rae] is a real question mark because he’s injured,” Piane said. “We’ll see how he responds. If he comes back, and we think he will, he’ll be one of our top runners.”

Piane said senior Jordan Carlson, junior J.P. Malette and sophomores Martin Grady and Walter Schafer would also be key contributors to the team this season. Piane said he already noticed improvements in the team, despite having only had less than a week of practice this season.

“I’ve been really pleased with [sophomore] DJ Thornton,” Piane said. “He’s looked very good so far.”

After the spring track season ended, the team shifted their focus to cross country and changed the pace and types of their workouts.

“We did lots of long distance in the summer in preparation for cross country,” Piane said.

Tim Connelly, Irish women’s cross country coach, is also optimistic about a team that returns six of last year’s top seven runners.

“Our expectations are pretty high. We’re still fairly young but we expect to be much improved,” Connelly said. “We want to be an NCAA qualifier.”

Last fall, the Irish ended their season in Rochester, Mich., after a sixth place finish in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Sophomore Alexa Aragon led Notre Dame in the meet, placing 22nd and earning All-Region honors.

“She’s one of our top runners that improved as the season went on,” Connelly said. “I was encouraged by the improvement throughout the year.”

This year, the Irish will host two meets at the Notre Dame Golf Course — the National Catholic Championships Sept. 16 and the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 30. These meets, however, are not the only ones on Connelly’s mind.

“We always look forward to the championship meets,” Connelly said. “We want to run well in the Big East [championships] and the NCAA Regional meets.”

Both Irish squads will open the season on the road in Valparaiso, Ind., at the Crusader Invitational Sept. 2.

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and ACC schools, including LSU, which finished third in the 2011 NCAA tournament.

“The challenging schedule is an indication of how far the program has come,” Holt said. “If we can compete with the top teams on our schedule, it will give us

an indication of where we stand nationally.”

After they play at the Indiana University Fall Invitational in mid-October, the Irish will finish the fall portion of their schedule with the Landfall Tradition. The squad concludes its regular season with four additional tournaments in March and April.

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Rees

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customary for Kelly.

"I think it's atypical for most coaches," Kelly said. "I've always been 60/40 because I've felt that you can do some teaching with those repeated reps ... You can talk to your quarterback and say, 'Take a look at it now from this perspective. That's the play you just read incorrectly.'

"I've always used it as a teaching opportunity ... that's just been my style," Kelly said.

Despite the end of the race for the starting quarterback position, Crist and Rees continue to be close on and off the field.

"You should have seen those two guys. They're really great friends in the meeting room, in the locker room, off the field," offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said. "Yeah, they competed hard, but they helped each other all day, every day. They both get it. It's all about winning football games."

With the season a mere nine days away, the Irish are significantly more comfortable in their offensive scheme than they were a year ago in the midst of preparing for their first game under Kelly.

"We could dig a little bit deeper if we need to, but our guys basically have more of the play-book than they had a year ago for the opener," Molnar said. "They've mastered more things than they did a year ago in the opener. Now it really is just time for them to go and perform."

A large part of that mastery involved increased time in the

film room.

"I definitely feel a lot more comfortable. I feel a lot more comfortable when it comes to film study," senior running back Jonas Gray said. "I'm a lot more comfortable with the offense, feel a lot more comfortable with my reads, being able to read the defense — the film study and all that comes into play."

The increased confidence in the basic offensive schemes has allowed the Irish to practice more situations since the building blocks of the offense are now firmly entrenched.

"Coach Kelly is very situational in the way he thinks. We cover virtually every situation that you could think of," Molnar said. "For example, the other day we went through overtime. We went through the last play of the game from the eight-yard line. We worked [the two-minute offense] needing a field goal. We worked two-minute needing a touchdown. We worked all the different third down things. We worked the four-minute offense. You name it, we worked it."

The coaching staff believes this will give the team an advantage by expanding the options it has in any given situation.

"We have a lot of versatility," Gray said. "It gives coach Kelly the ability to open up his play-book and do a lot more things than he did in the past."

With the season just a week and a half away, preparation is starting to give way to emotion.

