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Gas leak evacuees gather in JACC

Transpo brings 500 evacuated workers and residents from downtown South Bend to campus

By SARAH MERVOSH News Editor

Around 500 people gathered in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center for shelter and assistance after a major gas leak caused the evacuation of many buildings in downtown South Bend Thursday.

Thousands evacuated the downtown area, but no one was injured, according to the South Bend Tribune.

The University made the fieldhouse side of the Joyce Center available to workers and residents who were displaced, University spokesman Dennis Brown said.

Brown said 1st Source Bank, which has offices downtown, called the University and asked if their employees could come to Notre Dame's campus.

"[They said,] 'We don't want them hanging out on the streets, can we bring them up to the Joyce Center?' We said, 'Yes, by all means,'" Brown said.

Transpo began transporting evacuees to the Joyce Center, where food, water, coffee, juice, Internet access and blankets for the elderly were provided.

"Anyone who wanted to jump on a bus could come up



Emergency personnel establish a perimeter in downtown South Bend Thursday after a natural gas leak forced thousands to evacuate affected buildings.

to the Joyce Center and have a place to wait it out," Brown said.

Evacuees arrived at the Joyce Center around 9:30 or 10 a.m. and were "coming and going" for the next four hours, peaking around lunchtime, he said.

Brown said evacuees needed a place to wait because they did not know when the leak would be capped and could not go home because much of the city was blocked off.

"Wherever their cars may be parked, they couldn't get to them," he said.

In addition to the evacuation of businesses and restaurants, low-income housing and assisted living complexes were also affected. Many of these evacuees needed medical or wheelchair assistance, Brown said. "We were really concerned

about those folks in particular," he said.

Various Notre Dame departments, such as Notre Dame Security Police and the Office of Information Technology, worked with downtown businesses and the American Red Cross to assist evacuees.

"It is a great example of collaboration between the broader community," Brown said.

The leak, which occurred in the 100 block of West Jefferson Boulevard, was capped shortly after noon, the South Bend Tribune reported.

Brown said the Joyce Center cleared out by around 2 p.m.

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Subway executive discusses brand, ND

By SARA FELSENSTEIN News Writer

Each afternoon, like clockwork, lines form in front of the Subway in the LaFortune



S t u d e n t Center as s t u d e n t s wait to order their f a v o r i t e subs. What most of those students do not realize is that the guy

Pace

behind Subway's global brand advertising, the guy behind \$5 Footlongs, those television commercials with Jared Fogle and Subway ads with celebrities like Michael Phelps, is Notre Dame alum Tony Pace.

Pace, a 1979 alumnus, is the Chief Marketing Executive of the Subway Franchisee Advertising Fund Trust. Since Pace joined Subway in 2006 and helped create a new digital marketing

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Experts analyze disordered eating

By LAURA McCRYSTAL News Editor

When a student approached Notre Dame psychology professor Alexandra Corning several years ago about writing a senior thesis



Travel alert affects students abroad

By CASEY KENNY News Writer

With the State Department's recent release of a general travel alert for all Americans in Europe, Notre Dame's Office of International Studies (OIS) took extra precautions to enhance awareness of the alert and to ensure the safety of its students studying or traveling abroad. The travel alert, released on Sunday, alerted U.S. citizens to the increased potential for terrorist attacks in Europe and recommended U.S. citizens take safety precautions when traveling abroad, particularly in public places like tourist sites and airports or while riding public transportation. The alert, a step below a formal "travel warning" which advises U.S. citizens to avoid traveling to

particular places, was issued after an assessment of information that terrorist groups appeared to be plotting attacks on cities in

on eating disorders, Corning said she knew very little about the topic.

Now, she conducts research about eating disorders and teaches an undergraduate course titled "Understanding Eating Disorders." While diagnosable eating disorders are a major concern, Corning said she focuses on the large number of people who struggle with symptoms, but do not have a diagnosable disorder.

"Even when you're struggling sub-clinically, you're struggling," Corning said. "Our campus, even if you looked around and discovered, yes, full-blown, diagnosable cases are rare ... BRANDON KEELEAN I Observer Graphic

there's lots of people who are struggling at a sub-clinical level."

One in three college-aged women has disordered eating habits, although only nearly 10 percent have a fullfledged eating disorder, according the University Counseling Center and resources distributed on Notre Dame's campus this week as part of Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Week, sponsored by the Gender Relations

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Europe.

There are presently 235 Notre Dame students studying in Europe, according to Kathleen Opel, director of OIS.

OIS is in close contact with its students who are studying abroad and the program directors urged students to listen to the warnings of the State Department and adopt appropriate safety measures.

"The Office of International Studies has notified students in Europe of the State Department's advisory," Opel said. "We have advised them to follow the tips from the State Department and have provided them with various strategies to do so."

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THE HOT SEAT: ONE PERSON, FIVE QUESTIONS, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



Joe Lavin

senior defenseman hockey

When did you start skating? Lavin: I started skating at the age of three. I got skates for Christmas and my dad took us out back on the lake and we started skating.

Crosby or Ovechkin? Lavin: Sidney Crosby.

What's been your best hockey moment at Notre Dame? Lavin: We played Michigan at home at the end of [last year]. That was a big thrill. It was a big weekend for us, especially heading into the playoffs. It was a big

win at home in front of a good crowd.

Could LeBron James play hockev?

Lavin: I don't know. You put skates on that dude, he could do just about anything.

Will you avenge the football loss and beat Michigan this year?

Lavin: We will. We're really confident. We have a lot of confidence, but at the same time we're staying pretty humble. I think we have a lot in the room.

Know someone who should be in the hot seat? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



Protesters displayed pink and blue flags and roses on South Quad all day Thursday. The flags represented the number of abortions that take place each year in America, and the roses showed support for the mothers.

OFFBEAT

Arizona woman confuses glue for eyedrops

PHOENIX — An Arizona woman accidentally glued an eye shut when she mistook super glue for her eye drops. KSAZ-TV said Irmgard Holm of Glendale had cataract surgery a year ago. She was reaching for what she thought was one of her half-dozen eye drop medications. The burning sensation told her immedi-

stance did what it was supposed to and sealed her eve shut.

Holm got to the hospital and staff cut off the hardened glue covering her eye. Once the eye was opened, doctors washed it out to prevent major damage.

Police search for stolen hot dog stand

ORANGEBURG, N.Y. -Police in a suburb northsupport his family in Orangeburg for more than a year.

Orangetown Police Detective Sgt. George Garrecht said the hot dog heist happened on the evening of Sept. 30.

Three men pulled into a parking lot, cut the trailer's locks and cables, hitched it to their pickup truck and drove north on Route 303.

Police have viewed sur-

IN BRIEF

Chris Johns, president of Pacific Gas & Electric, will give a lecture today at 10:40 **a.m.** The lecture is part of the Mendoza College of Business Boardroom InSights Executive Speaker Series. The lecture will take place in Jordan Auditorium. Students, faculty, staff and public are welcome to attend.

The Center for Social Concerns and SIT Study Abroad along with the Ford Family program in Human **Development Studies &** Solidarity are asking for papers for a human development conference to be held on campus Feb. 11-12. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to share their research experience. Deadline is Monday, Oct. 11. More information can be found on www.nd.edu/~hdc.

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will perform a free show tonight at 9 p.m. The show will take place in Washington Hall. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are welcome to attend.

Student Activities Board will sponsor the End Zone **Carnival Saturday** from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Free cotton candy, popcorn and other snacks will be offered, as well as face painting and carnival games. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are welcome to attend

The film Jules et Jim will be shown in the DeBartolo Center

Author investigates man behind sports phrase

By KATLYN SMITH News Writer

Pulitzer Prize nominated sports writer Jack Cavanuagh places the phrase "Win one for the Gipper" as one the most famous expressions in sports history, but he

said not many people know about the man who uttered those famous words. "Everybody's heard the

anybody

expression, but hardly Cavana

knows anything about the man behind it," Cavanaugh said.

The man, George Gipp, was a Notre Dame football player who died during his senior year in 1920. Notre Dame legend says Gipp said the phrase on his deathbed to coach Knute Rockne as a rallying cry for his teammates.

Cavanaugh researched the two football icons for his new book, "The Gipper: George Gipp, Knute Rockne, and the Dramatic Rise of Notre Dame Football."

Cavanaugh will be at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for signings Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cavanaugh's interest in the Gipper began as a young Notre Dame football fan. "Sometimes as a kid, I heard this mystical type of a person," Cavanaugh said. "I wondered if he even existed, or he was just somebody who was made up because he seemed too good to be true as an athlete."

After tracking down some of Gipp's former teammates for a Sports Illustrated story in 1991, Cavanaugh had enough material to write a book on the former Notre Dame football player.

