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Obama addresses students

By LAURA MYERS
News Writer

President Barack Obama urged young people to stay involved in the political process Monday during a conference call with student journalists.

"You've got to take the time to find out where does your congressional candidate stand on various issues, where does your Senate candidate stand on various issues and make an educated decision and participate in this process — because democracy is never a one-and-done proposition," Obama said. "It's something that requires sustained engagement and sustained involvement. And I just want to remind everybody of that."

The Observer was one of many student publications to participate in the conference call, which Obama called in order to discuss issues facing students and other young Americans.

Obama began by outlining his administration's plans to improve higher education. He listed three goals, which are to make college more affordable, to ensure higher education prepares students to enter the workforce and to encourage students to finish college.

"The key here is that we want to open the doors of our colleges and universities to more people so they can learn, they can graduate and they can succeed in life," Obama said.

Obama's message was one



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President Barack Obama participates in a conference call with college and university student journalists in the Oval Office Monday.

of optimism, and he expressed confidence that students would be able to find jobs upon graduation.

"Things are real tough for young people right now," he said. "But having said that, if you are getting a college degree, if you've got skills in math and science or good, sound communication skills, there are still jobs out there even in a tough environment."

And while improving the economy should help stop the inflation of college costs, a certain amount of the burden lies on universities themselves, Obama said.

"You guys have to be good consumers, and your parents have to be good consumers, and we've got to offer you more information," he said. "You should know where your tuition is going. There should be a pie chart at every university that says, out of every dollar you spend in tuition, here's where your money is going."

The conference call was part of a whole day in which the administration addressed the issue of education at different levels.

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Tomlin gives life advice during standup show

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY and
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News Writers

"An Evening with Lily Tomlin" entertained a sold-out crowd in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium as the award-winning actress shared her many years of characters and standup comedy.

Tomlin came to Saint Mary's as part of the Margaret Hill endowed lecture series, which brought director Hal Prince and actress Glenn Close to the stage in past years.

In her show, Tomlin said, "it's not easy being a star."

Through a series of clips from her career, Tomlin told students she's been on a rollercoaster of career ups and downs. However, she made it to the pinnacle of her career by "going on the road to please Saint Mary's."

After sharing in the pain of Notre Dame's loss to Stanford Saturday, consoling the audience that "in everyone's life, a little darkness must fall," Tomlin confessed some of her worries.

"Most actors worry about playing to an empty house. I also worry about playing to a full house and leaving the audience empty," Tomlin said.

Through a series of character changes, Tomlin instilled life lessons in the Saint Mary's audience.

She compared Facebook and Twitter to a black hole that sucks in all light and time.

"When does something stop being trendy," she asked, "and qualify as being a disorder?"

She also addressed the issue of reality television shows.

"Before anybody else has their own reality show, they should provide proof that their lives have actually been in touch with reality," Tomlin said.

In one of her many character changes, Tomlin addressed the issue of reality itself, and how it may not be such a bad thing to go against the grain.

"Don't worry about what other people think of you," she said, repeating her father's advice.

She also spoke about her own role models and inspirations, sharing childhood stories involving her elementary school teacher.

Tomlin taught said every student should aspire to be somebody, no matter how mundane that somebody may seem. Tomlin herself previously wanted to make it big as a waitress, but instead, stumbled upon Broadway. She also said it is important to have great ideas, and to never worry about sharing those revelations with others.

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Women's rugby team makes school history

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

This year, the 17 students on Notre Dame's first-ever women's rugby club team are making school history and starting a successful program with an 84-0 win already under their belts.

The team at Notre Dame formed during the 2009-10 school year, but began competing in matches this fall. Priscilla Nyankson, a sophomore who joined the team last year, said it has been a great experience so far.

"We're making Notre Dame history," Nyankson said. "It's one of the coolest things I've done here as of yet. A lot of people coming here aren't going to be varsity

athletes, but with rugby I get to play a sport and be part of a team."

After a loss in their first scrimmage against Eastern Illinois University, the team had two successive wins, including the 84-0 win Saturday over Northwestern University.

"I noticed that we made a lot of mistakes in the scrimmage because we didn't know a lot of the rules," Nyankson said, "but with that we were able to learn a lot."

Learning the rules of the game was something almost all of the girls went through together, Nyankson said. Although everyone on the team was an athlete in high school, only two or three had ever played rugby before.

"It was definitely difficult for

everybody. We were learning something totally new," Nyankson said. "It was kind of frustrating in the beginning."

Despite these difficulties, Nyankson was hooked on the sport ever since she began last year.

"It was super exciting," Nyankson said. "Even waking up at 6:30 in the morning last year for practice, yeah you kind of cry about it, but after you feel great about it. We really bonded as a team and it was really nice to be a part of something like that."

Last year the team was much larger, with around 30 members. Sophomore returning member Veronica Ryan said many girls were intimidated by the rough-

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Senior women's rugby player Kathleen Stanley takes the field against Northern Illinois University on Sept. 18.

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Andrew Gastelum and Chris Smith discuss the finer points of Notre Dame football on their weekly WVFI radio show "Pardon the NDruption." The show and other WVFI programming can be heard at wvfi.nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Knife removed from Brazil man's head after three years

SAO PAULO — A man in northeastern Brazil is recovering after surgeons removed a 4-inch (10-centimeter) blade that had been stuck in his head for three years following a bar fight. Edelilson Nascimento, a 29-year-old tire repairman, tells reporters Friday he is feeling great after the three-hour surgery earlier this week.

He is expected to be released from a hospital in the city of Recife next week.

Nascimento says he got into a bar fight in 2007 and was attacked by assailants when he returned home.

At the time, doctors only

removed the knife handle, fearing that pulling the blade from his head would cause brain damage.

But three years of intense headaches led Nascimento to take a chance on the surgery.

Arrest made in 'Where's Waldo' bank robbery

PORTLAND, Ore. — The FBI says it has made an arrest in an Oregon bank robbery after the suspect posted a claim of responsibility on Facebook.

Spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele says Ryan Homsley was arrested Friday. She says investigators filed a complaint Wednesday in federal court, charging Homsley with Tuesday's

robbery at a Key Bank branch in suburban Tualatin.

Steele says Homsley has been a hospital patient since Thursday and would be scheduled for a court appearance upon his release.

A posting on Homsley's Facebook page said "im doing this to pay for my medical expenses. ... live for today!" His brother has said Homsley has a serious drug problem and is a diabetic.

He was dubbed the "Where's Waldo" bandit, based on his appearance in surveillance photos.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The seminar "Self-assembling Block Copolymers for Gene Delivery and Biomineralization" will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 138. Surya K. Mallapragada, department chair of Interdisciplinary Engineering at Iowa State University, will present.

The lecture "Blockading the Border and Human Rights: The El Paso Operation that Remade Immigration Enforcement" will take place today at 4 p.m. in McKenna Hall room 112. Timothy J. Dunn, associate professor of sociology at Salisbury University in Maryland, will present.

The University Counseling Center will sponsor "Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation" on Wednesday at 4:05 p.m. in the Saint Liam Hall Conference Room. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff.



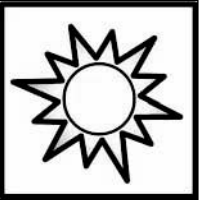



The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) will sponsor a Postgraduate Service Fair on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Concourse. Representatives from over 75 service programs will be present.

The Student Union Board (SUB) and Joint Engineering Council will sponsor a Boston College game watch on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Legends. Admission is free and the Irish Dance Team will perform.

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

CORRECTIONS

In a Sept. 23 article titled "Saint Mary's holds memorial service," one of the quotes from Gail Mandell, a professor at the College, should read, "Bruno was a man of great emotional complexity," not "Bruno was a man of blatant emotional complexity." Also, the quote, "That's 20 of his seasons and every season I spent with Bruno, I discovered more surprises," should read "That's quite a few seasons, and every season I spent with Bruno brought revelations and surprises." The Observer regrets this error.

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Cargill donates to ND Haiti program

By REBECCA MORIARTY
News Writer

Cargill, a company that produces and markets food, agriculture and other products, donated \$20,000 to Notre Dame's Haiti Program, the University announced in a press release.

The donation will go toward purchasing raw salt for the Haiti Program, which works to eliminate lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis, a disease that affects approximately one-third of the Haitian population. It is caused by parasites that cause extensive swelling in arms, legs and other body parts.

Cargill's donation is important to the Haiti Program because lymphatic filariasis can be treated with the use of table salt.

"Medicated salt has been proven as the most effective secondary treatment, particularly in Haiti where diets tend to be salt-rich," Fr. Thomas Streit, founder of the Notre Dame Haiti Program, said in the press release.

The average Haitian consumes the exact amount of salt in their diet to be an effective treatment for lymphatic filariasis.

This salt will come from Cargill's solar salt facility in the Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. Bromo Industrial, a Dominican Republic company and customer of Cargill, will deliver the salt to

the Haiti Program.

"When we talk about why our salt business exists, we say it is to nourish people and enhance lives every day," Ruth Kimmelshure, president of Cargill Salt, said in the press release.

Cargill and Notre Dame previously both worked with the Salt Institute, based in the U.S., which is the world's foremost source of information about salt and its uses. Cargill produces salt for agricultural, food, water conditioning, industrial and packaged salt control.

The Haiti Program began working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to eliminate lymphatic filariasis in Haiti nearly 20 years ago. The program plans to administer drugs for lymphatic filariasis across the entire nation of Haiti by 2011. This plan is still on target despite the January earthquake in Haiti.

"By helping to address this problem in Haiti, Notre Dame provides hope and relief to the Haitian people while living out the Notre Dame mission to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many," Streit said.

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Rugby

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ness when they began practicing the game as a contact sport.

"We couldn't play contact until the very end of the year, so there were a lot of girls who showed up then realized that they didn't like the contact part of the sport," Ryan said.

Because they lost some players in the spring, the team hopes to recruit throughout the season. Nyankson said no experience is needed and everyone is encouraged to try it.

"We're absolutely looking for people of all ages to join," Nyankson said. "None of us knew how to play. We can teach you everything you need to know."

The team meets Monday

through Friday, with two days of contact practice, two days of weight lifting and one day of practicing plays and game-like situations. They play matches Saturdays on McGlinn Fields.

The team has two home matches and two away matches remaining this season. The next home match is against DePaul University on Oct. 9 at 9 a.m.

Once the official season ends, the team will practice for the rest of the year.

Senior player Danielle Tan said that the team has high hopes for the future.

"Notre Dame is so big on tradition, and we're really hoping that the team becomes a permanent part of the tradition here," Tan said.

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Senior rugby player Kathleen Stanley runs the ball down the field against Northern Illinois University on Sept. 18.

Students create errand service

By LAUREN KELLY
News Writer

Is it hard to find time to run errands between schoolwork, sports and clubs? Problem solved: erraNDs-4-U, a new student-run delivery service, will do the shopping for you.

Senior Shea Streeter and junior Angelise Hadley began the business with just \$30 as a project for their introduction to entrepreneurship class.

"Everyone here is so busy that it's often a huge ordeal to have to get off campus for little day-to-day items, especially for the people who don't have cars. When given the task to start a business, I thought that we'd be able to reach a huge portion of the student population and would hopefully be able to make their lives a little easier," Hadley said.

Streeter said they began the project because it is often inconvenient for students who live on campus to get toiletries and other essential items.

"Every year I've been at Notre Dame it's been a struggle to try to get off campus to go shopping for the things I need. I know that there are lots of other students who have the same difficulty, so I started erraNDs-4-U with Angelise in order to give students a con-

erraNDs-4-U

service fees:

1-5 items: \$5
6-10 items: \$7
10 or more items: \$10
accompany driver to store: \$5

BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

venient alternative to taking a taxi or going without necessities like shampoo for days," Streeter said.

Drivers shop at both Super Target and Super Wal-Mart and service fees are \$5 for one to five items, \$7 for six to 10 items and \$10 for more than 10 items. They make deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Students also have the option to ride along to the store for a \$5 fee. Seats are on a first-come-first-served basis.

To place an order, students can either send an e-mail to nderrands@gmail.com or fill out an order form through a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ND.erraNDs4U.

Hadley said feedback about

the new service has been positive thus far.

"People who we've told about the business or advertised to have all said that it is a great idea and a much-needed service," Hadley said.

Currently, services are provided solely to students living on campus at Notre Dame.

"Right now, we are putting our focus on the Notre Dame dorms. However, that's not to say that we won't expand to Saint Mary's College and off-campus students in the future," Hadley said.

Just in its beginning stage, Streeter and Hadley are the sole errand-runners, but they said the business has great potential to expand.

"We hope to be able to reach as many students as possible and maybe expand to have more students working for us as drivers and deliverers," Hadley said.

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Ocean Conservationist Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols
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Monday morning, Obama appeared on NBC's "Today" show to talk about public education reform in elementary and secondary schools. Monday afternoon, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, spoke at NBC's "Education Nation" summit in New York City, where she emphasized the importance of community colleges in higher education. The conference call also came at the beginning of a national tour of colleges for Obama and Biden. Obama is scheduled to speak at a rally

at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Tuesday, and Biden is scheduled to speak at Penn State Tuesday. Obama said the goal of those visits is to underscore the importance of young voters in the Nov. 2 midterm elections. "You can't sit it out," Obama said. "You can't suddenly just check in once every 10 years or so, on an exciting presidential election, and then not pay attention during big midterm elections where we've got a real big choice between Democrats and Republicans."

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Shortage delays executions

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some executions in the U.S. have been put on hold because of a shortage of one of the drugs used in lethal injections from coast to coast. Several of the 35 states that rely on lethal injection are either scrambling to find sodium thiopental — an anesthetic that renders the condemned inmate unconscious — or considering using another drug. But both routes are strewn with legal or ethical roadblocks.