"I'm just excited," Gray said. "I'm excited for the season to start."

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Waldrum

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"Personally, I feel like we're climbing that mountain again, and this is just another year," Waldrum said. "We set out to get to the College Cup every year. That's the expectation we've set for ourselves. Once we get there, anything can happen."

With the trophy in their display case and the nation's No. 1 ranking before their name, Notre Dame is a favorite to join North Carolina this year as the only other program ever to repeat as national champion. And while Waldrum might be trying to keep his players from living in the past, he does believe there are lessons to be learned from their title run that can be used this season.

"We talked about it at our very first meeting this year, that there are things we want to remember and things we want to forget," Waldrum said. "We want to forget about winning the national championship, but we need to remember the effort that it took and how much work we put in as student-athletes to get there."

Waldrum can also draw upon his own experience in defending a championship. After leading Notre Dame to its second NCAA championship in 2004, the Irish entered the 2005 season with the pressure of a No. 1 ranking and a potential repeat. The team faltered after a successful regular season, losing to Megan Rapinoe and eventual champion Portland in the quarterfinals.

However, Waldrum has already seen an important difference in the two teams.

"After 2004, we came in for the



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Senior Irish midfielder Courtney Barg dribbles past a Wisconsin defender during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory Friday.

spring and it was like any other year. It wasn't notched up to another level," he said. "This year, we came in with a strong attitude to try and win back-to-back, and it showed right away. You're not going to win just because you're the reigning champ. You've got to earn it."

That attitude was on display over the weekend, as Notre Dame opened its season with a 2-0 win over Wisconsin. That scoreline was not indicative of the gap between the teams though, as the Irish dominated play in their signature aggressive, possessing style.

"We're at a point now where we've got a way we want the game to look," Waldrum said. "Fans don't want to see a 1-0 game where you sit back. We want to play the same attacking soccer you see at Barcelona."

Notre Dame will need that same high level of play to continue, as they face four top-25 opponents in the next three weeks. The most difficult tests in that stretch will come on the road, as the Irish visit both No. 2 Stanford and No. 3 North Carolina. With a depleted lineup, Waldrum expects those matches to be a barometer for how his team can handle the pressure and adversity of a title defense.

"We had a couple injuries to some of our key freshmen over the summer, so we're not as deep as I'd like to be right now," Waldrum said. "We need to manage these games and get through the next couple of weeks. Once we get everybody back, I think we'll be in a good position."

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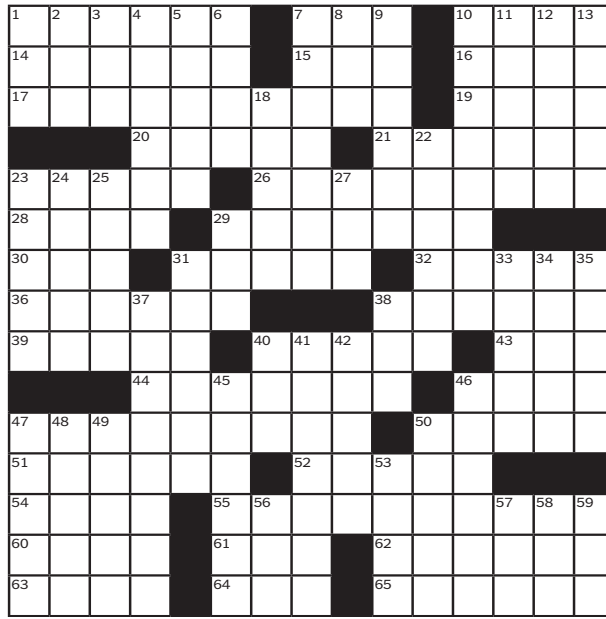

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 - 12 Marriage
 - 13 Comment preceding "Gern geschehen"
 - 18 Nada
 - 22 Bigwig
 - 23 Compact Nissan model
 - 24 Rejoice
 - 25 Start of a children's rhyme
 - 27 29-Down, down South
 - 29 See 27-Down
 - 31 "Beat it!"
 - 33 Come to mind again