"A couple of them even had roomed with him and gone to high school with him and then followed him to Notre Dame," Cavanaugh said. "So they knew him very, very well."

Cavanaugh, an adjunct professor at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, said Ronald Reagan's presidency and his memorable portrayal of Gipp in the 1940 film "Knute Rockne All American" also inspired the book.

"He loved that role," Cavanaugh said of the former president. "If he wanted to get a bill through Congress, he'd say, 'Let's win one for the Gipper,' the famous expression."

For Cavanaugh, the film failed to capture Gipp's gambling and poor attendance at Notre Dame.

"It was a very saintly portrayal of George Gipp," he said. "It made George Gipp look like the All-American boy, just real nice, handsome guy, real good person, and he was hardly that."

In his book, Cavanaugh recounts how Gipp became the best pool player in South Bend. "He won a lot of money in college gambling," Cavanaugh said. "He wasn't your typical scholar athlete."

On the field, however, teammates recognized Gipp's leadership.

"Everybody, including his roommates, said he was certainly dead honest when he was a player," Cavanaugh said. "He went all out for Notre Dame."

Although Rockne had to convince him to try out for the football team, Gipp still holds University football records almost a century after his death.

"He was so outstanding, and he never played football in high school," Cavanaugh said. "That was one of the most remarkable parts of it all."

Researching the phrase that made Gipp iconic, Cavanaugh encountered a mixed reaction from Gipp's teammates as to whether or not he ever spoke the words.

One of those teammates, Hunk Anderson, went to high school with Gipp and roomed with him at Notre Dame. Anderson became the head coach of the Notre Dame football team after Rockne died in a plane crash in 1931.

"He knew him as well as anybody, and when I talked with him, he doubted that Gipp would have said that," Cavanaugh said. "He said that he was just not a sentimental guy."

The book is loaded with debate, but Cavanaugh also

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spent significant amount of time describing how Rockne and Gipp contributed to Notre Dame's rise in national popularity.

In a 1913 game against Army, Rockne caught the then-novel forward pass, contributing to Notre Dame's victory and changing the coverage of Notre Dame football forever.

"They upset Army in one of the biggest upsets in college football history," Cavanaugh said. "All of a sudden all the New York papers are writing about this little, unknown Catholic school out West."

By the time Gipp played his last game, he had reached national acclaim.

"Even the Northwestern fans were chanting for him to come out on the field because he was so famous at that point," Cavanaugh said.

Gipp was sick with what doctors at Saint Joseph's Hospital later diagnosed as strep throat. Despite the illness, Gipp traveled with the team to Evanston, Illinois, for the Northwestern game because he wanted to play for alumni who had shown up for a "Gipp Day."

According to Cavanaugh, Rockne let Gipp play in the last quarter.

"He went in the game and threw two passes, and they both were for touchdowns," Cavanaugh said. "That was typical Gipp, and the crowd went wild."

After that game, Gipp would-

n't live much longer. He died on Dec. 14, 1920. Thousands of Notre Dame students attended his funeral.

"One of the biggest funerals at Notre Dame was after he died," Cavanaugh said. "It was only topped by the Rockne funeral not too many years later."

Cavanaugh questioned whether the football program would produce a similar figure whose untimely death struck during the height of his popularity.

"I doubt that's ever going to happen again," Cavanaugh said. During his 25 years at the

During his 25 years at the New York Times, Cavanaugh covered Notre Dame football and basketball when the teams played on the East Coast. His research for the book brought him to the Archives Department in the Hesburgh Library last fall when he pored over Scholastics, books and newspaper microfilms.

Cavanaugh will return to campus this weekend and support the Fighting Irish at the Pittsburgh game.

"Deep down, since I won't be covering the game, in large measure because of the book and because I've learned so much about Notre Dame and having been out to the campus and coming back again, I'll definitely be rooting for Notre Dame."

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Photo exhibit offers cultural insight on India

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY News Writer

Bold black and white eyes greet visitors of the Cushwa-Leighton Library. These eyes belong to the subjects of photographer Fazal Sheikh's "Ladli: Beloved Daughter" photo exhibit, which senior Chelsea Crane described as "moving.'

"The exhibit opened my eyes to a culture with which I am unfamiliar,'

Crane said.

Associate professor of business and economics Ujvala Rajadhyaksha helped viewers become culturally aware was one of the prime goals of the exhibit.

"[The exhibit] attempts to raise conscious-

ness about the plight of women and young girls in India who live on the margins of Indian society," Rajadhyaksha said.

These women have fought hardship in a culture that is predominantly male-oriented, and the exhibit was meant to share their experiences.

"It profiles women who have survived against all odds and documents their courage, resilience and will to survive in the face of government apathy and social problems such as female feticide, dowry deaths, rape and torture, child labor prostitution, and Rajadhyaksha said.

As visitors walk through the exhibit, they are meant to experience the lives of the Indian women who are the subjects of the exhibit. Baby Sanjeeta is one of these subjects.

Sanjeeta was left at an orphanage in hopes that someone would find and raise her. As the photo captions informed the visitors, the

orphanage placed a woven *"This exhibit presents"* wicker crib outa contrasting image of side its facilities India from the one that for parents to come esists in the popular deposit their press of the country ... " children, such as the unwant-Ujvala Rajadhyaksha ed Sanjeeta. This exhibit associate professor said this was a much better

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the typical action of leaving the infants in a dumpster.

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For senior Kate Kryk, the story of the subject Sonali was most memorable. In her picture, only Sonali's hands were seen. The captions said Sonali was left raped and bleeding by an unknown man who attacked her. According to the exhibit, when the stories found her, they contacted her family only to be told they had never heard of Sonali.

"Their parents disowned her

and, in my opinion that is just ridiculous," Kryk said. "But, it's a different lifestyle there ... one I have never considered.'

The photos and their stories are meant to challenge viewers to face the reality that not all life stories have fairy tale end-ings. Kryk said this is not always a bad thing.

"These stories made me realize that in today's society in America, more people are concerned about what handbag they carry or what car they drive rather than the opportunities they have," Kryk said, "People are so materialistic. Not every country gives the opportunities that ours does."

Crane and Kryk said the stories that accompanied the photos were powerful, but it was the images that made them real.

"Looking at their faces ... [they] completely encompassed their stories," Kryk said.

Crane agreed saying the photographs gave the stories an element of reality.

"The portraits give a person-al element to the plight of Indian women," she said.

Rajadhyasksha said she hopes students experience other insights when they visit the exhibit.

"This exhibit presents a contrasting image of India from the one that exists in the popular press of the country as an emerging market powerhouse,' she said.

The exhibit is open to the public and will run through October 15th during regular library hours.

Kryk said she would strongly encourage students and other community members to visit the exhibit.

"I would definitely encourage more people to attend the exhibit," she said. "It makes you realize that your bad day - maybe you got a bad grade on a test or something - isn't as bad as someone else's bad day. It makes you put things in perspective.'

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DOWNTOWN – ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MARRIOTT HOTEI

SMC launches new awareness program

"The Green Dot

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Connie Adams

BAVO director

business

By ALISON MEAGHER News Writer

The Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) is launching the National Green Dot program to raise awareness

during October, **Domestic Violence** Awareness Month. The Green Dot program is a

national initiative that was developed at the University of Kentucky. "The Green Dot

program focuses on violence prevention by capital-

At the training sessions, students will learn about sexual assault, stalking and relationship violence.

"The training focuses on providing a range of techniques students can use to intervene as bystanders,"

Adams said. According to Adams, students will also learn various ways to approach violence because individuals respond differently to violence.

"The Green Dot model emphasizes the importance of understanding

GRIDIRON READS GREATEST MOMENTS SHOULD KNOW & DO **BEFORE THEY** Die

JOHN MEISLER | TOREVORD OF BRYANT YOUNG

izing on peer and cultural influence," Connie Adams, director of BAVO, said.

The program uses red dots to symbolize situations where violence is present or tolerated.

The goal of the initiative is to turn everywhere there is a red dot into a green one, Adams said.

According to the University of Kentucky's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center, "Green dots are choices, behaviors and attitudes which promote a violence-free environment.'

Throughout the fall, BAVO will be offering Green Dot training sessions. The first session is time is to be announced.

personal bound. aries and discovering intervention techniques which will be effective with individual limitations," she said.

Students interested in participating can visit the BAVO office, located in the basement of Holy Cross Hall or call 574-284-4018 for more information.

"While we cannot do everything, we can each do some-thing," Adams said. "The Green Dot training helps participants to discover the potential things which can be done.'

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team, develop new marketing opportunities on shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Chuck" and bring the \$5 Footlong deal to widespread success.

Pace, a passionate Notre Dame fan who has a helmet signed by Joe Montana in his office, said he was disappointed that the Notre Dame Subway location does not offer \$5 Footlongs. He does not believe students should have to go off campus to take advantage of the deal.