The shortage delayed an Oklahoma execution last month and led Kentucky's governor to postpone the signing of death warrants for two inmates. Arizona is trying to get its hands on the drug in time for its next execution, in late October. California, with an inmate set to die on Wednesday, said the shortage will force it to stop executions after Sept. 30. The sole U.S. manufacturer, Hospira Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., has blamed the shortage on unspecified problems with its raw-material suppliers and

said new batches of sodium thiopental will not be available until January at the earliest. Nine states have a total of 17 executions scheduled between now and the end of January, including Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. "We are working to get it back onto the market for our customers as soon as possible," Hospira spokesman Dan Rosenberg said. But at least one death penalty expert was skeptical of Hospira's explanation, noting that the company has made it clear it objects to using its drugs for executions. Hospira also makes the two other chemicals used in lethal injections.

Sodium thiopental is a barbiturate, used primarily to anesthetize surgical patients and induce medical comas. It is also used to help terminally ill people commit suicide and sometimes to euthanize animals. Thirty-three of the states that have lethal injection employ the three-drug combination that was created in the 1970s: First, sodium thiopental is given by syringe to put the inmate to sleep. Then two other drugs are administered: pancuronium bromide, which paralyzes muscles, and potassium chloride, which stops the heart. Ohio and Washington state use just one drug to carry out executions: a single, extra-large dose of sodium thiopental. Hospira has blamed the shortage on "raw-material supplier issues" since last spring, first promising availability in July, then October, then early 2011. The company has refused to elaborate on the problem. But according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press from the Kentucky governor's office, Hospira told state officials that it lost its sole supplier of the drug's active ingredient and was trying to find a new one. As for the possibility of obtaining the drug elsewhere, the Food and Drug Administration said there are no FDA-approved manufacturers of sodium thiopental overseas.

Switching to another anesthetic would be difficult for some states. Some, like California, Missouri and Kentucky, adopted their execution procedures after lengthy court proceedings, and changing drugs could take time and invite lawsuits. Obtaining sodium thiopental from hospitals does not appear to be an option, either. Sodium thiopental has been largely supplanted by other anesthetics in the U.S., and hospitals do not stock much of it. Also, drug purchasing and use rules — and ethical guidelines that bar the medical profession from getting involved in executions — could prevent hospitals from supplying prisons with the drug, according to industry experts. "Many of these cases, the victims have waited for 20 years, some of them longer than that. If we're out of that drug, we need to have an alternative," said Tennessee state Sen. Jim Tracy. Tennessee said it has enough of the drug for a November execution and expects to be able to carry out another in December.




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Tomlin, a native of Detroit, used both her history in show business and her own personal life as inspiration for her 90-minute show.

Tomlin originally went to school to study medicine, but said she was drawn into her theater classes and the idea of putting on a show, she said in an interview with The Observer last week.

"In the past four years, Saint Mary's theatre students have worked with the likes of actress Camryn Manheim, Broadway director Hal Prince, Glenn Close and now Lily Tomlin as Margaret Hill Endowed Visiting Artists," Mark Abram-Copenhaver, professor of theatre, said in a press release. "So our fourth-year

theatre students will leave here having worked with high-profile masters of the theatre."

Hill, an alumna of Saint Mary's, is now a Broadway producer and continues to provide Saint Mary's with this opportunity.

"That's the power of an endowment, and we are so grateful to Peggy Hill for her gift," A b r a m - Copenhaver said. Tomlin also spent part of the day Monday in class with theater students.

"Lily Tomlin is a rare talent who makes it look effortless to move from comedy to drama and back again," Abram-Copenhaver said in the release. "We are thrilled that she will work with our theatre students on the process of creating and developing a character."

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"We are thrilled that she [Tomlin] will work with our theatre students on the process of creating and developing a character."

Mark Abram-Copenhaver
Theatre professor

New center encourages undergraduate research

Special to The Observer

"Notre Dame is strong in undergraduate teaching, but the next frontier is students working with professors to do research," said Daniel Lindley, associate professor of political science and director of the University of Notre Dame's new Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE).

"Research is development of the mind — the development of students who will be of service to the University and to the world," he said.

The center, which opened on the second floor of Notre Dame's Geddes Hall late last year, will offer ideas, advice and centralization of information for undergraduates interested in doing research, in addition to partnering with faculty to create research opportunities.

"We are a University-wide center whose mission is to increase intellectual vibrancy on campus, increase the breadth and depth of undergraduate research and help students apply for and win fellowships," Lindley said. "We thank our generous benefactors who helped catalyze CUSE into existence."

The University is part of a nationwide trend in encouraging students to engage in research at earlier stages in their education, said Lindley. Research can be about gaining an appreciation for and transmitting knowledge about literature, understanding the biosphere or making discoveries that will improve human life, whether through medicine or art, he added.

"Our mission is to help all students, not just the best and brightest, be the best they can be — to push them to new levels, and to try new things," Lindley said.

Physics Professor Philippe Collon, CUSE associate director for scholarly engagement, launched the Sorin Scholars program, which identifies and

mentors some of the University's best and brightest students each year.

"Students still don't realize they can make a difference in their field, whether science or arts and letters," he said.

Collon will work with the Office of Admissions and Notre Dame's First Year of Studies Program to identify motivated students; he will also help match students with faculty based on research interests.

Cecilia Lucero, assistant director for undergraduate research, "has the best view in the University of where student research funding is available," said Lindley. She also has developed a common application that allows students to apply to several centers and funding sources with one form. Lucero is able to directly fund or supplement funds for student research projects. She also helps disseminate the results of student research with an annual University-wide Undergraduate Scholars Conference.

If students are interested in research but don't know where to start, CUSE is the place to begin, Lucero said.

"We try to show that there's not a division between teaching and research," she added. "Research is part of a great education."

Roberta Jordan, assistant director for fellowships, helps students apply for, and win, nationally competitive fellowships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Fulbright, Gates, Churchill, and Truman — just a few of the over 100 fellowships for which Notre Dame students may apply. "Fellowships allow students to embark on their own research projects, or continue their education at the graduate level," she noted. "From art history to economic development or bio-engineering, Notre Dame students can and should be at the leading edge in their chosen field, and a fellowship can help get them there."

Americans overlook farming

Associated Press

VISALIA, Calif. — It's a question rekindled by the recession: Are immigrants taking jobs away from American citizens? In the heart of the nation's biggest farming state, the answer is a resounding no.

Government data analyzed by The Associated Press show most Americans simply don't apply to harvest fruits and vegetables. And the few Americans who do usually don't stay in the fields.

"It's just not something that most Americans are going to pack up their bags and move here to do," said farmer Steve Fortin, who pays \$10.25 an hour to foreign workers to trim strawberry plants at his nursery near the Nevada border.

The AP analysis showed that, from January to June, California farmers posted ads for 1,160 farmworker positions open to U.S. citizens and legal residents. But only 233 people in those categories applied after learning of the jobs through unemployment offices in California, Texas, Nevada and Arizona.

One grower brought on 36. No one else hired any.

"It surprises me, too, but we do put the information out there for the public," said Lucy Ruelas, who manages the California Employment Development Department's agricultural services unit. "If an applicant sees the reality of the job, they might change their mind."

Sometimes, U.S. workers also will turn down the jobs because they don't want their unemployment insurance claims to be affected, or

because farm labor positions do not begin for several months, and applicants prefer to be hired immediately, Ruelas said.

Fortin spent \$3,000 this year to make sure that domestic workers have first dibs on his jobs in the sparsely populated stretch of the state, advertising in newspapers and on an electronic job registry.

But he did not get any takers, even though he followed the requirements of a little-known, little-used program to bring in foreign farmworkers the legal way — by applying for guest worker visas.

The California figures represent only a small part of the national effort to recruit domestic workers under the H-2A Guest Worker Program, but they provide a snapshot of how hard it is to get growers to use the program — and to attract Americans to farm labor, even in the San Joaquin Valley, where the average unemployment rate is 15.8 percent.

The majority of farmers rely on illegal labor to harvest their crops, but they can also use the little-known H-2A visa to hire guest workers, as long as they request the workers months in advance of the harvest season and can show that no Americans want the job.

Of the estimated 40,900 full-time farmers and ranchers in California, just 34, including Fortin, petitioned to bring in foreign farmworkers on the visas, according to government data for the first eight months of the year.

The Labor Department did not respond to a request for comment about the findings, and state officials did not

immediately provide figures showing the number of domestic workers hired in July and August.

More than half of farmworkers in the United States are illegal immigrants, the Labor Department says. Proponents of tougher immigration laws — as well as the United Farm Workers of America — say farmers are used to a cheap, largely undocumented work force, and if growers raised wages and improved working conditions, the jobs would attract Americans.

So far, an effort by the UFW to get Americans to take farm jobs has been more effective in attracting applicants than the official channels.

The UFW in June launched the "Take Our Jobs Campaign," inviting people to go online and apply. About 8,600 people filled out an application form, but only seven have been placed in farm jobs, UFW President Arturo Rodriguez said.

Some U.S. workers referred for jobs at Fortin's nursery couldn't do the grueling work.

"A few years ago when domestic workers were referred here, we saw absentee problems, and we had people asking for time off after they had just started," he said. "Some were actually planting the plants upside down."

Asked what the agency could do to get more U.S. workers into farm jobs, California Employment Development Department spokeswoman Patti Roberts suggested the UFW could refer applicants to the state or employers, and the state could publicize the openings through public service announcements.

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Obama pushes school reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barely into the new school year, President Barack Obama issued a tough-love message to students and teachers on Monday: Their year in the classroom should be longer, and poorly performing teachers should get out.

American students are falling behind some of their foreign counterparts, especially in math and science, and that's got to change, Obama said. Seeking to revive a sense of urgency that education reform may have lost amid the recession's focus on the economy, Obama declared that the future of the country is at stake.

"Whether jobs are created here, high-end jobs that support families and support the future of the American people, is going to depend on whether or not we can do something about these schools," the president said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show.

U.S. schools through high school offer an average of 180 instruction days per year, according to the Education Commission of the States, compared to an average of 197 days for lower grades and 196 days for upper grades in countries with the best student achievement levels, including Japan, South Korea, Germany and New Zealand.

"That month makes a difference," the president said. "It means that kids are losing a lot of what they learn during the school year during the summer. It's especially severe for poorer kids who may not see as many books in the house during the summers, aren't getting as many educational opportunities."

Obama said teachers and their profession should be more highly honored - as in China and some other countries, he said — and he

said he wanted to work with the teachers' unions. But he also said that unions should not defend a status quo in which one-third of children are dropping out. He challenged them not to be resistant to change.

And the president endorsed the firing of teachers who, once given the chance and the help to improve, are still falling short.

"We have got to identify teachers who are doing well. Teachers who are not doing well, we have got to give them the support and the training to do well. And if some teachers aren't doing a good job, they've got to go," Obama said.

They're goals the president has articulated in the past, but his ability to see them realized is limited. States set the minimum length of school years, and although there's experimentation in some places, there's not been wholesale change since Obama issued the same challenge for more classroom time at the start of the past school year.

One issue is money, and although the president said that lengthening school years would be "money well spent," that doesn't mean cash-strapped states and districts can afford it.

"It comes down to the old bugaboo, resources. It costs money to keep kids in school," said Mayor Scott Smith of Mesa, Ariz. "Everyone believes we can achieve greater things if we have a longer school year. The question is how do you pay for it."

One model is Massachusetts, where the state issues grants to districts that set out clear plans on how they would use the money to constructively lengthen instructional class time, said Kathy Christie, chief of staff at the Education Commission of the States. Obama's Education Department already is using com-

petitions among states for curriculum grant money through its "Race to the Top" initiative.

"The federal carrots of additional money would help more states do it or schools do it in states where they don't have a state grant process," Christie said.

But the federal budget is hard-up, too. And while many educators believe students would benefit from more quality learning time, the idea is not universally popular.

In Kansas, sporadic efforts by local districts to extend the school year at even a few schools have been met by parental resistance, said state education commissioner Diane DeBacker.

"It's been tried," she said, describing one instance of a Topeka-area elementary school that scrapped year-round schooling after just one year. "The community was just not ready for kids to be in school all summer long. Kids wanted to go swimming. Their families wanted to go on vacation."

Teachers' unions say they're open to the discussion of longer classroom time, but they also say that pay needs to be part of the conversation. As for Obama's call for ousting underperforming teachers, National Education Association President Dennis Van Roekel said unions weren't the main stumbling block there, as many education reformers assert.

"No one wants an incompetent teacher in the classroom," Van Roekel said. "It's in the hiring, and in those first three to five years no teacher has the right to due process."

Separately Monday, Obama announced a goal of recruiting 10,000 teachers over the next two years in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Spill panel: Federal officials botch response

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's repeated low estimates of the huge BP oil spill undermined public confidence in the government's entire cleanup effort, leaders of a White House-appointed commission declared at an investigatory hearing Monday. One likened the mistakes to Custer's disastrous decisions at Little Big Horn.

Federal officials botched the government's response, a local official and government and university scientists contended as the commission focused on the questions of who was in charge and how much oil spewed out of the well into the Gulf of Mexico.

Eventually, U.S. officials said the spill was about 60 times bigger than originally estimated. Instead of 42,000 gallons a day, the volume of leaking oil was closer to 2.4 million gallons a day.

"It's a lot like Custer," said panel co-chairman Bob Graham, a former Florida senator and governor, referring to the battle that killed George Armstrong Custer and wiped out most of the Army's 7th Cavalry in 1876. "He underestimated the number of Indians on the other side of the hill and paid the ultimate price."