Puzzle by Michael Sharp

- 34 City of 21/2+ million at the mouth of the Yodo River
- 35 Fax predecessor
- 37 Mewing passerines
- 38 Walgreens competitor
- 40 N. African land
- 41 Fortifies
- 42 Courtier who invites Hamlet to fence with Laertes
- 45 Common undergrad course of study
- 46 Zombie, essentially
- 47 Deceive
- 48 Hidden
- 49 1985 N.L. M.V.P. Willie
- 50 "Vive" follower
- 53 Sharp put-down
- 56 "What a good boy ___!"
- 57 Pony players' parlor: Abbr.
- 58 Formerly, name-wise
- 59 Drop the ball

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Happy Birthday: You have what it takes to reach your goals. Steady progress will be made if you are willing to put a little extra into whatever you do. Help will be offered if you make a good impression. Travel and learning are highlighted. Sign up for whatever interests you and share your thoughts, ideas and plans for the future. Your numbers are 7, 13, 24, 29, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be so hard on yourself; there are plenty of other people who will do that for you today. Not everyone will understand what you are trying to accomplish. Impulsiveness will be your downfall, so take a deep breath and wait for the right time to make your next move. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The time to make your move is now. Love is on the rise, and socializing and networking will be successful personally and professionally. Aggressive, honest communication will get you the results you want. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on the personal aspects of your life, such as family, home and finances. Someone who can alter your future monetarily will appreciate your desire and the initiative you take to make a difference. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not want to share your plans with anyone, but keeping a secret may lead to trouble with someone you love. Before you decide to take a chance, consider the consequences should things not turn out as planned. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your insight regarding financial investments and contractual negotiations will help you make good choices. Don't let someone else's uncertainty or fear prevent you from doing what you know in your heart is right. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make a difference at home. Put a little effort behind your promises and you will get ample returns from the people you are dealing with. Love is in the stars; by nurturing a new or old relationship, you can improve your current lifestyle. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be emotionally fragile, but that doesn't mean you should back away from fixing whatever is wrong in your personal or professional life. Face the music head on and you will feel better at the end of the day with the changes you have brought about. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take your goals into account before you make a rash decision that may not suit your needs. There is money to be made if you let your intuition guide you. You'll get an insider's view that will help you make a good choice. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel may entice you, but before you spend on something you don't need, consider what else you can do with the time and money it will cost for a moment's pleasure. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make headway if you focus on how you can make your investments worth more. A contract with someone you want to spend more time with looks encouraging. Love and romance are highlighted, and plans for two should be made. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to compromise if you want to get ahead. Focus on what's really important. Do your best to keep the peace and to nurture what you have. Now is not the time to rock the boat, and using force will backfire. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look around before you leap into something you know little about. If you don't see others clamoring to get involved, reconsider your motives. Physical activity will help you chill out and put things in perspective. Slow down and re-think your position and your next move. ★★★★★

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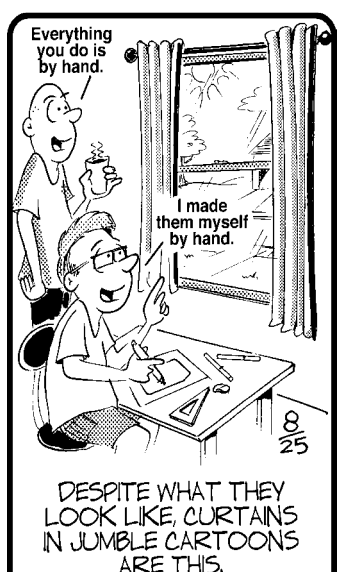
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FOOTBALL

Bull's-eye focus

Irish turn attention to South Florida

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Editor

One day after Irish coach Brian Kelly named senior Dayne Crist the starting quarterback, Notre Dame had already shifted its focus from the quarterback competition to the quickly approaching season.

"We're focused on South Florida. We've focused on some more situation things that we need to script and rehearse that could happen in the first game," Kelly said. "It's just a different focus now that the quarterback has been defined."