"As a longstanding and generous alum, I'm not very happy about [that.] I see ads in the Observer for Subways off-campus [for] the \$5 Footlongs. That makes me upset," he said.

Pace said his education at Notre Dame as a double major in the Program of Liberal Studies and economics, as well as his experience as Editor-in-Chief of The Observer, helped prepare him for a job in the business world.

"The Observer was the toughest job I ever had," Pace said. "I was Editor-in-Chief of the Observer from March 1978 to March 1979. Before that, I was features Editor, and before that I covered interhall sports."

After graduating from Notre Dame, Pace went on to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, where he earned his Masters of Business Administration and was the editor of Business School Weekly.

Pace said his background in journalism and the liberal arts helped him build the communication skills necessary for a career in business.

"I'm in marketing now, and the great thing about marketing is that a big piece of it is how you communicate — whether you write headlines, or lay out a paper, all that was fabulous training," he said.

Pace said under his leadership, Subway emphasized advertising on the Internet, specifically on Facebook and Twitter sites of celebrities.

"Obviously, everyone's communicating digitally now," he said. "We are trying to use innovative techniques in [our advertising.] Whether its Michael Phelps, Michael Strahan, Nastia Liukin — all of those folks also have a presence in the digital [space] and social media."

Pace said Subway does not solely use the faces of celebrities to promote the brand.

"Unlike many other brands, we don't use celebrities, we use fans of Subway who happen to be famous," Pace explained. "These guys and gals really do eat at Subway, so it's natural for them to talk about the brand."

Pace said that sometimes, celebrities will tweet the sandwich they're ordering, just because they love Subway, and because they know "the [people at Subway] like it."

"Michael Strahan will go into a Subway and send out a tweet say 'I'm having a Subway blank and blank sandwich," Pace said. "We just view it as another way to connect to our consumers. [Social media] advertising allows consumers to get as close to Subway as they want."

While digital media is an everexpanding advertising platform, Pace said he has not lost focus

a on more traditional methods of advertising.

"Television is still an extremely effective media form," he said. "Without traditional advertising, the \$5 Footlong Song would never have caught on that quickly. With television ... you're reaching 30 million people with a message."

Most recently, Pace has been working on an advertising campaign with the New York City Marathon, creating a sponsorship deal as "Official Training Partner" since Subway's Jared Fogle will be participating in marathon.

"So the thing that we just kicked off last weekend is making news of the fact that Jared's running the New York City Marathon," Pace said. "Jared lost all that weight by walking and eating Subway. Here we are 10 years later he's running a marathon, so that's a big deal. We have a TV commercial [on Jared] that actually just started running on Sunday."

Pace emphasized that all of Subway's "Famous Fans" are celebrities who already liked to eat at Subway.

"If I ask someone what their favorite sandwich is, and they say 'uh...tuna?' I know that person isn't a real fan," Pace explained.

He said people often have a go-to Subway sandwich. He talked about Michael Phelps ordering turkey when he's in training, but a meatball sub Pace said he personally likes to get creative with his Subway order.

when he's not.

"My favorite Subway sandwich is actually not on the menu," he said. "My favorite is what I refer to as 'chicken and cheese.' I want a single portion of cheese, half of it Swiss and half of it provolone. Put onions on before you toast it, so they're cooked into the cheese. Then I want lettuce, tomato, cucumber, sometimes pickles or banana peppers, depending how I'm feeling, and a bit of mayo ... usually on flatbread, although I also do Italian once in awhile."

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Autograph session with former Irish captain Travis Thomas and Notre Dame wide receiver George West. Free with full priced admission to the Hall of Fame.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Habitat for Humanity Wall Build. To volunteer, contact Jean Hill at 574-235-5520.

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Toxic factory waste reaches Danube River

Associated Press

KOLONTAR, Hungary — The toxic red sludge that burst out of a Hungarian factory's reservoir reached the mighty Danube on Thursday after wreaking havoc on smaller rivers and creeks, and downstream nations rushed to test their waters.

The European Union and environmental officials both fear an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminum, contaminates the Danube, Europe's second-longest river.

Officials from Croatia, Serbia and Romania were taking river samples every few hours Thursday but hoping that the Danube's huge water volume would blunt the impact of the lier at a pH level of 13 and now was down under 10, and no dead fish had been spotted where the slurry was entering the Danube, he said.

A neutral pH level for water is 7, with normal readings ranging from 6.5 to 8.5. Each pH number is 10 times the previous level, so a pH of 13 is 1,000 times more alkaline than a pH of 10.

This Kingdom by the Sea

A Discussion of Edgar Allen Poe's

spill.

The reservoir break Monday disgorged a toxic torrent through three villages and creeks that flow into waterways connected to the Danube. Creeks in Kolontar, the western Hungarian village closest to the spill site, were still swollen and ochre red days later and villagers said they were devoid of fish.

The red sludge reached the western branch of the Danube early Thursday and its broad, main stretch by noon, Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson told the state MTI news agency.

Dobson said the pH content of the red sludge entering the Danube had been reduced to the point where it was unlikely to cause further environmental damage. It had been tested ear-



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Center.

Statistics, however, are not always accurate because eating disorders and related symptoms are often underreported, according to Valerie Staples, staff clinician and coordinator of eating disorder services at the University **Counseling Center.**

 $Eating \ disorders \ and \ body$ image issues are prevalent for the college-aged population due to competition and comparison among students, Staples said.

"Even if students on campus think that they don't know somebody with an eating disorder, it's very likely they do," she said. "We have a lot of members of our community who are really struggling and who are in a lot of physical and emotional pain."

Corning said it is important for students to understand that they are not alone in facing symptoms of eating disorders. A study she did in 2006 found that a great number of female undergraduates at Notre Dame displayed these symptoms.

'Of the people who signed up for our study and were in it ... 56.2 percent either had a diagnosable eating disorder showed symptoms," or Corning said. "It means that if you think no one else is struggling, you're wrong."

While she said the study did not set out to find statis-

tics in that area and was not an entirely random sample, the findings did show that eating disorder symptoms are frequent on campus.

There are three types of eating disorders, Corning said. They fall under the categories of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and not otherwise specified. Not all symptoms fit under these categories, and some fit under all of them. For example, Corning said over-exercising can be a symptom of anorexia, but also a form of purging after binge eating associated with bulimia.

Eating disorder symptoms are prevalent in both men and women in part because popular culture provides constant reminders of a thin ideal for women and a muscular ideal for men, Corning said.

"And [college students today] have grown up in a culture where there's more bombardment of these images," she said.

Staples said she finds the amount of student energy and participation in the event this week to be extremely encouraging. One of the most important aspects of Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Week is based on educating students about how they might help a friend with an eating disorder, she said.

Of all the students who came to the University Counseling Center last year, Staples said the Center's annual report indicates that 10.3 percent reported eating concerns. Yet in addition to

working with students who have eating disorders, Staples also meets with concerned friends.

"Every year, every semester, I have people calling me or coming in in groups to consult about a friend who they're worried about,' Staples said. "When I'm consulting with them about how to help a friend, we spend a lot of time talking about not only what they can say to their friend, but also about what to expect."

Students wanting to help a friend, Staples said, must address specific concerns about behaviors in a compassionate, nonjudgmental manner.

"It's not about finding the perfect words," she said. "I don't have tips on how to make this an easy conversation, but I think there really isn't a wrong way to tell someone you're worried about them.

While realizing the prevalence of disordered eating and the difficultly of confronting these issues can be discouraging, Staples said she finds hope in stories of recovery

"I think that there's, for some, a misconception that people can't get better," she said. "And if I didn't see people get better, I don't think I could keep doing this [job.] .. It's a long process of change, but people can overcome an eating disorder and live very long, full lives without this consuming them.³

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Opel said she would tell Notre Dame students in Europe to increase their awareness when in specific locations or settings.

"Students need to be vigilant and always be aware of their surroundings," she said. "They are aware that they should not be attending political rallies or wearing clothing that draws attention to them as Americans."

Students in the Notre Dame London Program were made well aware of the advisory.

"The London program has reviewed the travel alert with students both by email and verbally," London program director Greg Kucich said. "We are emphasizing the alert's precautions regarding vigilance, especially at transportation centers and large public gatherings."

Kuchich said the London Program urged students to follow the security procedures already established by the program, which include always filling out electronic itinerary travel forms and carrying the operational cell phones provided by the London program, as well as the emergency phone numbers.

Both Kucich and Opel emphasized that students should use common sense and listen to and heed their instincts.

"Students seem to be taking this in stride," Opel said. "Most remember 9/11 and have grown up and live in an environment where travel vigilance is required."

Kuchich said Notre Dame students should even increase their awareness in their daily activities.