And who was in charge? Billy Nungesser, president of Plaquemines Parish, one of the coastal areas most affected by the spill, referred to another famous leader, this

one fictional.

"It became a joke," he told the commission. "The Houma command was the Wizard of Oz, some guy behind the curtain."

Mistakes in the information that was being given out sapped confidence in the government on the issue, Graham and co-chairman William Reilly said at a news conference. Reilly described "repeated wrong numbers" on the amount of oil that was spilling.

Retired Adm. Thad Allen, in charge of the government's response, told commissioners that the low estimates didn't hamper government efforts to deal with the spill. But Reilly, former chief of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said he had trouble believing that, that it contradicted common sense.

A senior government scientist, Bill Lehr of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said once NOAA realized the spill was much larger than estimated, things changed tremendously. Vacations were canceled, retirees were called in and oil response staff was "given a blank check," he said.

Florida State University's Ian MacDonald said it took eight attempts by the government to arrive at the correct estimate. He said BP's estimate of 210,000 gallons a day was about 100 times less than federal guidelines said it should have been based on the thickness and color of the oil.



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Hearing begins in plot to murder Afghans

Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — A soldier's videotaped statements describing how he and his colleagues randomly killed three Afghan civilians came under scrutiny Monday at a hearing into one of the most serious war-crimes cases from the war in Afghanistan.

Cpl. Jeremy Morlock of Wasilla, Alaska, is among five Stryker soldiers charged with premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder. In interviews with Army investigators, he described a plot led by Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs to randomly kill civilians for sport while on patrol in Kandahar Province.

Prosecutors have also alleged that members of the platoon mutilated Afghan corpses and even collected fingers and other body parts, and that some posed for photos with Afghan corpses. Morlock talked about how they threw a grenade at a civilian to "wax him."

Morlock's attorneys are seeking to suppress the statements, saying they were made under the influence of muscle relaxants, sleeping pills and anti-nausea medicine prescribed for repeat concussions suffered during war. Morlock was being evacuated from Afghanistan for apparent traumatic brain

injury when he was questioned in May.

They also blasted Army doctors and U.S. policy in a news conference, saying they didn't understand how a cornucopia of drugs could possibly render a brain-damaged soldier battle-ready. Morlock sustained his first concussion from a roadside bomb last November, and that's when the first drugs were prescribed, they said.

"This lad was all juiced up and it was by Army doctors," said attorney Geoffrey Nathan. "Why didn't they just recall him?"

Army Special Agent Anderson D. Wagner testified that Morlock was articulate during the interviews and that his account was corroborated by others in the unit. The hearing will determine whether the case proceeds to a court martial; Morlock and the others could face the death penalty if convicted.

"He made good eye contact. He was able to recount events that happened several months ago," Wagner said by audio feed from Kandahar.

Prosecutors listed 18 witnesses for Monday's hearing. Fourteen of them asserted their right to remain silent, including other defendants and 1st Lt. Roman G. Ligsay, who has been removed as leader of the platoon but is not charged.

INSIDE COLUMN

Black hole

I am thoroughly convinced that I live in a black hole. Notre Dame's bubble is successfully disconnecting me from the world one "Message Send Failure" at a time.

However pathetic, I am becoming more and more frustrated each day with my inability to transcend two bars on my iPhone almost anywhere on campus. I know I am not alone in this struggle; students using AT&T or Verizon as their provider are most likely grappling with service issues, too.

According to a news article in The Observer a few weeks ago, the problem is a consequence of "increased capacity" on campus, and both providers are working toward improving reception at Notre Dame. But I need to see some tangible results ASAP — I need to see bars, because my family life, social life and mental stability are all at a tipping point.

Three weeks ago, I celebrated my 20th birthday. I received random text messages throughout the day, and reveled in the awkward "Happy Birthday, miss you!"s I got from near strangers on Facebook, but midnight was imminent and I had yet to hear from either of my parents or my older sister.

Around 10 a.m. the following day, I walked out of my dorm to head to class and received several voicemails in a row, all stemming from random points the previous evening. The first few were customary — my parents harmonizing to sing "Happy Birthday" and my sister wishing me a great day — but the rest expressed worry and annoyance thanks to AT&T.

"Where are you? You can't just ignore us because it's your birthday!"

My family was just as peeved at my lack of response as I was disheartened by them apparently forgetting my birthday. We are currently still working through this miscommunication.

A similar situation happened with a friend on campus. We had planned to meet at main circle some time between 9:45 and 10 p.m. to catch a movie. I texted her around 9:30 to verify plans, and according to my phone, it sent. Ten after ten and I thought I was stood up when I hear a pounding on my door — she ran from main circle to Walsh to grab me because she had been calling incessantly for twenty minutes.

This has happened to me innumerable times this year, and it is making me insane. Where do I go from here? Here are my options: learn to live without cellular service (no way), install "femto cells" in my dorm room as recommended by the aforementioned Observer article (what's a femto?) or hope and pray that AT&T will get it together and bring me back in touch with my social network (impatiently waiting.)

In the meantime, you can probably find me leaning outside of my first floor window of Walsh, hand waving psychotically, trying to force text messages to escape the black hole of reception on Notre Dame's campus.

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But how can we make sense of teleology in this late age of the world — now, after the genius of Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Darwin, after the courage of Marx, Nietzsche, Freud and Foucault? For in their relentless suspicion of the system of the world as they received it — a suspicion so

intense as to border on the neurotic — there is indeed a genius, a courage: to change the system of the world — to revolutionize our understanding of the divine order, as did Spinoza, Kant and Hegel — seems the highest expression of our humanity. But to overthrow the very idea of a system — to deny that there is any order to be found, as did Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud, beyond the lies that we are willing to tell ourselves — seems something more than human — or would, had these thinkers not shattered the transcendent.

Even to call their relentless suspicion neurotic is no defense, since this category is itself born of the school of suspicion — and its members would be the first to apply it to themselves: in the end, they know that they too are human, all too human. We are all of us neurotic — but only some have the genius and the courage to channel this neurosis into honesty.

But this honesty, in the end, has proven more destructive by far than the divine ordering that it did so much to overthrow: before, when the Cosmos or God or Reason seemed to order things—that is, when man was mastered by others — Marx, Nietzsche and Freud proclaimed that these were lies, damned lies, perpetrated by tyrants, priests and man's own self-deception. In response, he liberated himself — and, over the course of a century gone mad, tore his world apart. For, set free, man has no master, not even

himself: in philosophizing with hammers, these brave ones had smashed every idol — and thus left nothing at all upon which to stand.

It was not obvious, when the West awoke more than two millennia ago, that things would come to this: it is only clear in hindsight that the full implications of teleology lead to its rejection — and that the replacements thereof, both consequentialist and deontological, rely upon systematic deception — of oneself and others — for their success. In a certain sense, the Aristotelian tradition and the Enlightenment tradition that replaced it amounted to much the same thing: "the important question," writes Williams, "is whether or not a given writer or philosopher believes that, beyond some things that human beings have themselves shaped, there is anything at all that is intrinsically shaped to human interests, in particular to human beings' ethical interests. In the light of that question and the distinctions it invites, Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Hegel are all on the same side, all believing in one way or another that the universe or history or the structure of human reason can, when properly understood, yield a pattern that makes sense of human life and human aspirations."

But when first hope in God and then hope in man are lost — as they were, first in the Scientific Revolution and Reformation and then in collapse of the Enlightenment — not even despair remains: there is only chaos — man as a powerless, intermittently gleeful witness to his own madness as he births the twentieth century. For he now sees his world as "only partially intelligible to human agency and in itself ... not necessarily well adjusted to ethical aspirations," writes Williams. For shattered is the system of the world — never better, perhaps, than a dim hope — of "all those who have thought that somehow or

other, in this life or the next, morally if not materially, as individuals or as a historical collective, we shall be safe; or, if not safe, at least reassured that at some level of the world's constitution there is something to be discovered that makes ultimate sense of our concerns."

Where, then, do we now stand — when neither teleology nor enlightenment nor suspicion remains? "Wandering between two worlds," writes Arnold, "one dead, the other powerless to be born," it seems that our heroes — those courageous, if neurotic, masters of suspicion — have forsaken us — just as did the idols that they smashed, whether teleological, consequentialist or deontological. It is not clear where to go from here: to see the world as once again a system full of divine purpose, or ourselves as sufficiently divine to live with one another in truth and justice, or even the all too human task of suspicion as exhilarating rather than maddening — well, all of these seem now beyond us; either we are not the heroes that our forebears were, or they were not the heroes that we took them to be.

To birth a new world — one powerless to be born on its own — may require, in the end, an act of faith — a deliberate return to where we began, before our illusions were shattered — and those shatterings were themselves revealed as yet more illusion. Whether this is possible without self-deception — whether, in effect, man can live without lies — is a question that keeps me up at night.

I wish that there was more to say.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"God creates men, but they choose each other."

Niccolo Machiavelli
Italian philosopher

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Risk! Risk anything! Care no more for the opinions of others, for those voices. Do the hardest thing on earth for you. Act for yourself. Face the truth."

Katherine Mansfield
New Zealand author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traditions of failure

I understand the complaints about the Celtic Chant a few weeks back. After all, it is a moment of student silence and hand motions (then again most students don't make any sound until the opposing team breaks the huddle anyway), but I do understand it is a very high volume number which when blasted towards the huddle of the opposing team can result in inaudible play calling.

My main concern with it is its connection with failure. For those who do not know, the song was introduced during the first year of one Bob Davie. Since the song's introduction one only needs to look at the past 13 years to see what the song has been attached to. So I say, find traditions of the DaviHamles era and rid the game of them.

Tim Staub
junior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 27

Rallies

My Notre Dame brothers and sisters, as you may or may not be aware, on Oct. 30, Comedy Central's Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert will be holding competing political rallies on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Seeing as the vast majority of Stewart and Colbert's audience are college students (and according to my rough estimates, most of the students on our campus are fans of one, if not both comedians), we should have a Notre Dame bus trip to Washington to show our support at these rallies.

In these most turbulent times of our nation's political history, I believe it is of the utmost importance that we, the voice of tomorrow, take a step toward deescalating the political climate's inevitable arrival at the boiling point. By the time you are reading this, I will have contacted the Student Activities Office formally with a request to arrange a bus trip be made. If any of you share my vision, please echo my sentiment by contacting SAO via e-mail to let our wishes be known. An event like this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity — don't pass it up.

Philip Zeiss
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 26

State of the game

Students, as a member of the Class of 1975, I am tired of seeing our fine tradition of producing competitive football teams diminished to being the "joke of the day" on national TV programs for years now. The college sport is a minor league for the NFL, do not kid yourselves. We need the horses, and they can too graduate. Just look at all the graduates Lou Holtz produced. The difference is we now are not attracting blue chip players who can compete at the top levels as in the past.

Lobby for change to bring us back now!

George Miller
alumnus
Class of 1975
Sept. 27

Please recycle
The Observer.

Pro-progressive

It is no surprise that politics and current events are common discussions in everyday American life. You might walk down your dorm hall and hear fellow students discussing the legality or immorality of abortion or walk past a couple of people in the Bookstore talking about the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan.

It is interesting to find that most people also tend to put political labels on themselves. You might hear someone say, "I'm a Democrat," and another person say, "I'm a conservative." One political label in particular is worth discussing. Many people might find themselves saying, "I'm a progressive." Depending on who you are talking to, some people find this pleasing and others offensive. In mainstream America, progressives have been branded as people who have ultra-liberal and/or socialist ideals. However, I believe this is not what a true progressive is. If you were to take a minute and look up the word progressive in the dictionary, you would find that it simply means, "moving forward; advancing."

As a member of College Democrats here at Notre Dame, I am not afraid to admit that I

label myself to be a moderate Democrat. Yet, if someone were to ask me if I consider myself to be a progressive, I would not hesitate to say, "Absolutely!" I am a progressive, not because of political views, but because I am interested in seeing America "move forward and advance."

Each day, Americans are given constant reminders of the bad shape their country is in and has been in for the last couple of years. Although we may have politically different ideas in how to solve our pressing dilemmas, I think we can all agree that the ultimate goal is to make this nation better for us and for our posterity. So, for those of you who are reading this who want to see America "move forward and advance," I urge you to ignore the pre-established labels, call yourselves progressives, and join other progressives in wearing blue on Sept. 28.

Trenton Spoolstra
member
College Democrats
Sept. 23

Be the best

Dear Student Section,

I was personally very disappointed in the mass exodus of students that occurred throughout the fourth quarter. I know that this was a disappointing loss; I understand, I was there too. I also know that the start to the season has been a rough one and understand the frustration. But this is when the team needs us the most. How can we expect the team to perform for us when we are so quick to dismiss and give up on them? I know that if I was a player and saw the alumni sections filing out it would sting a bit, but then to look over and see the students, my classmates and friends, doing the same — it would hurt a lot more.

Perhaps that is not enough to keep you in your seats when things get tough, so maybe this will. At almost every home game, we have recruits in the student section. Some that have visited earlier have given verbal commits because they love how awesome and rowdy the student section is. They

love how crazy we get when things are going good and how loud we get on defense when things aren't. Even if you have lost hope (which you shouldn't yet) then think to the future and keep going wild for those four- and five-star prospects sitting amongst you and help them make the right choice — the choice to be a member of a future BCS Champion Fighting Irish football team.

So the next time you're at a tough game and considering bolting out early, just know that you are more than just one person, more than just one fan, more than just one student — you are a member of the best student section in the country, and it's just the time to stay strong and keep on cheering.

Go Irish! Beat Eagles!