Though Crist was named the starter, sophomore quarterback Tommy Rees continues to see significant action on the practice field, taking approximately 40 percent of the snaps to Crist's 60 percent. While this is a higher number than most backups around the country take, such is

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish junior wide receiver Theo Riddick snares a pass during Notre Dame's first day of fall practice Aug. 6. Wednesday marked the first day of preparation for South Florida.

BOXING

Lee to fight in JACC once again

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Professional boxer Mike Lee's favorite memory of his time at Notre Dame isn't any of the three Bengal Bouts titles he won, nor is it of the football games he attended. It is composed of those self-made subtler moments, like his icy walks to the JACC prior to his championship fights amid the buzz that centered completely on him.

But never did Lee (6-0-0, 4 KOs) think he would return as a fighter after receiving his diploma from the Mendoza School of Business — that is, until his father raised the prospect of the first ever professional fight taking place at Notre Dame.

"My dad and I had always talked about coming back [after turning pro], but never thought it would happen with all the red

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Holt, squad look to build upon championship appearance

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

After an historic 2010-11 season that culminated in the first NCAA championship appearance for Notre Dame, Irish coach Susan Holt's squad is taking the steps to make an appearance an annual occurrence.

The Irish return three starters from last year's Big East championship squad, including seniors Katie Allare

and Becca Huffer along with sophomore Kristina Nhim. The squad earned a trip to the NCAA championship in May, where it placed 22nd after earning a fifth place finish in the NCAA Central Regional, held at the Warren Golf Course.

Of the three returning golfers, Huffer held the best 2010-11 stroke average with 74.9 strokes per round. She also placed second at the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate Tournament

and led the team with an 8-over-par through four rounds of the NCAA championship.

Meanwhile, Allare averaged 78.3 strokes per round, while Nhim posted 76.2. Nhim also placed third in the Big East championship with a 6-over-par, missing out on first place by only one stroke. Holt said Notre Dame's consistency and depth should play a large role in the team's fortunes this season.

"We're returning a dedicated and committed group of

kids," Holt said. "We won't need to lean on any one player as one through five on the roster can produce."

While the Irish graduated two seniors and lost its leading stroke-average player in sophomore Nicole Zhang, the team gains freshmen Ashley Armstrong and Kelli Oride.

"[Armstrong and Oride] possess junior golf tournament experience and are highly ranked players," Holt said. "Both can make an immediate impact on our roster."

However, because the program is so successful, it also schedules one of the nation's most difficult slates. The team opens with the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Colorado from Sept. 19 to 21, which is exclusive to Division I conference champions from the previous season.

The Tar Heel Invitational, held from Oct. 7 to 9, will provide another challenge for the Irish, as it features SEC

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum preaches focus

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

It sits in a place of prominence, floating just off the ground underneath the scoreboard at Alumni Stadium. It carries memories of celebrations, confetti and claiming the elusive top spot in the country. It is a sign that reads, simply and matter-of-factly, "NCAA Champion 2010 Women's Soccer," and it will hover there all season, overlooking the Irish every time they run out of the tunnel, look for an open teammate or swing in a late-game corner kick.

The challenge for Irish coach Randy Waldrum, though, will be to keep his team focused on the task ahead, and not on past successes.

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish senior forward Melissa Henderson fights for the ball with a Wisconsin defender during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Bayliss expects better play from starters

By WALKER CAREY
Sports Writer

Following last season's defeat in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Irish coach Bob Bayliss believes this year's team has a chance to end the season on a more positive note.

"Although it is early on, I believe we have a chance to get better," Bayliss said. "We have a lot of experience and a lot of depth. We have more guys that are capable of starting than there are starting spots, and that is a good problem to have."

While Notre Dame returns many key contributors,

Bayliss believes there are some facets of the game the team needs to continue to work on.

"Although doubles matches are only worth one point, that one point is a key to momentum," Bayliss said. "Along with finishing matches, I believe our biggest improvement must be in nailing that doubles point."

Senior Casey Watt returns at the No. 1 singles position. Watt fell in the first round of last season's NCAA Singles Championship, and Bayliss believes he can capitalize on that experience by

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