"Students are paying due attention to the travel alert and recommended precautions while proceeding in a cautious, calm way with their academic studies, their daily routines in London, and their travel plans," Kucich said. "Students are responding intelligently and maturely to the travel alert and are following all recommended precautions without disrupting their travel plans.

Junior Alex Study, who is abroad in London, is aware of the advisory and necessary precautions.

"The recent travel advisory has not significantly affected my fall break thus far," Study said. "I have made travel plans and I intend to keep those plans.'

Study said most students are cautious but not allowing the advisory to negatively affect their academic and traveling experiences while abroad.

'Most people don't seem to be taking any real precautions, but some people are a little concerned and will be trying to avoid public transportation for a while," he said. "As for myself, I won't be taking any specific precautions, but will just exercise common sense and be aware of my surroundings.

The **Öffice** of International Studies will continue to work closely with students and program directors in monitoring and communicating the heightened threat.

We are looking out for what is best for the students," Opel said. "We want to make sure the locations are safe and we will continue to monitor information as it develops and reassess from there.'

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Ind. money manager who crashed plane gets 10 years

Associated Press

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A judge Thursday ignored pleas for leniency from an Indiana money manager who conned friends into investing in a fund that didn't exist and tried to fake his death by parachuting out of a plane and crashing it when the scheme started to unravel.

Hamilton Superior Court Judge Steven Nation sentenced Marcus Schrenker to 10 years in prison, ignore Schrenker's claims that a

lighter sentence would give him enough time to make things right.

S c h r e n k e r will serve the sentence consecutively with a four-year federal prison term he received for ditching his place

ditching his plane in January 2009 and crashing it in Florida.

Schrenker, 39, told Nation he wanted to repay investors and rebuild his relationship with the three children he's seen only once since his arrest. He said he has bipolar disorder and had got caught in a downward spiral of stress after becoming addicted to painkillers.

"I had it all and I threw it away," he said as his estranged wife, Michelle, watch the proceedings quietly from the audience.

Schrenker pleaded guilty last month to five securities fraud charges and agreed to serve up to 10 years in prison and pay more than \$600,000 in restitution. As part of the plea deal, four charges against Schrenker were dismissed.

Nation said he had such a hard time believing Schrenker wouldn't spiral into the same pattern of behavior again that he almost didn't accept the plea agreement.

Schrenker estimated he still owes investors about \$400,000, but Hamilton County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Jeff Wehmueller said he faces millions of dollars in court-ordered judgments when he is released from prison.

Wehmueller said it would be "virtually impossible" for Schrenker to pay back all the money he owes. Schrenker was an amateur

daredevil pilot

investment manager

"I had it all and I threw it away." Marcus Schrenker investment manager

> who used money he stole from investors to buy planes, luxury cars and a 10,000square-foot home in an upscale suburban Indianapolis neighborhood nicknamed "Cocktail Cove," where affluent boaters often socialized, prosecutors say.

They say Schrenker bilked nine clients, including a friend of 10 years and his own aunt, out of a total of about \$1.5 million they thought they were investing in a foreign currency fund that didn't exist.

"I almost lost everything," one of those victims, Charles William Black, said in court Thursday. He told Schrenker he forgave him even though he had betrayed their longtime friendship by stealing about \$15,000 in savings



Investment manager Marcus Schrenker, who tried to fake his death in a Florida plane crash, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

intended for Black's children. Black said he hopes Schrenker can be a good father to his children, ages 15, 13 and 8, when he gets out of prison.

Defense attorney P. Chadwick Hill argued that a long prison term for Schrenker would be punishment for his children and said his client had changed now that he was properly medicated.

"How big a chunk of Marcus do we want?" he asked.

But Wehmueller questioned whether Schrenker was thinking of his children's wellbeing when he parachuted out of his plane nearly two years ago. He said the things Schrenker blamed for his wrongdoing — his bipolar dis-

order, addiction and stress — F were all "circumstances that could come back." A

The scheme began to unravel when the economy declined and some investors wanted to stash their money in safer investments, prosecutors say. His wife filed for divorce Dec. 30, 2008, a day before Indiana police seized computers and financial documents during a search of his home and office. Days earlier, he lost a \$533,000 judgment to an insurance company.

Facing mounting legal problems, Schrenker put his small plane on autopilot in January 2009 and jumped out with a parachute. He said he pointed the plane toward the Gulf of Mexico, but the plane ran out of fuel and crashed in the Florida Panhandle.

Schrenker parachuted into Alabama and was found two days later at a Florida campground, bleeding of a selfinflicted wrist slash.

Indiana authorities had the assets of Schrenker and his estranged wife placed in a court-controlled receivership.

Wehmueller said Schrenker would serve his time in an Indiana prison before finishing about three years remaining on his federal sentence. The judge suspended another 10 years of his sentence and ordered him to be placed on probation for four years after his release.

As part of his probation, Schrenker cannot work in financial management and must seek counseling.

Hiking path gets European support

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — The North American leg of the International Appalachian hiking trail got a major boost Thursday as chapters in several European countries endorsed the project, which promises to become the world's largest trail network.

Trail clubs in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, England, Ireland and Wales formally joined the International Appalachian Trail during a meeting in Aviemore, Scotland, IAT officials said. The IAT is an extension of the Appalachian Trail, which extends from northern Maine to northern Georgia along the Appalachian Mountains. The IAT begins near Maine's Mount Katahdin and extends through eastern Canadian provinces. Hikers can continue on the IAT by crossing the Atlantic Ocean by boat or plane and picking it up in Greenland and Iceland, IAT officials said. "By joining, they (the international chapters) will set up a trail in their territory," IAT geologist Walter Anderson said. "Now we have jumped the pond." The extended trail will follow mountains that were formed

millions of years ago when the continental plates of North America and Europe collided. The Appalachians were formed in North America, and the Caledonian and Atlas mountains were formed across the ocean.

Greenland and Scotland joined the IAT last year, and the IAT hopes to add Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Algeria next year.

Anderson said the extension will not require extensive construction of new trails because in many places they already exist. Making them a part of the IAT, he said, will be a matter of identifying them with IAT markers.



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The IAT said that when the trail is completed, it will become the largest trail network in the world, with multinational membership on three continents. The organization said it sees the trail as a "fantastic opportunity" for outdoor adventure companies interested in providing services in a market that's home to 800 million people.

While many references call the Appalachian Trail the longest continuous footpath in the world, a number of other planned or existing trails compete for the title of longest.

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Pep rallies undergo revisions

By JOHN CAMERON News Writer

This fall has seen the implementation of a multitude of changes to the format of pep rallies at Notre Dame, and while student participation fluctuated from week to week, student government is overall pleased with the results.

"I think that we definitely saw a positive response to the changes for the Michigan pep rally," student body vice president Andrew Bell said. "The walkover seemed to be very successful, and we think it solved the issue of dorms standing amongst a bunch of alumni an hour before the rally."

Bell said the changes helped with logistics and the overall atmosphere of the rallies.

"We thought the atmosphere of the Michigan rally was great. Attendance was high, we thought the fact the walkover included the band made it more exciting," he said. "We recognize there were some issues especially as students were entering the section, and we've addressed those for the coming rally, so students won't get clogged in."

Student body president Catherine Soler believes the positive student feedback is evidence of the success of the changes.

"We've heard positive feedback because of the various different locations we used for the rallies, and we're really pleased with how athletics has worked with us and how students have responded," she said.

Bell believes the guest speakers have been central to the improved response from students.

"I think the guest speaker mixes things up, so it's not the same week to week," he said. "So we are still working with athletics to continue to get prominent speakers."

Mike Oliver, Hall Presidents Council co-chair, thinks dorms have improved their display of school spirit in response to an incentive offered by head football coach Brian Kelly.

"We've also provided the dorms with the incentive of whoever comes with the most spirit has the opportunity to have Brian Kelly come to the dorms, and it's worked really well," Oliver said.

While the overall student response has been positive, Soler said she felt the student turnout at the student-only Boston College rally was lacking.

ing. "We were disappointed with participation in the Stepan rally, and we think it can be indicative of many things," she said. "From a planning perspective, we really did all we could. It could have been the timing, maybe it wasn't a good time for students," she said.

With the losing season, Soler recognizes that student government must work especially hard to encourage disheartened students to attend the rallies. "I think one of the things that has made a big difference this year, and hopefully will continue to ... is our emphasis on keeping them short and sweet and encourage dorm participation," Soler said. "We want to brand the rallies as a time for students to get excited, have fun and socialize. We want it to be something they can do for themselves as well as in support of the team."

Both Soler and Bell emphasized the pep rally format as being a work-in-progress.

"I think thus far we've been to all the locations possible and now we're in the evaluation period, where we want to determine the best location and format in the eyes of the students," Bell said. "We're honing in on what students really want."