Michael Hannigan
junior
Alumni Hall
Sept. 26

EDITORIAL CARTOON



MUSIC

UNDER THE Radar:

New Age Acoustic



Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

The situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and cull music from radio, print and most often, the interwebs. Music gatherers collect mix CD's, free digital downloads and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, e-mail me your latest find, and I promise you'll find it written up here. (Seriously. E-mail. Even if you're not a student.)

There is an entire genre of sophisticated instrumental music that straddles the gap between Mozart, Enya and Yanni. Founded in the '70s, the album label Windham Hill has been subtly pushing "new age acoustic," or "new classical." Windham Hill artists can be found on late night classical stations and stocked next to the incense in your neighborhood new age store. The label specializes in acoustic and folk. It is often simple, always alluring and will calm you down no matter how horrible your orgo looks.

George Winston

This man is the grand ole granddaddy of new age classical. His "rural folk piano" burst onto the scene with the 1980 album "Autumn," changing the face of new classical music and placing Windham Hill at the forefront of the genre. There is no one that sounds quite like Winston, and his seemingly simplistic arpeggios can change on a dime to become suddenly intricate and exciting. Winston is not ashamed to revel in the glory of a minimalistic piano lullaby, and equally unafraid to bust a move on the keys in a jazz progression lifted directly from Vince Guaraldi. One spin through any album he's released will leave you a convert.

Tracks to Tap: "Colors/Dance," "Dubuque," "Carol of the Bells"

Michael Hedges

The guitar was reborn the day this man picked one up. There is really no genre in which to place Hedges, other than to say he did things to the guitar that no one had ever imagined, and left thousands awestruck from his mind-blowing techniques in the wake of his death in a car accident in 1997. Two phrases that attempt to place Hedges are "heavy mental" and "new edge." His music is exploratory yet calming. He strums the guitar while plucking it, often making it sounds like there are two or more guitars at work. The only way to appreciate his playing is to YouTube it.

Tracks to Tap: "Ariel Boundaries," "Java Man"

Montreux

This gathering of individual Windham Hill artists led to one of the most boundary-pushing jazz groups in the last 50 years. They balance violin, piano, mandolin, guitar, bass and synthesizer into a sound that is sometimes new age, sometimes blues. Since each artist is so accomplished in his or her own field, the combination of Darol Anger, Barbara Higbie, Mike Marshall and Michael Manring creates music that is interesting enough to keep your mind awake but cohesive to the point that it won't distract. If Mozart were alive, this is what his kids would be listening to.

Tracks to Tap: "Skywriting," "To Be," "Dolphins"

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More of the same from Maroon 5

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

Not quite rock, a little more than pop and at times drifting towards funk, Maroon 5 has refused to be pinned into a single genre since its inception. And at the same time, one of the consistent criticisms against the band is that all of its songs sound the same. The group's newest studio album, "Hands All Over," is no different.

Although lead singer Adam Levine and company try very hard to move their band more distinctively toward the rock genre, the experiment is, for the most part, unsuccessful. Both lyrically and musically, "Hands All Over" is quite similar to the band's two previous albums.

That's not to say the album as a whole is unsuccessful. The hooks are catchy without sounding forced, the music is smoothly produced and the lyrics are expressive. Levine's alternations in delivery between bursting swagger and shaky self-consciousness are skillful and fit well with the differ-

ent tones and lyrics of each individual song.

The band's experiment in "Hands All Over" to try and shift their sound is a strategy it had tried on its second album, "It Won't Be Soon Before Long." On its debut studio album, "Songs About Jane," the band worked with Matt Wallace, who has produced albums for Train, Third Eye Blind and O.A.R. For its second album, the band shook things up and turned to Mike Elizondo as producer, who is best known for his work with artists such as Eminem, Jay-Z, Dr. Dre and 50 Cent.

With the lack of success in creating a new sound on that album, the band once again turned to a producer with a radically different skill set than it had seen before: Robert "Mutt" Lange. His producer credits include work with AC/DC and Def Leppard. While the album clearly shows Lange to be a skilled producer in terms of the overall delivery of the music, "Hands All Over" contains no traces of AC/DC.

"That's all [Lange] is, is big. He goes for huge and international and it was

such a refreshing thing to working with someone who really felt we still had something to prove," Levine said in an interview with MTV.

But the band still knows its sound.

"Hands All Over" Maroon 5

Label: A&M/ Octone

Best Tracks: "Misery," "Out of Goodbyes," "Stutter"



"It sounds like ... Maroon 5. What you're thinking of is what it is," Levine said in the interview.

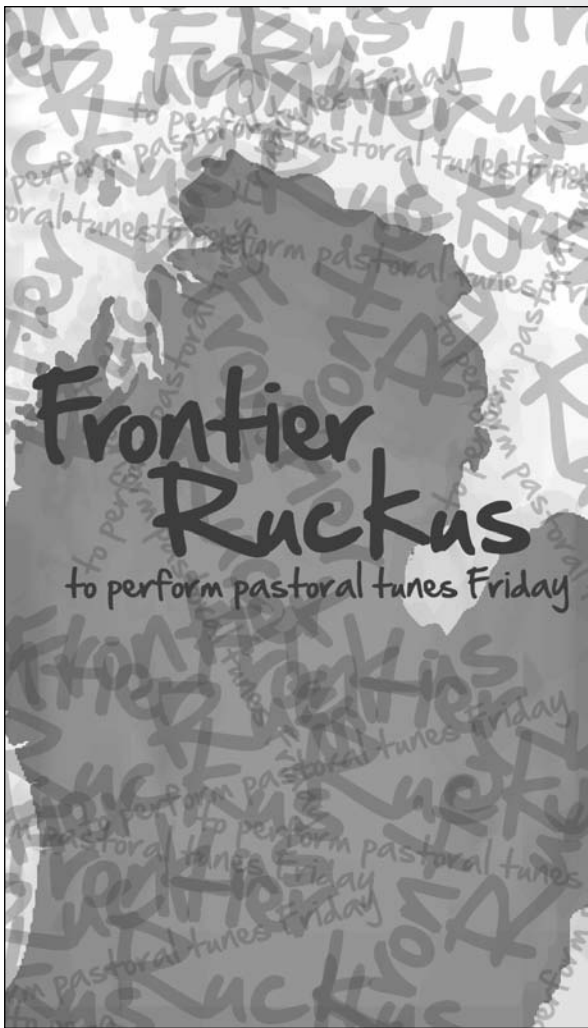
As with previous albums, "Hands All Over" is laden with songs that are destined for serious radio time. The first single from the album, "Misery," reached 17 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart. The album's second single,

"Give a Little More," conceived in the same vein as previous hits such as "This Love" and "Wake Up Call," can expect similar results in the coming weeks.

The band will most likely see its greatest chart success and teenage girl approval from a single that has yet to be released, the country crossover with Lady Antebellum entitled "Out of Goodbyes." Of all the songs on the album, this one most successfully brings a new feel to the band. It maintains the broken love tone so common to Maroon 5's repertoire, but by collaborating with country music great Lady Antebellum, the band delivers a unique, surefire hit.

Maroon 5 once again proves to be consistently above average, and does so without providing the music world any shocking revelations. They continue to be Backstreet Boys for grown-ups. Fans of previous albums will be fans of "Hands All Over," but Maroon 5 won't be reaching very many new audiences.

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By JULIA STEINER
Scene Writer

Imagine a field lit by a 10 a.m. sun, a scattering of trees swaying and playing in the wind and a mockingbird calling out to greet the true blue sky. Now, put music to it.

The sounds and spirit of Frontier Ruckus, an alt-folk quartet from the Detroit area, invite their listeners into a sacred place of rustic contemplation and exploration.

Students are lucky enough to have the opportunity to see this band in the flesh Friday at Subkirke, a church-turned-music-hall in South Bend.

Matthew Milia, the lead singer and songwriter in the band, spoke with The Observer.

How did the band get started?

It started with Dave Jones and I. Really, we were just kids having fun, experimenting with each other (laughs) ... in a way, in many musical ways. We began to explore this new world, the beauty and comfort of our creation. I began writing songs, and we really enjoyed our creative partnership. This was when we first called ourselves Frontier Ruckus, back in high school. Eventually we all went to college. I was at Michigan State, and I met more guys there, which took things to a whole new level of texture and sound and creativity.

The first show we played as a band was the MSU Battle of the Bands. It was honestly like the hallmark of our career. I think it still stands as the most exciting, nerve-wracking, standout moment, and we won which was cool. Eventually we graduated, we started touring right after that and we haven't stopped since then.

Obviously the roots of the band and much of your music lie in Michigan. A ton of your songs mention places there or try to evoke images of rural Michigan landscapes or small towns. What about the state makes it so special and inspiring to you?

Well, obviously Michigan is our home, so the fact that I write about it so much is less about its exterior beauty and more due to the relationships we have with our homes and the places we grew up. You know, the specific locations of my experiences just so happen to be in Michigan; it's the main context of all of my memories and things I've done or felt.

So is the whole theme of Michigan in your music is kind of a large symbol for the idea of exploring your roots? Or is Michigan really the pinnacle of everything, as beautiful as you make it sound in your songs?

I mean obviously I'm biased, we're all biased here, but I believe it is. Michigan really is gorgeous. It's full of beautiful, beautiful lakes. Also, I'm really fascinated by strip malls and small towns and the unique condition of Detroit and everything that's going on there and all over the state.

I guess if I could sum it all up in one word, one word why Michigan's fascinating, it'd be diversity. There are all of these seemingly disparate worlds coming together and connecting. I could write about it forever, and I probably will.

Now for a random question. If you could choose any color to describe your music, as specific as you'd like, which would you choose?

That's a hard one. Maybe a late 80s dark brown, maroon-y shag carpet kind of thing, like the brown of the carpet in the house where I grew up. Yeah, I think

some kind of dark brown maroon-y color, like the brown leaves and the brown dirt.

Let me ask Dave what he thinks. Dave says a red and black flannel. That's more of a pattern and a texture though, so I don't know if that works.

Around the Bend

What: Frontier Ruckus Concert
Where: Subkirke, 1855 N. Hickory Road, South Bend
When: Friday Oct. 1 at 8:30 (Doors open at 7:30)
How much: \$8-\$10
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Is there anything people should know about the Frontier Ruckus live experience? What should we expect on Friday at Subkirke?

Well, there's a lot of sweating involved, I do a lot of sweating. Performing live is the best. I like to lose myself in it. It's like my one hour of the day to feel totally uninhibited and to escape into that world that Dave and I discovered as kids. I feel like people who know our songs or who've heard them before the show are definitely accorded an advantage because they really know the world and the music and they can enter into it with us.

We try to make the entire experience intimate and energetic and dynamic. That's really important to us. Also, at the end of each show we try to play a couple acoustic songs either at the front of the stage or in the crowd to make the whole thing come together and to end the night well.

Have there been any moments on tour that really stick out or that have inspired you in a real way?

Wow that's hard. It's always tough to try to pick out individual meaningful moments. Ryan Eitzcorn, our drummer, says that he gets inspired by watching me play every night (laughs), but I think one of the coolest moments was when we went to this tiny town in the Netherlands called Nordbrook. We played in this 14th Century castle type thing, and the whole town came out to listen. Our voices reverberated everywhere, it was a huge, profound experience.

Random things like that, just these little moments of accidental holiness and the whole communal interaction of it all — when people on tour tell us that our music impacts them for the better, that makes us happy to do what we do.

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Hitting a wall: Why 'Wall Street' didn't meet expectations

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

With a glowing cast of talented Hollywood mainstays and eager young artists, "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" had the potential to be the film that defined a decade, in the same way that the original "Wall Street" did years before. The focus on the financial crisis, however, distracted from the most interesting character, Gordon Gekko, and placed too much emphasis on the weaker characters to truly give that thrill that had once captivated audiences.

Gordon Gekko, the quintessential money lover, was completely forgotten after his stint in federal prison and was replaced with a new Gekko, a man who had nothing left to live for but his estranged daughter. This odd recharacterization was puzzling throughout the entire film.

Audiences who fell in love with Oliver Stone's first jab at the high stakes world of finance could not come to terms with the fact that he had now become a nobody. Gordon Gekko was on top of the world in the 80s, so how could it be that he had been forgotten entirely? In fact he makes an awkward attempt to network with businessmen at his favorite restaurant, but he is

only greeted with a confused look and blank stares.

The role of villain is taken up instead by Bretton James (Josh Brolin). He is the head of a company that profited from the fall of Keller Zabel, the firm for which Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf) works. Surely initiating the downfall of a major company and causing the head of that company to commit suicide is evil, but the audience doesn't see much of this from Brolin's acting.

Michael Douglas created the perfect picture of capitalistic greed with his portrayal of Gekko, yet Brolin's portrayal of James is lackluster at best. The only menacing thing about Bretton James is his chiseled jaw. He's simply too calm to be believable as a man who has invested his life in the game that is Wall Street.

The saving grace of this film, however, is Shia LaBeouf's turn as Jake Moore. He clearly pulled from his own experience to channel the drive and passion that comes with youth and it paid off. LaBeouf solidified his transition into adulthood with this role.

LaBeouf made the hustle look attractive in the same way Charlie Sheen did in the original "Wall Street." Without the smart up and comers, what would Wall Street be? At the same time he was emotional without being annoying or unbelievable. He developed a dis-

crete sensitivity that showed at key moments throughout the film.

Another disappointment is the underutilization of Carey Mulligan. While it was nice to see that Stone gave her a promising career of her own, it still felt as though she was an afterthought in the plot. She was important, but only as a means towards further complicating the relationship between LaBeouf and Douglas.

Aesthetics played as important a role in this film as they did in the original. Directors didn't attempt to showcase the extravagance of New York City, but they did choose to emphasize how sleek business can be. The portrayal of the appeal of power is one of the key elements that ties "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" to its predecessor.