Soler said student government has already taken steps to soliciting student advice on improving the rallies for the remainder of the season.

"Right now we're just working to improve them, we'll be sending out a student survey to get concrete data about what they liked about rallies and where we can improve them," Soler said.

Bell said the key to improving the pep rallies will be to concentrate on the basics.

"We've tried to make the emphasis from the beginning that pep rallies are best when focused on the student body and the football team."

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Chinese dissident hot bet for Nobel Prize

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo tops speculation for the Nobel Peace Prize — one betting site has already declared him the winner — though some experts expect a more low-key choice on Friday.

Two women are also hot candidates in this year's Nobel buzz: Afghan women's rights activist Sima Samar and Russian human rights activist Svetlana Gannushkina.

The last woman to win the coveted award was Wangari Maathai of Kenya in 2004. Of the 97 peace laureates to date, only 12 have been women.

Liu, who was sentenced last Christmas Day to 11 years in prison for subversion, has received by far the most attention in the annual guessinggame for the \$1.5 million award.

Irish bookmaker Paddy Power said it received so many bets on the 54-year-old literary critic it decided on an early payout, shelling out more than €5,000 in total to those who had put money on him by the end of Tuesday.

"Obviously we're taking a risk but it's a calculated one. Over the past decade we have never experienced such strong betting support for any individual candidate and this leads us to believe that this year's Nobel cat is well and truly out of the bag," company spokesman Ken Robertson said in a statement.

The nonvoting secretary of the Nobel committee Geir Lundestad called the decision "bizarre," but declined to comment further on speculation surrounding the award.

Norwegian analysts who follow the peace prize closely said they expect a winner with a lower profile, especially considering the unusually strong criticism the award committee faced last year for honoring President Barack Obama. Critics said the award was premature, just nine months into his presidency.

Rewarding Liu would be a major embarrassment to the Chinese government, which has warned the Nobel committee that giving the prize to a Chinese dissident would harm relations between Norway and China.

"I do not think (giving the Nobel to Liu) is likely due to the obvious political costs to Norway," said Kristian Berg Harpviken, a prominent Nobel-watcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo.

He guessed the award would go to Samar, who heads the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and formerly served as U.N. special investigator for Sudan.

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N.Y. seeks to ban sugary drinks from food stamps

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Using food stamps to buy sodas, teas, sports drinks and other sugarsweetened beverages would not be allowed in New York City under a new government effort to battle obesity.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. David Paterson announced Thursday that they are seeking permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the nation's food stamp program, to add sugary drinks to the list of prohibited goods for city residents receiving assistance.

If approved, it would be the first time an item would be banned from the federal program based solely on nutritional value.

Spending government money on "foods of little or no nutritional value not only contradicts the intent of the program, it also effectively subsidizes a serious public health epidemic," New York officials wrote in their proposal.

The idea has been suggested before, including in 2008 in Maine, where it drew criticism from advocates for the poor who argued it unfairly singled out low-income people and risked scaring off potential needy recipients.

In 2004, the USDA rejected Minnesota's plan to ban junk food, including soda and candy, from food stamp purchases, saying it would violate the Food Stamp Act's definition of what is food and could create "confusion and embarrassment" at the register.

New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said he believes New York's request has a better chance of being approved than the "skimpy" 2004 Minnesota program because it focuses only on beverages.

He said it also has the advantage of being a temporary program with an evaluation plan to study its effectiveness.

USDA spokesman Aaron Lavallee said Thursday the agency received the proposal and will consider it.

The food stamp system, launched in the 1960s, serves some 40 million Americans per month and does not currently restrict any food item based on nutrition.

Recipients can essentially buy any food for the household, although there are some limits on hot or prepared foods. Food stamps also cannot be used to buy alcohol, cigarettes or items such as pet food, vitamins or household goods.

The ban would apply to any beverage that contains more than 10 calories per 8 ounces, except for milk products, milk substitutes like soy milk and rice milk, and fruit juices without added sugar.

A 20-ounce sugar-sweetened drink can contain the equivalent of as many as 16 packets of sugar.

Some New Yorkers who receive the assistance said officials had good intentions but felt the proposal went too far.

"I can see the sodas, but suppose somebody's in bad shape and they just want juice?" said Harold Vilson, a 56-year-old Brooklyn resident who said he uses food stamps.

"If people want to buy that stuff, they should be able to. If it's not an illegal product, they should be able to buy what they want to buy."

The program would be temporary, so officials could study its effects over two years. It would apply only to food stamp recipients in New York City — 1.7 million of the city's more than 8 million residents — and would not affect the amount of assistance they receive.

"Sugar-sweetened drinks are not worth the cost to our health, and government shouldn't be promoting or subsidizing them," said Bloomberg, who also has outlawed trans-fats in restaurant food and has forced chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus.

In fiscal year 2009, New Yorkers received \$2.7 billion in food stamp benefits and spent \$75 million to \$135 million of that on sugary drinks, the city said.

Officials said stores that participate in the food stamp program would be responsible for enforcing the ban. They acknowledged the possibility that food stamp users could travel outside city limits to buy the prohibited drinks.

Advocates for the poor expressed alarm about the proposal, which the New York City Coalition Against Hunger said "punishes poor people for the supposed crime of being poor."

"It's sending the message to low-income people that they are uniquely the only people in America who don't know how to take care of their family," said Joel Berg, the group's executive director. "The problem isn't that they're making poor choices, the problem is that they can't afford nutritious food."

There still are many unhealthful products New Yorkers could purchase with food stamps, including potato chips, ice cream and candy. Officials said the proposal targets sugary drinks because they are the largest contributor to obesity.

More than half of adult New York City residents are overweight or obese, along with nearly 40 percent of public school students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

City officials said lowerincome residents are most likely to drink one or more sugarsweetened drinks a day; adultonset diabetes is also twice as common among poor New Yorkers compared to the wealthiest.

In New York, a proposal to adopt a penny-per-ounce tax on sweetened soda failed to get out of the state Legislature earlier this year; Bloomberg backed the state proposal.

U.S. gay activists protest Mormon church remarks

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Gay rights activists staged a silent protest Thursday outside the headquarters of the Mormon church in Salt Lake City in response to a church leader's remarks that homosexuality is an immoral condition that can and should be overcome.

The sermon by Boyd K. Packer, president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, came Sunday during the 180th semiannual general conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City.

In his remarks Packer said some would argue that gays "were pre-set and cannot overcome what they feel are inborn tendencies toward the impure and unnatural. Not so! Why would our Heavenly Father do that to anyone?"

Activists have called Packer's remarks hurtful and say they ostracize gay church members and can lead some to consider or attempt suicide.

On Thursday night, activists dressed in black to symbolize the loss of young, gay Mormons to suicide ac lay head-to-toe on the sidewalks circling the church's six-block downtown campus. Police estimated the crowd at roughly 1,000, although organizer Éric Ethington, who runs the blog PrideinUtah, said event staff counted close to 4,500 participants. "We want to tell men like Boyd K. Packer that we are tired of watching our children die. There are consequences to your words," Ethington said to the crowd to kick off the event. "You cannot change us, we cannot change ourselves and the more you try, the more dead bodies you leave behind. Stop.' Ethington defended Packer's right to express his opinion, but say the church's gay youth also need to hear a message of hope.

"We love you. You are beautiful. You are perfect just the way you are," he said, drawing cheers.

In a statement issued near the end of the rally, church officials said they support the right of groups to voice their opinion in the public square.

"Those familiar with the Church's doctrine on the importance of marriage and family know it is based on principles of respect and love for all of God's children," spokesman Scott Trotter said in the statement. "We have continually emphasized that there is no room in this discussion for hatred or mistreatment of anyone."

A similar statement was issued in the days following Packer's speech, which also defended the faith's stance against gay marriage. Packer, 86, who is next in line for the church's presidency, said those who tolerate or advocate voting for same-sex marriage want to legalize immorality, "as if a vote would somehow alter the designs of God's laws and nature."

The Human Rights Campaign, the largest national wrong — were difficult to hear.

"It makes you uncomfortable for people to come out. It makes you feel like less of a person," said Matotek, who attended the protest with her girlfriend, 22-year-old Jasmine Clark. "But, I feel like I am the person I'm supposed to be."

Packer's message — heard by more than 20,000 in the church conference center and millions more through worldwide television, radio and Internet broadcasts — could have far reaching affects on young church members wrestling with their sexuality, Matotek said.

"You know they will listen to him and believe that what they are doing is wrong," she said. "I think it's just wrong. He has power and I think he's using it in the wrong way."



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civil rights organization for the lesbian, gay, transgender community, has since called for Packer to recant his "inaccurate and dangerous" comments.

In a news release, the group noted that the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association dispute the efficacy of reparative therapies that attempt to alter a person's sexual orientation and said a 2009 study in the medical journal Pediatrics found that telling teens they can change their orientation often increases the likelihood of suicide.