The film was a decent attempt to connect the current financial crisis to a more personal story. It could have done better in creating a clear villain and it certainly should have kept Gordon Gekko as the greedy man everyone loved to hate (or even hated to love). It provided the perfect platform for LaBeouf to flourish, but otherwise was relatively weak.

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"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps"

Directed By: Oliver Stone
Starring: Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf, Josh Brolin, Carey Mulligan



CLUB SPORTS

Both rugby teams perform well in tournamment

Champion and challenger squads make it to tournament championship games; Doran and Henry lead challengers

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame Men's Rugby Club traveled to the Moose Rugby Grounds in Elkhart, Ind. to compete in the two-day Big 10 Plus One tournament this weekend. Notre Dame sent a full team into both the challenger and champion divisions, and each squad made it to the championship game of their division. The single elimination tournament started for the Irish with an 11 a.m. champion division match against Iowa. The Irish set the pace

early, as their forwards were able to march down the field, winning both scrums and lineouts with consistency. Notre Dame ran up and down the field on the Iowa side, resulting in a final score of 33-0. The challenger side opened up with similar force, plowing through the Indiana University with speed and precision. Many first-year players saw their opening minutes with the club as the team won the match 24-5. Later that day, the Irish

champion squad took on Minnesota in one of the closest fought matches in the tournament. The Irish struck early, using strong kicks from sophomore Sean Peterson to gain field position. At the end of the half, Minnesota found themselves down by 3 points. The second half was well fought, and after a successful 45-meter kick by Peterson, the Minnesota side needed a 5-point try, along with the subsequent 2-point conversion to win the game. After scoring in the corner of the try-zone off a lineout,

the Minnesota kicker narrowly missed the conversion, giving the Irish a victory and a spot in the championship. The challenger squad for the Irish then took on Michigan. Tries were scored by many of the first year Notre Dame players. The Irish walked away with a 40-0 victory, gaining a spot in the challenger bracket final. In the opening minutes of the challenger cup, the Irish took control with huge hits by seniors Kevin Ritt and Sean Mitchell. Although the opposing squad held the

Irish off for the first 10 minutes of play, strong offensive runs by freshman Byron Henry and senior Mike Doran opened up the scoring floodgates, leading to a 33-12 victory for the Irish. Although the squad was winning the match midway through the game, the champion side found themselves outmatched in the scrums with a burly Indiana side. Notre Dame lost scrums, which let Indiana march down the field and score twice late in the second half. The Irish lost the match 26-16.

GOLF

America prepares to defend Ryder Cup title

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Wales — A young woman working at the Celtic Manor this week did a double take when she saw Corey Pavin getting into a golf cart. She didn't realize he was the U.S. captain. What got her attention was what he was holding. "Is that the Ryder Cup trophy?" she said excitedly before holding up her credential to show an image of the gold challenge. Pavin and the American team own the real thing. The question is whether they go home with it. After a night of travel on a charter flight out of Atlanta, the defending champions arrived in Wales for the Ryder Cup matches they will try to win on foreign soil for the first time since 1993. Europe is considered the stronger team on paper with two major champions, Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer, and a 12-man side that has produced 17 victories this year, five of those on the PGA Tour. The perception of strength also is based on who didn't make the team — Justin Rose, Paul Casey and Sergio Garcia. European captain Colin Montgomerie isn't buying into that. "Yes, we might be favorites," he said. "But I don't see it as much as you guys might be putting this together. This will be very, very close and very competitive, as they always are." The Americans have the top two players in the world ranking, which in this case might be misleading. Tiger Woods has not

won a tournament all year — he hasn't even come close — while dealing with an embarrassing scandal that cost him his marriage. Phil Mickelson won the Masters, but he has been in the top 10 only once in the last three months. Even so, Pavin has reason to feel his U.S. team is ready to defend. Jim Furyk won the Tour Championship on Sunday, making him the third U.S. team member to win a FedEx Cup playoff event. Matt Kuchar won The Barclays, while Dustin Johnson won the BMW Championship. "I like the way Team USA is playing right now," Pavin said. "I think there's a lot of guys that have been playing well, and that's always a good thing. Any captain is going to want his players to be up on their game. But then again, anything can happen during a week of golf. I just would like my guys to be out there and be comfortable, relaxed, and get some good practice in the next couple of days. They were plenty relaxed on the way over. It was the first time since at least 1997 the entire American team came over on the same plane. Some travelers and airport workers were stunned Sunday night to see Woods leaning against a wall having a casual conversation with Mickelson as the U.S. team, wives and caddies gathered outside one of the gates in the international concourse. Odds are Woods and Mickelson weren't talking four-

balls strategies. That experiment of them playing together didn't work so well in the 2004 matches at Oakland Hills. Montgomerie already has told his players their partners, and Pavin has given his players an indication of who might be playing, and when. He just wasn't about to reveal anything until the opening ceremony Thursday. "I have a very good idea of what we're going to do," Pavin said. "We've talked about it quite a bit, and the players have an idea of the direction that I'm going to go. But there's no reason for me to discuss it too much until I actually write the pairings down on paper and turn them in." Some pairings could become clearer when the teams begin practicing on the Twenty Ten course at Celtic Manor, the first golf course specifically designed with a Ryder Cup in mind. Steve Stricker and Dustin Johnson took in a few holes of practice, Stricker dressed in a blue rain suit. The sky was gray and dreary, and rain was in the forecast for much of the week. Celtic Manor otherwise looked ready to stage the biggest team event in golf. The grandstand behind the first tee was in the shape of an amphitheater, with towering bleachers behind the 18th green, and a stage already erected for the opening ceremony. Casual observers might not know if they were at a golf tournament or Woodstock. It was an otherwise routine day, the big news that both captains have asked their players not to use Twitter or Facebook



Steve Stricker, left, practicing on the greens of Celtic Manor as assistant captain Jeff Sluman looks on.

during the Ryder Cup. Stewart Cink and Ian Poulter each have more than a million followers. Montgomerie doesn't tweet. More strange to him is not playing. "Strange in many ways," Montgomerie said. "Biggest event in my golfing career and

I've come here with no clubs. Quite weird, really. I stood on the first tee on Friday when I arrived. Had my own thoughts about ever playing in the Ryder Cup. And after this great honor and responsibility that this is, I intend to do my utmost to try to make the team in 2012."

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"I love inside jokes. I'd love to apart of one someday."

-Michael Scott

"Either way, whatever."

-Tex

"So he says "you will receive no money, but on your death bed, you will receive total consciousness.' So I got that goin' for me, which is nice."

-Caddyshack

"And you must be the monopoly guy, by the way, thanks for the free parking."

-Ace Ventura

"I'm not superstitious, just a little stitious."

- Michael Scott

Harry- "But Petey didn't have a head." Lloyd- "Harry, I took care of it."

- Dumb and Dumber

NFL

Football legend George Blanda dies at 83

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — George Blanda, who played longer than anyone in pro football history and racked up the most points in a career that spanned four decades, mostly with the Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders, died Monday. He was 83.

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of the great George Blanda,” the Raiders said Monday in confirming his death. “George was a brave Raider and a close personal friend of Raiders owner Al Davis.” The Pro Football Hall of Fame said on its website that Blanda died Monday after a brief illness.

Blanda retired a month shy of his 49th birthday before the 1976 season. He spent 10 seasons with the Bears, part of one with the Baltimore Colts, seven with the Houston Oilers and his final nine with the Raiders.

“Football lost one of its all-time greats,” Hall of Fame coach John Madden said. “He was the best competitor and clutch player that I ever coached and I don’t know if there was anyone better than anyone else coached. George Blanda was a Hall of Famer in every way.”

Blanda held the pro scoring record when he retired, with 2,002 points. He kicked 335 field goals and 943 extra points, running for nine touchdowns and throwing for 236 more.

He also threw for 26,920 yards in his career and held the pro football record with 277 interceptions until Brett Favre passed him in 2007. His points record stood until it was topped by several players in recent years.

“It certainly doesn’t bother me,” Blanda said about losing the scoring record. “The one

record I was happy to get rid of was the one for the most interceptions, when Brett Favre got that one.”

A moment of silence was held in Blanda’s honor before Monday night’s Green Bay-Chicago game.

It was a five-game stretch for Oakland in 1970 that is the lasting imprint of his career. As a 43-year-old, Blanda led the Raiders to four wins and one tie with late touchdown passes or field goals.

Later that season, he became the oldest quarterback to play in a championship game, throwing two touchdown passes and kicking a field goal in Oakland’s 27-17 loss to Baltimore in the AFC title game. His performance that season earned him The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Blanda joined the Oilers of the new American Football League in 1960 and played 16 seasons before hanging it up for good following the 1975 campaign. He led the Oilers to the first two AFL titles, beating the Chargers for the championship following the 1960 and ‘61 seasons.

He nearly won a third straight title when he led the Oilers back from a 17-0 half-time deficit to the Dallas Texans in the 1962 title game before losing in double overtime.

“George Blanda will always be remembered as a legend of our game,” NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement, “including his amazing career longevity of 26 seasons in four different decades. George’s multi-talented flair for the dramatic highlighted the excitement of pro football during an important period of growth for our sport.”

Blanda began his memorable run in 1970 by throwing

three touchdown passes in place of an injured Daryle Lamonica in a 31-14 win over Pittsburgh on Oct. 25. The following week he kicked a 48-yard field goal in the final seconds to give the Raiders a 17-17 tie against Kansas City.

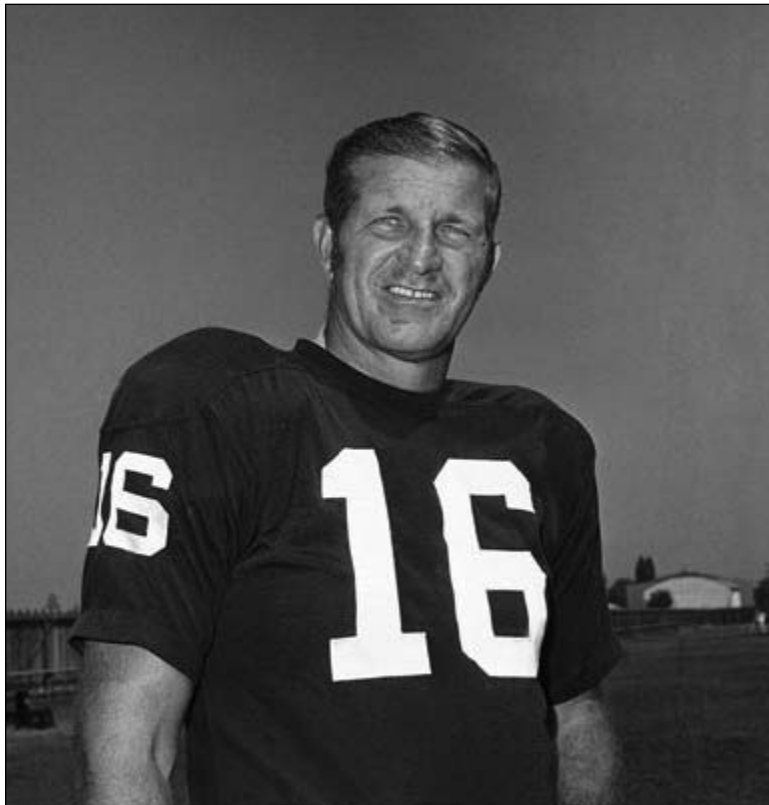
Blanda was just getting started. He threw a tying touchdown pass with 1:34 remaining and then kicked the game-winning 52-yard field goal in the final seconds the following week in a 23-20 win over Cleveland.

He followed that with a 20-yard TD pass to Fred Biletnikoff in place of Lamonica in a 24-19 victory over Denver the next week, then kicked a 16-yard field goal in the closing seconds to beat San Diego 20-17 on Nov. 22.

“The game that I remember the most was playing against Cleveland in 1970,” he once said. “We were down 20-13 and I came in and we got a touchdown and then we got a field goal in the last three seconds.”

Blanda entered the NFL out of Kentucky as a 12th-round pick (119th overall) of the Chicago Bears in 1949. He spent most of the next decade with the Bears, leaving to play one game for the Colts in 1950. After winning the Bears starting job in 1953, Blanda promptly lost it the following season because of injury. His playing time at quarterback quickly diminished and he retired in 1959 at age 31 when Chicago planned to make him a full-time kicker. It was a short-lived break because he then joined the AFL’s Oilers the next season.

Blanda was one of the new league’s many prolific passers, throwing for 19,149 yards and 165 touchdowns in seven seasons for the Oilers. He was the AFL Player of the



This Aug. 15, 1970 photo shows George Blanda during his time with the Raiders. Blanda died Monday.

Year in 1961, holds AFL single-game passing record of 464 yards on Oct. 29, 1961, against Buffalo, and was chosen the league’s all-time kicker.

“We did all the strategy right on the field,” he once said. “Today, the coaches call all the plays, so all the quarterbacks have to do is perform. They are more or less programmed.”

Oilers owner Bud Adams said Blanda’s flair was a reason the AFL attracted so much attention.

“He was the perfect fit for the start of the AFL, joining our league from the NFL and displaying the ability to lead a high flying offense,” Adams said in a statement. “His play garnered our league a lot of

attention and fans. We had a celebration last year in Houston for the 1960 and 1961 AFL championship seasons and the team hall of fame members and it was great to have George join us and remember fondly those early years.”

In 1967, the Oilers thought Blanda was at the end of his career, but the Raiders picked him up as a backup quarterback and kicker and he lasted nine more seasons.

“A seemingly ageless wonder, George inspired legions of fans over a 26-year career, with his clutch performances as a quarterback and place kicker. He will be truly missed,” said Steve Perry, executive director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

NBA

McGrady looks forward to career return after knee injuries

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Even at age 31, time was beginning to run out for Tracy McGrady.

After two seasons ruined by knee problems, McGrady approached this offseason with determination and urgency.

“I was going to work hard. I was going to give it a shot,” McGrady said. “If it didn’t work out this offseason to where I didn’t feel well, that was going to be it for me, because it was just too much to really come back from.”

Now, McGrady says he’s healthy and at ease, and he’s awaiting another chance to revive a career that once looked so promising. The two-time NBA scoring champion signed with the Detroit Pistons last month, and he’ll have a couple of new teammates who can relate to his struggles.

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince are also trying to bounce back from injury-plagued seasons, form-

ing a potential logjam for the Pistons on the perimeter for coach John Kuester to resolve.

“Coach, he’s going to have a good time,” Hamilton said. “When you’ve got a lot of special guys that can put the ball in the basket and play ... it’s a good thing for a coach. You’re never really worrying a lot.”

McGrady had major surgery on his left knee in February 2009, and a year later he was traded from Houston to the Knicks. He started all 24 games he played with New York but averaged only 9.4 points.

At Detroit’s media day Monday, McGrady described some difficult nights watching basketball and wondering what had become of his career.

“It was frustrating. There were times when I actually teared up when I was by

myself. ... When you go from being one of the elite players in this league and you have this injury, it’s tough,” McGrady said.

“I’ve been fighting my whole career to try to advance in the playoffs, and then an injury comes about, and I sit in Chicago and watch my team (the Rockets) advance to the second round and fight the Lakers hard in a Game 7, and I’m not able to help those guys out.”

Prince understands the frustration. He missed over 30 games in the 2009-10 season because of back and knee problems. Hamilton played in only 46 games, with a sprained ankle the primary culprit.

Prince had a consecutive games streak snapped at 497.

“I wouldn’t put this jersey on if I didn’t want to be here.”

Richard Hamilton
Pistons guard

said. “You can’t please everybody. You wish you could give everybody 34 minutes. We’re going to put out the guys that have committed themselves in our practice sessions. Also, we’re going to be committed to what we’re trying to get accomplished defensively.”

Pistons president Joe Dumars echoed Kuester’s sentiments.

“The players will determine who plays,” Dumars said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. “We’re deep and that has always been a staple of our teams.”

For McGrady, playing time is a secondary concern. After months of trying to recover from a major injury, he’s happy for the chance to be back on the court again and hopes to regain the form that made him a seven-time All-Star.

“I can honestly say I’ve never worked as hard as I did the last couple seasons and this offseason,” McGrady said. “I’m only 31. Really, I’m only 29 because I haven’t played in two seasons.”

Highlanders

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score, they showed noticeable improvement from last week’s game against Siegfried, especially on the offensive line.

“That’s the best the offensive has ever played,” Herlihy said.

Though it was a somewhat ugly win, the victory means quite a bit to the Highlander squad.

“We started three years ago with an all-freshman team, and we were the joke of the league,” junior linebacker and tight end Brent Leahy said. “But we improved each year, and now we’re led by juniors, and have strong sophomore and freshman groups.”

With their first victory under their belts, Leahy said the Highlanders will now be looking to contend in every game and qualify for the playoffs.

Duncan will next face Alumni, while Knott will battle rival Siegfried next Sunday.

Alumni 6, Morrissey 0

It took nearly two years and four long quarters, but Alumni is back to winning after a victory over Morrissey.

Alumni (1-0) dominated the first half, shutting down the Manor’s (1-1) passing attack, and grinding down Morrissey’s defensive front behind the two-headed rushing attack of junior running backs Barrick Bollman and captain Dan Dansdill. The duo drove the Dawgs down the field on two long second quarter drives, but they were unable to convert in the red zone, and the first half ended scoreless.

An early Alumni fumble to open the second half gave the Manor great field position, but they were unable to take advantage, and after four incomplete passes by Conrad, Morrissey gave the ball right back to the Dawgs.

The Dawgs continued to dominate with the inside run game, starting off the drive with a dive play by Dansdill that went for 42 yards. Dansdill, who finished the day with 94 yards on 12 carries, insisted that the credit for the run game didn’t lie in the backfield.

“It was all the offensive line,” Dansdill said. “It’s easy to run the ball when you aren’t touched until you’re four yards down the field.”

The drive was capped two plays later on another inside run, this time by Bollman, who went 23 yards untouched for the decisive score.

“It was one of our special plays,” Bollman said. “As soon as we saw how [Morrissey] lined up, we knew it was going to work.”

A blocked extra point gave Morrissey some hope for a win, but their last two drives ended in a punt and an interception, which sealed the game for Alumni, their first win after a winless 2009 season. On the other sideline, the Manor attributed their subpar performance to a lack of preparation.

“We weren’t able to practice

at all this week, because everyone had midterms,” Morrissey sophomore captain Sean Baur said. “Our offense needs to get a little tougher and learn to play from behind.”

Morrissey will have plenty of time to improve as they head into their bye week. Alumni looks to continue their success next week against Duncan.

Dillon 15, O’Neill 7

Dillon slugged past O’Neill in a hard-hitting victory Sunday afternoon.

It was a tale of two halves as each team heavily struggled in one half while the other flourished. In the first half alone, O’Neill (1-1) junior quarterback J.P. McCabe threw for 150 yards and a touchdown, while throwing for only 42 yards in the second half. Meanwhile, the Big Red (1-0) labored in the first half, mustering only 72 total yards and went into halftime trailing 7-0.

“We gave up some really big plays on defense and were not able to get anything going at all offensively in the first half,” Dillon’s senior captain Jordan Smith said. “We looked pretty rusty out there but knew that we were going to have to cut down on mistakes in order to win.”

It appeared as though the rust wore off as the Big Red came out firing after halftime, swinging the momentum with a forced fumble, one of six turnovers for the Mob, early in the third quarter. Moments later, the Big Red drove the field and scored, taking the lead after a botched hold on the extra point attempt led to a two-point conversion.

Later in the fourth quarter, the Big Red added an insurance touchdown with a 60-yard pass from freshman quarterback Kevin Fink to sophomore receiver Will Salvi, who had a huge day with 106 yards receiving and two interceptions.

“We had excellent passing protection in the second half and [Fink] was great in finding the open guy,” Salvi said.

Dillon will try to record back-to-back wins as they take on Keenan Sunday while O’Neill will look to regroup with a bye week.

Keenan 6, Keough 0

A physical, bone-crunching-hit-filled game between Keenan and Keough appeared headed to a scoreless tie, until the Knights managed a late touchdown to edge the Kangaroos and rack their first victory.

Keenan (1-1) ran a fade route from the 20-yard line to the back corner of the end-zone with three minutes left. Sophomore quarterback Trevor Yerrick lofted the pass to sophomore wide receiver Alex Green, who snagged the ball to put his team on the board.

Typically one to utilize a deep receiving corps, Yerrick looked mostly to Green on Sunday.

“[Yerrick and Green] have just been gelling very well,” Keenan senior co-captain

Jamie Koepsel said. “We have some other very good receivers. It was just today we were able to get some underneath routes to Alex.”

Keenan’s defense, led by sophomore lineman Tyler Gregory, wreaked havoc in the Keough (0-2) backfield, leaving the Kangaroos bruised and battered. The Knights ended with seven sacks.

Despite the strong defensive effort and the ability to move the ball, special teams issues nearly cost Keenan the win. The Knights had two field goals blocked before they put up the winning score.

“We had the opportunity to get some field goals but we were unable to convert,” Koepsel said. “I think that’s a major thing we need to be working on.”

In the end, though, it was a special teams mishap by Keough, that led to the Knight win. A bad snap on a punt allowed Keenan to take over at the 20-yard line and they scored on the next play.

Keough also had a 45-yard touchdown pass early in the game called back for offensive pass interference.

“Two plays were the difference in the game,” Keough senior captain Kevin Laughlin said. “That’s it. It was extremely even otherwise.”

Despite the result, Keough was happy to have played better than their opening contest.

“The fact that we moved the ball and had two or three scoring opportunities was a big plus, so we improved a great deal,” Laughlin said.

Next week, Keenan battles Dillon while Keough looks for their first win against Stanford.

Carroll 27, St. Edward’s 13

In their season opener Sunday, a determined Carroll team stunned St. Edward’s with an impressive victory. The game marked the debut of several standout Vermin freshmen, especially quarterback Jack Gardner and cornerback and receiver Bobby Dorman.

On the first drive of the game, Carroll’s quick first down set the tone for the rest of the contest.

“There were definitely some first-game jitters,” Gardner said. “But we got out there and made some yards on the first drive, and we felt pretty confident after that.”

The smothering Vermin defense stopped the Gentlemen’s first possession with a safety by sophomore captain Keith Marrero. A field goal by freshman kicker Connor Miller later gave the Vermin a 5-0 lead.

St. Ed’s responded with a quarterback sneak into the end zone by senior Matt Abeling. The lead was short lived though, as Dorman intercepted an Abeling pass at the 10-yard line and ran it the length of the field for the touchdown. Miller converted on the extra pointl for a 12-6 lead.

Another Abeling touchdown and extra point regained the Gentlemen’s lead, but it was to

knew I wanted to play in college,” she said.

The place to play was never a question either. While she spoke with coaches from UC Davis, Vanderbilt and Georgetown, she never considered any of them a serious alternative.

“I love how strong both athletics and the academics are



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Morrissey freshman wide receiver Patrick Dugan advances in a game against Knott Sept. 19.

be their last.

Gardner found his primary receiver in Dorman, and the two led the charge downfield. Gardner found the middle open on a fake option for the touchdown, and tossed it to freshman receiver Tom Spoonmore on the conversion.

From there the Vermin defense went to work on the Gentlemen, hassling a veteran quarterback with 12 incompletions and a sack on the day. Finally, a second Dorman interception, 50-yard rush and touchdown sealed the Vermin victory.

Captain Keith Marrero attributed the freshman duo with much of Carroll’s opening day success.

“I can’t say enough about Jack and Bobby,” Marrero said. “They were the players of the game.”

The Vermin hope to continue their success next week against Zahm, while St. Edward’s will face Fisher.

Sorin 14, Fisher 6

From the first play to the final knee, Sorin dominated Fisher.

The Otters (1-1) used their size and speed advantage to put away the Green Wave (1-1).

Sorin set the tone of the game from the first play as their linebacker corps hit senior Fisher tailback Michael McMahon and made him cough up the ball.

The Otters made it look easy on their first drive, as sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli tossed a 35-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Jon Beckerle on a third-and-four play.

“Our wide receivers had a definite size advantage over their cornerbacks,” Beckerle said. “I made a move to get open and [Ted] Spinelli delivered a perfect pass.”

Sorin also used a opportunistic mentality to score points.

“Going into the game, our

game plan was to go down the field and throw deep balls,” Spinelli said. “Fisher’s cornerbacks did a good job of keeping everything in front of them, but the one time they slipped up, I took advantage.”

After stopping the Green Wave on their next drive, Sorin again opened up the field as senior tailback Michael Browder took off for a 60-yard run on first down and capped off the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run.

Leading the Otters’ offensive line was freshman Taylor Nutter who recorded six pancake blocks.

“Our offensive line overpowered their defensive front and made it easy for me,” Browder said. “On the touchdown run, the left side of the line gave me a huge hole and I punched in the end zone.”

It was not only the Otter offense that came to play. The defense held their ground with their toughness, causing five overall turnovers including three interceptions of junior Fisher quarterback Pat Hertenstein.

The Green Wave caught Sorin by surprise on the final play of the third quarter when Hertenstien threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to McMahon on a second down play.

Fisher had a chance to tie the Otters on their last drive late in the fourth quarter but all Green Wave hopes were shot down immediately when Hertenstein threw an interception on the first play of the drive.

Both teams are looking to improve their records to 2-1 next week. The Green Wave will battle with Carroll while Sorin will face off with Zahm.

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simple way to pass the time. At the age of 10, her parents wanted her to find a hobby to get out of the house, so she started playing. It stuck with her ever since.

Named All-County first-team member in 2008 at Cypress High School in California, Nhim stood out as a leader. The decision to play the sport she grew to love in college was never a hesitation.

“I started playing tournaments when I was 11, and I really liked competition so I

here, and our program is awesome,” Nhim said. “The coaching staff and the women’s team are so supportive and great about everything, so it really wasn’t hard to decide to come here.”

Nhim is entering the world of college athletics with a few concise goals.

“I want our team to make it

to NCAA finals all four years, to be an All-American, and to meet lots of people,” she said.

At this rate, she seems to be aiming at a very attainable level for both herself and her teammates.

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MLB

Wells, Buck help Blue Jays to victory over Yankees

Associated Press

TORONTO — Vernon Wells hit a three-run homer, John Buck added a solo shot and the Toronto Blue Jays pounded A.J. Burnett, then held on for a 7-5 victory over the New York Yankees on Monday.

Toronto assured itself of at least a .500 finish and temporarily denied the Yankees the chance to clinch a playoff berth. A Boston loss later Monday would also send New York into the postseason.

Mark Teixeira hit a three-run homer and Curtis Granderson added a two-run drive for the Yankees, who have lost five of six.

The Blue Jays lead the major leagues with 243 home runs this season, one shy of the team record set in 2000.

Toronto left-hander Marc Rzepczynski (3-4) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season. He walked three and matched a career high

with nine strikeouts.

Brian Tallet pitched 1 1-3 innings, Josh Roenicke and Jesse Carlson each got one out, Scott Downs worked the eighth and Kevin Gregg closed it out in the ninth for his 36th save in 41 chances.