Protest participant Elan Matotek, 26, was raised Mormon and said the messages she heard in church that homosexual behavior is

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Foes of health care law lose key court ruling

Associated Press

DETROIT — A federal judge on Thursday upheld the authority of the federal government to require everyone to have health insurance, dealing a setback to groups seeking to block the new national health care plan.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed in Michigan by a Christian legal group and four people who claimed lawmakers exceeded their power under the Constitution's commerce clause, which authorizes Congress to regulate trade.

But Judge George Caram Steeh in Detroit said the mandate to get insurance by 2014 and the financial penalty for skipping coverage are legal. He said Congress was trying to lower the overall cost of insurance by requiring participation.

"Without the minimum coverage provision, there would be an incentive for some individuals to wait to purchase health insurance until they needed care, knowing that insurance would be available at all times," the judge said. "As a result, the most costly

individuals would be in the insurance system and the least costly would be outside it," Steeh said. "In turn, this would aggravate current

problems with cost-shifting and lead to even higher premiums."

University of Michigan law professor and former U.S. Supreme Court law clerk, said the decision affects only the parties in the lawsuit and is not binding on any other federal judges hearing challenges to the law.

Nonetheless, the Justice Department hailed Steeh's opinion as the first time a "court has considered the merits of any challenge to this law."

"The court found that the minimum coverage provision of the statute was a reasonable means for Congress to take in reforming our health care system," spokeswoman Tracy Schmaler said. "The department will continue to vigorously defend this law in ongoing litigation."

Robert Muise of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., which filed the case, said he would take it to a federal appeals court in Cincinnati.

Julian Davis Mortenson, a

The four individual plaintiffs said they do not have private insurance and object to being forced to buy it. They also fear that any financial penalty paid to the government would be used to pay for abortions.





Governor scraps N.J. tunnel



Construction workers prepare the site where a new rail tunnel was due to run underneath Tonnelle Avenue before New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie scrapped the project.

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Gov. Chris Christie pulled the plug on a decades-in-the-making train tunnel connecting New Jersey and Manhattan, saying Thursday that New Jersey can't afford to pay for cost overruns

on the already under-construction project.

More than a half-billion dollars has been spent on the tunnel, and construction began last year. The largest federal transportation project in the country, it was expected to double train traffic in and out of New York City during peak commute times once completed in 2018.

But over the years, the cost for the tunnel also has nearly doubled.

It started at \$5 billion in 2005 and grew to \$8.7 billion by 2008. In recent months, Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff has made public statements that put the price tag between \$9 billion and \$10 billion. On Thursday, Christie said his advisers put the costs at \$11 billion to \$14 billion.

The bottom line is this, New Jersey has gone for too long and for too many decades ordering things that they can't pay for," Christie said at a news conference. "This project has some flaws to it, but in the end this is a financial decision. When weighing all the interests, I simply cannot put the taxpayers of the state of New Jersey on what would be a never-ending hook.' A month ago, the Republican governor ordered a 30-day halt to all work on the tunnel over concerns that it would go over budget. On Thursday he directed state transportation officials to explore other approaches to modernize and expand rail capacity into New York. **Û.S.** Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's spokeswoman indicated the project might not be dead. Olivia Alair said in an e-mailed statement that LaHood and Christie plan to meet Friday afternoon to "discuss a path forward on the ARC tunnel project."

dubbed Access to the Region's Core, or ARC — assailed the Republican governor's decision as shortsighted and wrongheaded.

U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., blasted Christie's cancellation of the project as "one of the biggest policy blunders in New Jersey's history."

"Without increased transportation options into Manhattan, New Jersey's economy will eventually be crippled," said Lautenberg, who held a news conference outside Newark's Penn Station to criticize the decision. Lautenberg helped secure federal funding for the project.

Lautenberg acknowledged that cost overruns on a project of the tunnel's size were inevitable, but said Christie's numbers are inflated.

The federal government and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had each pledged \$3 billion to the tunnel. New Jersey had committed \$2.7 billion. The project is being run by NJ Transit.

New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski, who leads the Assembly transportation panel, accused Christie's advisers of inflating the cost of building the tunnel to justify what they believe will be the governor's decision and to divert the money to smaller road and rail projects. Christie has not said how he plans to use money. The independent Regional Plan Association said Christie was using fuzzy math. "Gov. Christie's claim that he supports ARC but could not move forward because of budget overruns is most likely not true." the group said in a statement. "The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officially never released its estimates for potential budget overruns only Gov. Christie estimates them to be in the \$3 billion to \$5 billion range. What's more, Trenton has repeatedly rebuffed federal officials' efforts to work out a cost overrun deal.⁴ The project had been in the works for about 20 years. Currently, NJ Transit and Amtrak share a century-old two-track tunnel beneath the Hudson River. The new tunnel would add two more tracks. more than doubling the number of NJ Transit trains that could pass under the river.

Mark Nardolillo, CEO of tunnel contractor BEM Systems in Chatum, said 10 to 15 employees he has working on it will lose their jobs.

"We don't have alternate work to put these people on,' said Nardolillo, whose firm handled environmental permits and data management for property acquisition. "This is the one job you counted on. It'll have a devastating impact on the region.'

Commuters at New York's Penn Station weren't pleased to hear the project had been canceled.

"This is not good. I hope they reconsider," said Michael Murphy, an IT and infrastructure expert waiting for a train home to Morristown. But, he added, "if they have a problem with the budget, there's not much choice.

Roy Gainsburg, a retired book publisher from South Orange, who still rides into the city occasionally, said commuter trains frequently get stuck in the tunnel.

"It certainly would be nice if there was another tunnel, because this one has only two tracks, so trains get stuck at peak hours," he said. Christie's predecessor, Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine, broke ground on the tunnel in June 2009, a few months before the gubernatorial election that he lost to Christie. During his campaign last year, Christie supported the project. But as soon as he announced the work stoppage, lawmakers and transportation officials suggested Christie had planned to scrap the project and to use the state's share of the money to pay for the nearly broke Transportation Trust Fund, which pays for local road projects and rail repairs. Christie has refused to raise the state's gas tax, which is among the lowest in the country, to replenish the fund.

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VIEWPOINT

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Inside Column Hometown hunger

As Notre Dame is a national university, students of this fine institution are not only very proud of our school, but of the region of the country they originate from. Students from Texas, Minnesota and fragrant New

Sam Stryker

Jersey are particularly strong representing their regional pride. However, my personal favorite exhibit of students staying true to their hometown is a rivalry underlying tonsion ba

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hometown is a rivalry of sorts — the underlying tension between students who hail from Chicago, New York and their respective suburbs.

Chicago (the Windy City) and New York (the Big Apple) provide plenty of material for students to banter back and forth at one another. The argument is fueled by the overwhelming array of points that can be made. Better talk show hosts? Chicago has Oprah. New York has David Letterman. Better eccentric musical artist? New York has Lady Gaga. Chicago has Kanye West. Better skyscraper? New York has the Empire State Building, Chicago, the Sears Tower. There is Jerry Seinfeld, and then there is Second City. New York has the World Series, but Chicago has the Stanley Cup. It never ends.

Even in my own house in the Connecticut suburbs of New York City, no winner can be declared. When I told my mom how it seems to bother Chicagoans when I refer to New York as "the city" because it is THE city, she responded, "Sam, some people just don't understand that New York is the center of the universe." Mom lived in Chicago for two years and always says if it weren't for family, she would have stayed out in the Second City. She also likes to talk about how Chicago introduced her to Corona with Lime well before her New York friends. Chicago, if you've made Mom happy, you have done well. Yet her love of Broadway shows (in particular, Memphis) and family tugs her east.

Having said all that, you may have noticed I have left out the biggest piece of the puzzle. This particular regional disagreement reared its ugly head a few weeks ago in The Observer offices, and stopped me in my tracks — what else but the raging question of which city produces the better style of pizza.

I love food, and more than just the eating part. I love to make food. I love to read about food. I love to watch food on television. I like to take pictures of food, as anyone who has seen my Facebook knows. Food is more than sustenance to me — it is an art. Therefore, I consider myself a worthy judge of this pizza

Eating disorders awareness week

It is no secret that Notre Dame students are motivated and competitive and often strive for perfection.

These are qualities that contribute to the success of so many Notre Dame alumni in their careers following college. Unfortunately, these same traits also seem to create an environment on campus that easily lends itself to the struggles of eating disorders.

This week is Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week on campus. Given the characteristics of Notre Dame's student body, body image and eating disorders are especially relevant issues in this community.