Burnett (10-15), who has lost seven of his past 11 starts, allowed seven runs and seven hits in 2 1-3 innings, his second shortest start of the year. The right-hander, who walked one and struck out one, is 0-3 with a 9.61 ERA in four starts against his former team this season.

Jose Bautista opened the scoring with an RBI groundout in the first and Buck doubled the advantage with a leadoff homer to left in the second, his 19th, before the Blue Jays chased Burnett with a five-run third.

Travis Snider walked to open the inning and Yunel Escobar was hit, putting runners at first and second. Bautista flied out, but

Wells followed with a first-pitch drive to left for his 31st homer.

Lyle Overbay doubled and scored on Buck's single to center and Burnett was yanked after Adam Lind singled through the right side. Jonathan Albaladejo came on and gave up a sacrifice fly to Edwin Encarnacion, then got John McDonald to fly out.

Granderson homered into the second deck in right off Rzepczynski in the fifth, his 24th of the season, and Teixeira chased Tallet with a one-out blast to center in the seventh for his 33rd of the year.


Rzepczynski recorded eight consecutive outs by strikeouts between the first and fourth innings, a streak that started when Alex Rodriguez fanned to end the first. Robinson Cano struck out to start the second and, after singles by Marcus Thames and Austin Kearns, Rzepczynski struck out Granderson and Francisco Cervelli.



Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter hits a single against the Blue Jays in the seventh inning of a game in Toronto Monday night.

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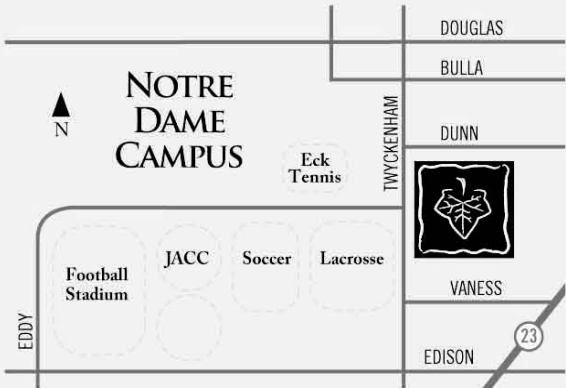
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NFL

Weis taken to surgery after game

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Charlie Weis had emergency gall bladder surgery Monday morning, according to a newspaper report.

Weis' agent, Bob LaMonte, told The Kansas City Star that Weis chose to delay surgery until after the Sunday's home game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Chiefs coach Todd Haley refused to talk about Weis' condition Monday beyond saying that it was not a life-threatening situation.

Radio station 810 WHB was the first to report that the 54-year-old Weis had undergone emergency treatment after the game. Another Kansas City station, 610 Sports Radio KCSP, later reported that it was gall bladder surgery.

LaMonte told the newspaper that Weis had a painful infection but put off the surgery so he could coach in the game, a 31-10 Chiefs victory over the 49ers.

Last week, Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio was hospitalized after his team beat Notre Dame in overtime for what was described as a mild heart attack. He is recovering from surgery and his return for the Spartans is unknown.

Weis, the offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots' Super Bowl teams, was hired by the Chiefs after he was fired last year as head coach at Notre Dame.

He underwent a procedure on his knee in the offseason and spent most of training camp moving around on a motorized cart. He walked with difficulty while using a cane and wore a large knee brace. All he has said about that situation was that part of his knee “fell off” a few weeks before camp opened.

The Chiefs (3-0) are off this week.

HOCKEY

Irish announce senior Lavin as team captain

Observer Staff Report

Irish coach Jeff Jackson announced his selections as captains and alternates for the upcoming 2010-11 season Monday. Senior defenseman Joe Lavin will wear the 'C' for the Irish, while classmates Calle Ridderwall, Ben Ryan and Ryan Guentzel will serve as alternates.

Lavin only joined the Irish for the second half of last season after starting his career at Providence and playing one and a half seasons for the Omaha Lancers of the United States Hockey League (USHL).

Despite playing only 18 games for Notre Dame last season, Lavin scored three goals and seven assists. He will be the only senior defenseman on the Irish roster this season.

"Joe [Lavin] was a unanimous choice by the players to be team captain and the coaches agreed," Jackson said to und.com. "That says an awful lot about a young man who transferred in here at midseason and the kind of

impact he has had since arriving and over the summer months."

Ridderwall, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, led the Irish in goals (19), points (27) and shots (132) last season. In 114 career games, Ridderwall has tallied 41 goals, including a dramatic overtime game-winner in the 2008 national semifinal that propelled the Irish into the national championship game. As a right wing, he also led the CCHA last year with 11 power-play goals.

"Calle [Ridderwall] has made great strides in his four years here as a player on the ice, in the weight room and in the classroom," Jackson said. "He leads by example with his work ethic and his tenacity in the way he plays the game."

Ryan has played in 115 career games for Notre Dame, scoring 29 goals. The center has also shown a knack for scoring when in matters most, with seven career game-winning goals. Ryan will also likely handle a majority of the faceoff duties

for the Irish this season.

"[Ryan] has taken a very proactive approach to getting our team back to a high level in giving back to the community," Jackson said. "I'm very proud of where Ben is right now. I expect him to be one of our top players and have a strong presence in the locker room."

Guentzel rounds out the Irish leadership corps for the upcoming season. Playing at right wing, Guentzel has seen action in 100 career games, with four goals and 17 assists to his name. While he may not put up gaudy statistics, Guentzel garnered praise for his versatility and leadership off the ice.

"He's played a modest role for us since he's been here but has always had a good attitude and a strong understanding of the game," Jackson said. "He's one of the vocal guys in the locker room. He understands what we need to do and how we need to do it as far as doing the right thing."

Notre Dame will take the ice for the first time this sea-



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Senior Joe Lavin defends against Nebraska-Omaha Jan. 30. Irish coach Jeff Jackson named Lavin a captain Monday.

son Friday in an exhibition game against the University of Guelph. The Irish will kick off their regular season slate

Oct. 8 when they take part in the Warrior College Hockey Ice Breaker Tournament in St. Louis.

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and four blocks to lead the Irish as they closed out the Big East opening weekend. And her performance Sunday is only a preview of what the conference has in store from the Westfield, Ind. native who doesn't plan to stop having fun anytime soon.

"I'm just having a lot of fun this season," she said. "It's fun getting kills and when the team works together and is successful, I just want to keep rolling with it."

The rolling has not come easy for Eppink, who, standing at 6-foot-2, played in only 39 sets last season and had 51 kills while also putting up 39 blocks, both more than any of her classmates. This season she has already doubled the amount of kills and made 56 blocks, suggesting a newfound confidence and intensity in her play, which raises the question,

where did she come from?

"I'm a lot more comfortable on the floor, talking, being outgoing. The team is really meshing well," Eppink said.

Along with feeling more comfortable on the floor, Eppink said she feels she is coming into herself as a player and finding her own motivation.

"What motivates me off the court is simply wanting to have fun and do my best," she said. "On the court, I guess it's sort of a pride thing. I just want to prove to other teams who we are and that they should be afraid to play us."

After beginning to play volleyball on a city team in fourth grade, she was hooked for life and the chance to play for such a notable team was only a fantasy for Eppink.

"Notre Dame was one of my dream schools," she said. "Not only is it one of the top institutions in the country, but getting the opportunity to play volleyball at the same time was truly a once in

a lifetime opportunity."

Taking advantage of the opportunity has led to new ones with her teammates, on and off the court, that have added to her college experience. Her favorite team memory wasn't even on the court.

"One of my favorite memories of being on the ND team was being able to attend a New York Yankees game after our match," she said. "Not only was it my first professional baseball game, but

we also went on a tour of the stadium and watched the game from an executive suite."

Aside from the off-court fun, Eppink said she has more serious goals for herself and her team this season that she is working to achieve.

"Some of my season goals are to keep playing with intensity and getting better with each match," Eppink said. "As for team goals, I would have to say going undefeated in the Big East again, doing

well in the NCAA tournament, and also getting better with each match. In working to achieve these goals, I'm going to play smarter, have a clear head and just have fun."

If her recent performances don't speak for themselves, Eppink is certainly on her way to achieving her own goals and helping the Irish to capture their own.

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SMC GOLF

Senior Boyce leads Belles to third place

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished third in the two-day tournament hosted by Oglethorpe University at the Mission Inn Resort in Howey-of-the-Hills, Fla.

The Belles totaled a team score of 679, shooting a 341 and a 338 on the first day and second days, respectively.

Senior Mary Kate Boyce led the attack for the Belles as she shot a two-day total 165 (85-80). She also sunk the most pars in the tournament. Her overall fourth place finish was enough to mark her as one of the top competitors.

The team had yet another

consistent effort from the other golfers. Freshman Doyle O'Brien finished with an 84 Monday, four strokes less than her score Sunday, to finish in 22nd place.

Senior Rosie O'Connor finished in 25th place and freshman Meg Ryan shot a 105 to help the Belles to a third place finish.

The top-ranked and 13-time defending national champions Methodist University captured the top honors as well as the individual honors. They finished with a two-day total 651. Illinois Wesleyan came in second place with a 665 team score.

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MEN'S GOLF

Juniors lead way in Classic

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The quest for the Irish to repeat as champions in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic is turning into a two-team race, as Notre Dame is tied with Iowa at seven-over-par after the first two rounds of the three-round tournament.

The Irish and the Hawkeyes hold a 10-stroke advantage over San Francisco going into the final round.

Junior Tom Usher led the Irish on day one, which featured 36 holes of golf on the Warren Golf Course north of campus. Usher fired a 1-under score of 139 over two rounds to share the individual lead in the tournament with San Francisco's Taylor Travis.

Usher posted five birdies on the front nine to reach a low score of four-under before stumbling a bit down the stretch with three straight bogeys on the 10th through 12th holes.

Right behind Usher was his fellow junior and Irish team leader Max Scodro, who had an eventful day, posting 10 birdies and nine scores of bogey or worse to even out at even par when the day ended. Scodro sits one stroke behind Usher and Taylor heading into tomorrow's action.

Rounding out the scoring Irish golfers were freshman Niall Platt (+3), who in only his second tournament with the squad continues to prove a reliable lineup option for Kubinski, and junior Chris Walker



Freshman Andrew Lane takes a shot in the second round at Warren Monday afternoon.

MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

(+8). Platt played a clean round in the morning to post a score of one-under before struggling in the afternoon with six bogeys. Senior Connor-Alan Lee's score of 10-over-par rounded out the lineup, but under the tournament's five-count-four scoring structure Lee's day one score does not count toward the Irish competitive score, as only the top four Irish scores are counted.

Day two will consist of one round,

with the Hawkeyes and the Irish neck-and-neck heading into the final 18 holes. Usher and the rest of the Irish will look to best the Hawkeyes and hold off the rest of a competitive fourteen team field as the field gets back underway at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Warren Golf Course.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hoosiers focus for Wolverines challenge

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana coach Bill Lynch wants his players focused solely on football all week.

Good luck, given the hype in Bloomington.

With No. 19 Michigan heading to town for Saturday's Big Ten opener, fans are asking the one question players won't: Can the Hoosiers pull the upset?

Indiana's fans have been pointing to this game as the season's first big measuring stick since the schedule came out, and many believe it will dictate how the rest of this season goes.

It's too hot a topic for even Lynch to discuss.

"This team has been an easy team to coach," Lynch said. "That's why I'm confident they understand that the level of play and intensity has to go up."

There is reason for hope in Bloomington. A year ago, the Hoosiers came within a whisker of winning their first game at Ann Arbor since 1967. Tate Forcier ruined the celebration with a 26-yard TD pass to Martavious Odoms with 2:29 to go, giving the Wolverines an unforgettable 36-33 victory that kept their winning streak intact.

"I remember what happened," Indiana quarterback Ben Chappell said with a wry smile after Saturday night's win over Akron.

Fifty-three weeks later, the storylines are virtually the same. Both teams are unbeaten. Both have proven they can score. Both are concerned about giving up too many points, and Michigan is ranked, again, while Indiana is not.

What has changed is the perception of the game. A year ago, nobody outside Indiana's locker room thought the Hoosiers could be competitive against one of their long-standing nemeses. Now, it's anybody's guess.

The conversations have returned to 1987, the last time Indiana beat Michigan, or 1990, the last time the Hoosiers started 4-0, or 2001,

the last time Indiana won its Big Ten opener.

But the Hoosiers (3-0) aren't talking about any of that.

"Any team we play, we think we can beat the team. We never go into a game saying, 'I hope we win,'" receiver Terrance Turner said Monday. "If you're a competitor you want to win every game you play. We have more and more players with that same attitude."

Why not?

The Hoosiers have scored at least 35 points in all three games this season, and have had winning margins of 15 points or more all three times as well. Indiana has stayed relatively healthy, and Chappell is playing like a fifth-year senior, completing 72.4 percent of his passes, while throwing nine touchdowns and no interceptions.