Although it may not be characterized by the same visibility and prevalence on campus as other weeks,

such as the annual Energy Week, a week dedicated to learning about body image is just as

important. Because an eating disorder is such a personal problem, it must be dealt with differently than other campus-wide initiatives. The sensitive nature of the topic makes it, per-

haps, less visible and more difficult to address than other issues.

Although students who personally suffer from eating disorders may find difficulty in stepping forward and attending the events offered, the most important and effective aspect of Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week is its potential to spread awareness to the friends of those affected.

According to statistics provided to students this week by the University Counseling Center, one in three college-aged women has disordered eating habits, and 10 percent of college-aged women have diagnosable eating disorders.

A common misperception about eating disorders is that in order for a person to qualify as having a problem, they either do not eat at all, or follow their meals with bouts of self-induced vomiting. It also is a stereotype that the person must be extremely thin, and female. Flyers passed out around campus during this past week debunk these ideas; over one million men struggle with an eating disorder or disordered eating, and people with bulimia may be of normal weight.

Eating habits are not the only symptoms or manifestations of eating disorders. According to the University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, roughly 70 percent of current Notre Dame seniors were varsity athletes in high school, and this trend continues every year.

Notre Dame students are proud of their reputation as a very active, athletic community. Exercise can also, however,

become an excessive habit. The signs posted around Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, for example, warn students about the dangers of over-exercising.

While the high-pressure, competitive and active environment at Notre Dame may exacerbate the struggles of individuals dealing with eating disorders, other aspects of the Notre

Dame community provide tremendous support and a great number of resources for individuals who struggle with disordered eating.

The University Counseling Center is equipped with resources for suffering individuals as well as concerned friends who want to know how they can make a difference. The dining halls and other campus eateries provide limitless healthy food choices. Posters with tips for eating right and staying healthy can be found all over campus.

More uniquely, this community's close-knit community and faith-based culture offers individuals support for coping. Notre Dame is just like other top universities around the country in regard to the frequency of issues relating to body image and eating disorders. But this University also has the ability to use the positive and distinctive aspects of its culture to address these realities.

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showdown, as my interest in the sanctity of the culinary arts far overrides any favoritism I may hold for "the city" (yes, Chicago, I said it).

The thing is, I couldn't come up with an answer. I just love both of these expressions of pizza brilliance too much. The argument here is null and void.

So, Chicago, you can argue the merits of the Shedd Aquarium, Barack Obama and the Green River on Saint Patricks Day. New York will always have Central Park, Jay-Z and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. But please, for the sake of our stomachs, let's all be able to enjoy a slice of both types of pizza in peace.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We play the hands of cards life gives us. And the worst hands can make us the best players."

Doc Searls American journalist and author Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Shut out all of your past except that which will help you weather your tomorrows."

> Sir William Osler British physician

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The excesses of free speech

THE OBSERVER

VIEWPOINT

This week the Supreme Court opened its new session with a plunge into another complicated issue by hearing oral arguments Wednesday regarding a First Amendment case:

Does free speech ever become so offensive that it loses protection under the Constitution? Albert Snyder of York, Penn., the father of a Marine killed in Iraq, petitioned the high court to reinstate a \$5 million judgment against the



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Rev. Fred Phelps a former lawyer disbarred for verbally abusing a witness on the stand — and other church members who picketed Snyder's son's funeral. The protesters carried signs displaying "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "Thank God for 9/11" and "God Hates Fags." At issue are the crudely offensive anti-gay protests at military funerals staged by members of Phelps' Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church.

Snyder contends that he was harmed by the nonviolent protest. He notes that the demonstration not only tarnished his son's funeral, but it is burned into his memory as his last day with his slain son, Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder, who died in a Humvee accident in 2006. However, Phelps and his followers did not argue that the Marine being buried was gay, but that war deaths in general are God's punishment of a nation that tolerates homosexuality. In 1998, Phelps first came into the national spotlight when he protested the death of 21year-old Wyoming student Matthew Sheppard who was hung on a wooden fence to die. Phelps brought signs that read "Matt in Hell" and "AIDS cures fags."

The Supreme Court will be asked to determine how far private entities such as cemeteries, universities and churches, can go to justify picket-free zones or buffers to silence or limit the speech of demonstrators. Staff for President George W. Bush routinely limited access to public events based solely on support of the president. In New York City, for example, the Secret Service set up protest zones blocks away from venues featuring high profile international officials with Bush.

To touch a more immediate and personal cord, one need only recall the disgustingly graphic demonstration on Notre Dame's campus in protest of President Barack Obama's commencement address. While hand gestures have been deemed a protected variation of free speech, should smearing blood (real or simulated) and using props be protected? Should those antiabortion protesters nearly two years ago at Notre Dame have a right to step onto University property and flagrantly flaunt a theatrically sensational demonstration?

The Court may decide the limits, if any, of disruptive behavior in light of First Amendment protections. At my church in Washington, St. Matthew's Cathedral, our monsignor banned a man from silently sitting in the front pew with a T-shirt displaying antipedophile and anti-Catholic priest slogans. While he was offensively looking to all who read his shirt — and especially to us lectors who could see the shirt the entire mass— he made no verbal outbursts to disrupt services. May he return under the forthcoming ruling?

The Westboro Baptist Church antigay demonstrators may eventually affect the school children of this nation with this case. The Supreme Court's ruling may alter dress code standards for schools. Will a T-shirt with "Muck Fichigan" that may be considered cute in South Bend or a major city but offensive in Michigan or other more conservatively-minded Midwestern plains communities become emancipated under the ruling?

The issue of freedom in this nation is one skewed by the eye of the beholder. Almost all of Phelp's congregation members are his own family members who see a god of revenge. Many who call themselves "Christian" see a God of love, albeit in varying degrees regarding political stances. Therefore, some who espouse liberty today in our politically charged election cycle would prefer to use a gun to eliminate those whose thought of liberty is to let everyone live a life without limits of sexuality, religious restrictions or aggressions of war.

Consequently, the issue of free speech will be determined by nine Americans who behold freedom in different ways. Yet free speech is nearly an absolute, especially when it does not cause physical harm to others. Unfortunately, Phelps should win his case. However, it is our responsibility to remain mature and tolerant while leading with the steady hand of reason. If we do not, we hold ourselves hostage to fringe groups and give up the causes for which Corporal Snyder fought. We have always been grander than narrow zealousness. We are better than that right now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Rosary in honor of Our Mother

I was very pleased to read Kate Barrett's Faithpoint column on Oct. 7 recommending the Rosary on this Feast of the Rosary. When I first came to Notre Dame in 1984, we were still in the throes of the anti-piety campaigns of certain elite theological minds in the Church. Precisely because of the humble origins of the Rosary as Ms. Barrett described them, it was thought by some that these sorts of simple pious practices were in a way beneath the modern, enlightened, educated Catholic culture of the 20th century, or not befitting of the culture that Notre Dame ought to be working to transform and advance.

I actually heard a homily in the Basilica Crypt on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on how Mary would be embarrassed by the way we address her, and a homily in the Basilica itself against the piety of praying the Rosary. Neither homily, I am happy to say, was preached by a member of Holy Cross. But how ironic to hear this at a University that places itself under the patronage of Mary.

Then in 1996 in that same Crypt, I attended a tragic funeral of a child who had died late in the womb of her mother. The Dominican priest who preached the homily spoke of how the events of our own lives are mirrored in the mysteries of the Rosary, and traced out on the beads, as we live lives in solidarity with Christ and stand at the foot of His cross. No childish piety there except for those who do not have eyes to see or ears to hear. It was a personal turning point for me in my appreciation of the Rosary, although I still struggle to say it regularly. And perhaps it also signified a general turning point in the social life of prayer here at Notre Dame as well, or better a movement of resourcement that had been taking place unnoticed, now fully in bloom in Ms. Barrett's praise in the pages of The Observer. Well done.

If I were to add anything to her fine column, it is that while it is true that the repetition of the Hail Mary can be meditative to the point that it can focus our attention on the mysteries without conscious attention to the prayer, we ought not pass too quickly over the Hail Mary itself. Roman Catholics are often taken to task for not being sufficiently biblically grounded, and our practice of praying to Mary is in many instances taken to confirm that judgment, as praise of her is taken to be a distraction from Christ. But just consider that other than the Our Father recited at the beginning of each decade, there is likely no regular set prayer of the Church more explicitly biblically grounded than the Hail Mary.

The prayer is easily divided into three parts. "Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you:" the salutation of Gabriel as reported in Scripture, to which we join our own praise of the Incarnation when we repeat it. Mary was humble at that salutation, not embarrassed. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb:" the salutation of Elizabeth to her cousin as reported in Scripture, by which again we join ourselves in praising the one who will bear Christ for and to us. And finally, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death:" the invocation of Mary's intercession. Of course that invocation isn't simple scriptural quotation as the first two parts are. But it does have a biblical foundation, first in the guests at Cana approaching Mary with their request which she takes to her son, and second in Christ's own gift of his mother to John at the foot of His cross, when He says, "Son, behold your mother." John stands in for all of us at the foot of the cross of Christ, if we are willing.