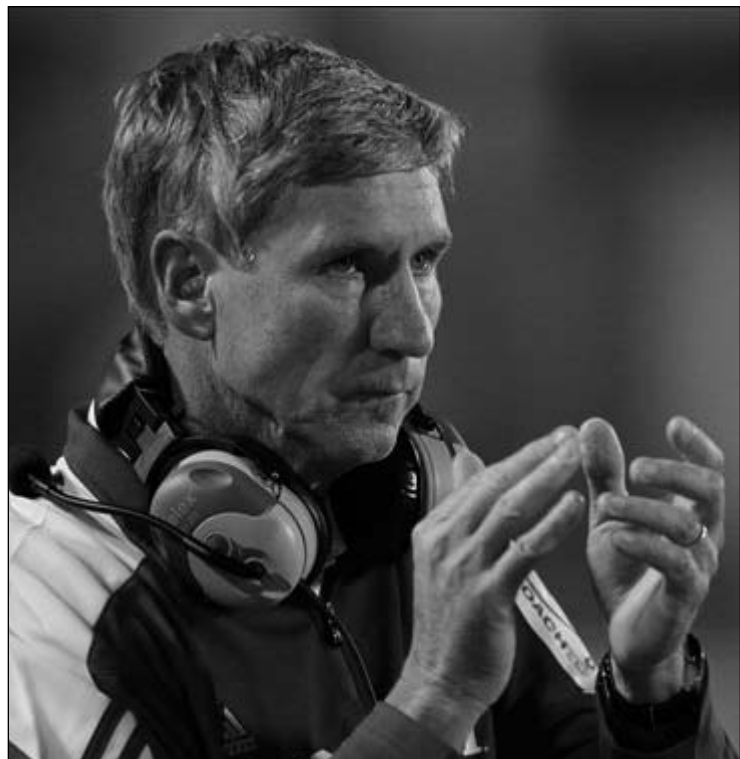
And now, against a much better opponent than Towson, Western Kentucky or Akron, Chappell knows he and his teammates have to be even better if they want to rewrite history.

"I watched quite a lot of film yesterday, and I've tried to get somewhat comfortable with them," Chappell said. "They are similar to last year defensively. I think they're better. I think they had a lot of young guys last year and they were getting used to that system. So, now they've had a year in it and they're moving around a lot. They're a good team."

Good enough to give the Hoosiers worry.

Indiana's defense has given up several big plays to mobile quarterbacks during the first month of the season, and it has struggled to stop the run. Last weekend, Akron churned out 160 yards and averaged 5.3 yards per carry, something that must get fixed before Denard Robinson and the Wolverines (4-0) come to town this weekend. Even if Robinson is gimpy after bruising his left knee.

But will that be enough for the Hoosiers to, finally, beat Michigan after 16 consecutive losses? Perhaps.



Hoosiers coach Bill Lynch watches his team during a game against Akron Sept. 25.

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exhibited a stellar performance for the first half as senior quarterback Kayla Bishop and junior wide receiver Jenny Gassner connected for two touchdowns, one in the final minute of the half.

"I kind of had to scramble for it, and all of the sudden the ball was coming down," Gassner said. "It was really a spontaneous play that wasn't really planned out at all, but it really worked out."

Howard's defense dominated in the second half. Pangborn's first possession of the second half ended quickly when senior defensive lineman Kaitlin Robinson intercepted Tate's pass, setting the stage for Howard's final touchdown drive. Soon after that, it was Howard's sophomore cornerback Kirsten Bescher who picked off Tate for Howard's second interception of the day.

"I just saw the quarterback scrambling, and then my girl cut in front of me," Bescher said. "We're just a pretty tight unit, and we understand how each other work. We have a good vision of the field and where to go."

Pangborn's captain said she is confident that this loss will help the team prepare for future games.

"We definitely know what to work on," Tate said. "I think in the Badin game we started off really strong and maybe made us a little overconfident. Now we need to go back to the drawing board and really look at what we can work on, on offense and defense. We're happy this happened early in the season, so we can make adjustments for the playoffs."

Howard has a bye next Sunday, while Pangborn will host Pasquerilla East.

Farley 18, Breen Phillips 0

There was no neighborly love from Farley for Breen Phillips Sunday, as the Finest shut out the still-winless Babes in an 18-0 romp.

From the first play, Farley (2-1) had control of both the offensive and defensive sides of the football. The Finest offense was particularly strong and showed much improvement from last week.

"We added in a few new offensive plays that we were able to execute," senior wide receiver and team captain Molly Casanova said.

Casanova had two touchdowns, leading her team to its second win of the season.

The Babes (0-3) defense was unable to stop Farley's passing game, with three drives resulting in touchdowns.

The Breen Phillips offense was also ineffective throughout the game, failing to put any points on the board.

"Our team is justifiably disappointed with the record, but we're proud despite the adversity we have experienced on the field," Babes coach Matt Meagher said.

Meagher said this year's team is inexperienced, numerous freshmen starting at skill positions.

"We have a very young team," Meagher said. "We're trying to build and in the meantime, keep our spirits up and just work hard every practice."

Casanova said Farley has focused on improving its offense and has continued to work hard as a team.

"We just have to continue to be supportive on and off the

field, and work hard at practice," Casanova said.

Farley hopes to continue with its momentum as they take on Lyons next week, while Breen Phillips will look to win its first game against Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh 21, Lyons 6

Cavanaugh relied on a stifling defense and a number of big plays provided by the offense to beat Lyons and prolong their undefeated start.

The mostly one-sided game started with the lone Lyons' (1-2) touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Christina Bramanti to senior wide receiver and running back Neva Lundy. Cavanaugh's (3-0) defense locked down the Lions for the rest of the game, a performance highlighted by an interception by senior defensive back Maggie Fahrenbach.

"I was just very impressed overall with the effort our defense showed and how prepared they were," Cavanaugh defensive coach Tyler Smith said.

Cavanaugh also got it done on offense, as they answered the Lions' early score with one of their own when junior wide receiver Megan Robinson reined in a deep pass by junior quarterback Becca Cink for a score, the pair's first of two connections on the day. The Chaos would add to their lead later in the first half off of a running back pass to senior wide receiver Holly Hinz.

For the Lions, the loss came on the heels of an impressive victory last week and raises concerns for the players and coaches.

"We came into a more difficult team," junior wide receiver Caroline Maroney said. "We relied on plays that worked for us last week and weren't necessarily working for us this week."

The Lions' second loss threatens their playoff hopes, but the window isn't closed yet.

"We're going to finish .500," coach Pat Mulhern said. "Hopefully we'll get one of the wild card spots in the playoffs."

Cavanaugh will look to close out their undefeated regular season next week against Breen Phillips, while Lyons gets set to face Farley with playoff hopes on the line.

Pasquerilla West 20, Walsh 6

Even the dreary weather couldn't stop Pasquerilla West's dynamic play in its win over Walsh Sunday.

Pasquerilla West players say they are eager to return to post-season play after a loss in the 2009 championship game.

"We won, which was good, but didn't really play to our potential," Pasquerilla West sophomore wide receiver Alice Yerokun said.

The Purple Weasels' (3-0) defensive effort was their driving force throughout the first half. Pasquerilla West sophomore defender Aoibheann Thinnies intercepted a pass from Walsh (0-2) senior quarterback Amy Langnecker, but the Purple Weasels failed to convert the effort for a touchdown.

The majority of first half action took place in the final minute before halftime. After another interception by Pasquerilla West, senior quarterback Simone Bigi ran the ball 10 yards for the first touchdown of the game.

Then, with only one second remaining in the first half, Walsh quarterback Langnecker responded to the Purple Weasel's touchdown by connecting with sophomore receiver Kat Leach on a 15-yard pass to even the scoring.

The second half was a differ-

ent story. Pasquerilla West dominated play, as Bigi found Yerokun for one touchdown and later ran the ball two yards for another. Walsh failed to score after halftime.

Amanda Speigelberg, Walsh senior defensive captain, and the rest of the Wild Women did see many positive aspects in the game.

"We showed improvement from last week, and we're ready to take on Welsh Family next weekend," Speigelberg said.

Despite the victory, Pasquerilla West players said they see areas for improvement.

"We worked on running the ball today, but in the future we'd like to see some more passing," senior wide receiver Mary Forr said.

The Purple Weasels look to continue their winning streak next week against Ryan, while Walsh tries to earn its first victory in a matchup with Welsh Family.

Pasquerilla East 13, Badin 0

In a tough defensive battle between two young teams each looking for their first wins, the outcome was determined by mistakes. Pasquerilla East minimized penalties in the game and took advantage of errant passes to defeat Badin.

The solid defensive play started early on in the game. Possession was juggled back and forth as both teams searched for the end zone. A two-way play by the Bullfrogs' junior safety and receiver Ryan Cooney and Pyros' freshman receiver and defensive back Kiah Schaeffbauer resulted in a back-and-forth affair between the two squads, but no points came out of it, as Badin penalties stalled their offense.

Pasquerilla East proceeded to capitalize on risky passing plays by the Badin offense, with freshman defensive back Abby Kostielney and junior defensive back Nneka Ekechukwu snag-



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Badin sophomore running back Ashley Okonta carries the ball as her flags are stripped in a game against Pasquerilla East Sunday.

ging two interceptions for touchdowns, to give the Pyros a 13-0 lead at the half, and a scoreless second half secured the victory for the Pyros.

Senior coach Buchi Offodile praised the Pyros' defensive backs as well as the offense's ability to advance down the field.

"While our points came from the defense's two picks, the offense moved the ball really well and would have finished if it hadn't been for some miscues," Offodile said. "Red zone offense will be our focus in practice this week."

Badin coach Tommy Demetrio, though frustrated by penalties and interceptions, gave credit to both defenses.

"In an evenly matched game like that, it comes down to mis-

takes, and we made more than they did," Demetrio said.

Badin faces Lewis next Sunday while Pasquerilla East plays Pangborn.

Editor's Note: The scheduled game between Welsh Family and McGlinn was not played due to a Welsh Family forfeit for failure to report to the game on time. McGlinn (2-1) will enjoy a bye week next Sunday while Welsh Family (0-2) will look to win its first game against Walsh.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Quack attack

Howard stays perfect against Pangborn

By MEGAN GOLDEN, LUCIE GORDON, JOSEPH MONARDO, SARAH CRIPPIN and JACK YUSKO
Sports Writers

The secondary of Howard came ready to back up the Ducks' undefeated record, as their two-interception performance was enough to bring the Ducks to a hard fought 21-7 victory over Pangborn.

The Phoxes (1-1) put their only points on the board early, as senior quarterback Gabby Tate ran for a touchdown in their first possession of the game, taking an early 7-0 lead.

"Howard did a really fantastic job. Their defense was awesome, and the run was the one thing that was open," Tate said. "But passing wise, I don't think I've faced a tougher defense, so hats off to them."

Undefeated Howard (3-0)

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Howard senior Kayla Bishop dodges the defense in a game against Pangborn Sunday. The undefeated Ducks continued their winning streak with a 21-7 win.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Freshman Nhim adds to line-up

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

With one meet as a college athlete under her belt, freshman Kristina Nhim is already off to a good start.

She began her first week-end traveling with the team to Michigan State for the Mary Fossum Invitational, where the Irish took first place. Nhim took 19th place in the tournament, already proving her abilities to hang with the competition.

"It definitely was more intense, and the quality of teams is so much higher. People are or become much better players in college, so you definitely have to step up your game if you want to compete and win," Nhim said.

For Nhim, golf began as a

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jersey auction to start for Kicks Against Breast Cancer

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After dismantling Cincinnati and Louisville over the weekend with nine combined goals and allowing none, the No. 5 Irish have been playing their hearts out en route to a 9-1 start to the season.

Starting Friday, Sept. 24 and continuing through Oct. 11, they will be auctioning

their shirts off as well.

In an effort to raise funds for Kicks Against Breast Cancer, the Irish will auction commemorative pink-and-white jerseys to be worn during the final homestand of the season against Seton Hall on Oct. 8 and Rutgers on Oct. 10. Fans will be able to bid on the autographed jerseys through the official Notre Dame athletics auction website at www.und.com/auctions.

Kicks Against Breast Cancer is an annual collegiate program dedicated to helping find a cure for breast cancer, offering support to women living with the disease.

The initiative includes a fundraising tournament in April, but it also encourages the top collegiate programs around the nation to contribute by raising \$1,000.

To that end, the Irish have stepped up to the challenge

by enlisting their support to finding a cure. Proceeds from the 28 auctioned jerseys will go directly to the foundation.

This season's fundraiser comes on the heels of the highly successful jersey auction last spring to support the Camp Watcha-Wanna-Do, an Indiana based camp dedicated to supporting children fight cancer. The squad raised close to \$3000, as the auctioned jerseys were worn in an April 23 exhibition

match against the Mexican National Team.

"Our players took the initiative and wanted to make this happen, and I hope we'll see some enthusiastic and competitive bids for these one-of-a-kind jerseys," Irish coach Randy Waldrum told und.com.

The auctions start at \$50 per jersey.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Duncan takes first win in dorm history

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Sports Writers

Duncan earned its first interhall football win in dorm history Sunday, beating Knott Hall 2-0.

"I felt like we dominated the whole game," sophomore defensive end Chris Herlihy said. "I thought we were the better team."

Although the Highlanders (1-1) were unable to score on the offensive side of the ball, the stifling Duncan defense was able to shut

down the passing attack from the Juggerknotts (0-2), who managed just three first downs. The Duncan defensive unit has now held its opponents to a combined three points in their first two games.

The lone scoring play came in the second quarter, when Knott was forced to punt directly in front of its own end zone. The snap went high over the punter's head and out of the end zone for a safety, giving Duncan a lead they would hold for the rest of the contest.

Despite the fact that the Highlander offense failed to

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Eppink gets into sophomore swing

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The energy the Irish bring to the volleyball court is almost contagious, and sophomore Hilary Eppink has definitely become part of the new epidemic in her sophomore season.

The middle blocker is not only having fun this season but she's also stepping up her game unlike ever before, like she did last Sunday when Notre Dame (9-5) defeated Pittsburgh 3-0.

"I just wanted to stay aggressive, not get tentative, not get passive," Eppink said. "I just wanted to really help out the team. It's just fun out there; there's a great energy, and I wanted to keep going." Eppink did keep going for 12 kills



Sophomore Hilary Eppink, right, goes up for a block with freshman Nicole Smith against Arizona Aug. 29.

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