So it is not simply in the Mysteries of the Rosary that we are joined to the Incarnation, Death and Resurrection of Christ, but also when through the Hail Mary we pray that Notre Dame may become Our Mother.

> John O'Callaghan faculty Associate Professor of Philosophy Oct. 7

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Yeah. It's boring. Fix it.

Write in a Letter to the Editor.

Liberal shift

Is anyone besides me concerned about Notre Dame's apparent liberalism? And I'm not referring to the Obama scandal, although that's a good example.

I attended several events at Washington Hall and the DeBartolo Hall during our 50th Reunion. They were all very informative and well-presented. However, I was struck by the obvious liberal bias of the programs and presenters. No one even seemed bothered by it? And no one challenged any of it.

For example, our class town hall meeting had virtually no representation of business, industry, entrepreneurialism, capitalism, et cetera. Yet we know that the prosperity of our country and probably Notre Dame will be highly dependent on what happens to private industry during the coming decades. The professions, while important, will not be able to sustain the prosperity America has enjoyed over the years without a solid industrial base — a growing manufacturing base — and productive good paying jobs for working Americans.

Recently, I've been attending the Notre Dame Forum via the internet. Again, the same impression. Notre Dame seems dominated by the liberal perspective. At least that's how I see it from my pragmatic perch.

Notre Dame, pray for your University!

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THE Q&A with MARK DINE & TAP

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE Scene Writer

Jonathan Lutz, a native Chicagoan, moved to South Bend with his wife seven years ago, and four years later opened up his flagship cestaurant, Uptown Kitchen in Granger. Now, his latest venture, The Mark Dine & Гар, is the only locally owned business in Eddy Street Commons. With "high quality and fresh ingredients," a stu-dent friendly to-go window and an upscale diner feel, Lutz is hoping it will be a stand out among South Bend eateries.

CE: How is The Mark different from Uptown Kitchen?

JL: I think that there are a lot of differences, actually. A couple of similarities that I hope people find in both

restaurants is that they are first and foremost getting a very high quality, fresh tasting, delicious meal. I also hope they feel like they are getting a very friendly yet professional level of service that is being served in a really unique and comfortable yet classy environment. But that's pretty much where I would say the similarities end. It's still what I would call upscale casual dining, but the look of the place is completely different. And the menu, although still based on high quality, fresh foods - we have over 400 fresh ingredients in our kitchen — the reality is that the menu is completely different than Uptown's.

CE: Why did you decide to open up in Eddy Street Commons? I'm sure you're aware you're the only locally owned business there. JL: I think it's great. I wish there were more locallyowned spots. I feel like there's a lot of chains that can afford it, so I'm just taking a chance because I feel like this place has a lot of potential.

CE: Anything specific that made you want to open up at Eddy Street?

JL: The day that I absolutely knew I wanted to come to Eddy Street was at the end of the basketball season a few seasons ago. I think we were playing Villanova. I told my family we were going to meet over at Legends at 5:30 before the 7:00 game, and we got there and Legends was absolutely packed and we could not get in. We walked out the door, and this was when Eddy Street was being built, and I looked across the street and I thought, "Hey,

that would be a great spot to put a restaurant."

CE: How would you describe the menu? JL: I kind of call

it gourmet comfort food. We take some classic comfort food and diner dishes and give it a

little bit of a gourmet twist. There's a good variety of stuff, there's definitely some stuff on The Mark's menu that, although high quality and fresh, maybe not so good for the waistline, but we still have plenty of healthy choices, and vegetarian and gluten free options as well.

CE: Explain your To-Go window. Do you think it will especially appeal to students?

JL: There [are] 260-odd apartments around Eddy Street, plus there's condominiums and town homes, so there's all sorts of stuff around here, so I do believe that option will be well received.

CE: What makes The Mark a great place to eat?

JL: I think there's a lot of things that make us stand out — for instance, we're the only one that's locally owned and operated — and I think that there's a good mix of things to eat and drink at Eddy Street, but nothing quite like what we're offering. It's the fact that we're a nice sitdown restaurant with a variety of food that's at a good location.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON Scene Writer

The weekend has finally arrived and you decide to stroll down to the newly-built Eddy Street Commons with friends in hopes of an early dinner out. South Bend's sleek and trendy Eddy Street is located across the street from Notre Dame's main entrance, a prime location for those students with an eager appetite. You walk through the doors of The Mark Dine & Tap and you are instantly taken in by the aroma of fresh ingredients, and the smile of friendly servers. The lavish bar is packed with people enjoying a crisp beer and good conversation. Waiting to be seated it is hard not to notice the contemporary and chic décor that drapes the restaurant's walls and ceilings. You are seated and given a colorful menu with anything and everything you could imagine. With everything from mouth watering burgers to crisp and fresh salads, The Mark does not disappoint. Restaurateur Jonathan Lutz is the proud owner of The Mark Dine & Tap, which is

the only locally-owned business in the Commons. Lutz owns Mishawaka-based restaurant Uptown Kitchen as well as The Mark, so many of the foods that you love at Uptown Kitchen can also be found at this new restaurant. The Mark gives the feel of an American diner with a touch of class that makes the expe-

rience even more enjoyable. The menu offers breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week so their sandwiches, burger station, comfort foods and appetizers are available all week long. For those veggie lovers out there, have fear no because The Mark offers delicious "go green" foods like their amazing grilled romaine wedge and their mouth-watering peanut chicken soba salad. Many students have expressed their love of the b u r g e r



from fried egg to avocado. Saint Mary's junior Shannon Whalen is a frequent visitor of The Mark and says, "the

the Mark and says, the burgers are amazing and the fact that I can customize it to my own liking is awesome and a huge plus!"

The Mark's convenient loca-

Mark is also ideal for families. Everyone has different cravings and this menu can satisfy any mouth. The Mark menu caters to a variety of pallets because they offer a variety of foods that anyone will find appetizing. Their food is made fresh with quality ingredients and recipes that you can truly tell when you are eating the food. The flavors are amazing and because the menu is so versatile it allows customers to revisit repeatedly. The food that is offered at The Mark is food that can be eaten day after day, so whether it is baked oatmeal for breakfast, a juicy burger for lunch or southern-style buttermilk fried chicken with a side of sweet potato fries for dinner, vour taste buds will not leave unsatisfied. The Mark opened in late August, just in time for the students' fall return and those busy crowded football weekends. Next time you go out for a meal head over to The Mark and treat yourself and your family to one of their wonderful delectable dishes.



station which allows you to build the burger yourself. These all-steak burgers offer an endless list of toppings tion is in walking distance from all nearby campuses, helpful to students who might not have cars on campus. The

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By MAIJA GUSTIN Associate Scene Editor

Guitarist/musician/producer/hipster-socialite extraordinaire Mark Ronson is back with a new album after his critically acclaimed 2007 disc of cover songs, "Version." Under the name of his new band, Mark Ronson & The Business Intl., "Record Collection" has entirely original songs that feature Ronson, his band and a slough of assorted American and British musicians, from rappers to

'Record Collection' Mark Ronson & The Business Intl.

Label: Sony Music Entertainment UK Limited

Best Tracks: "Bang Bang Bang," "Somebody to Love Me," "Circuit Breaker," "Introducing the Business"



the London Gay Men's Chorus to '80s pop icons. The album is full of Ronson's typical brand of hipster dance floor music, featuring an assortment of synthesizers and other electronic tools and eccentric instruments to supplement the more typical drums, guitars and vocals.

Ronson is perhaps best known in the states as either the brother of DJ Samantha Ronson and fashion designer Charlote Ronson or the man behind hits songs from Amy Winehouse, Lily Allen, Sean Paul, Christina Aguilera,

Adele, Estelle and the Kaiser Chiefs. He has also been responsible for introducing some of the most important British artists of the last five years to the public and is a popular cultural figure in the UK. Despite his success

Despite his success producing for some very talented artists, it's refreshing to finally hear Ronson on some of his own original work. While his last two albums, "Here Come the Fuzz" and "Version" have been more about featuring other talent, "Record Collection" finally gives Ronson the chance to really show off his musical chops. Most notably, this album marks the first time in a long time that he has done vocal work for his songs. He's not a strong singer and is typically overshadowed by his guest artists, but his incredible creativity and impressive ability to craft really ingenious songs make up for any vocal missteps.

Most of the songs on "Record Collection" feature help from guest artists, usually lesser known rappers or musicians from other bands. It's great to see Ronson working with some under-theradar talent, and they all breathe refreshing air into Ronson's unique blend of electro-pop-hip-hop music. "Record Collection" opens

"Record Collection" opens with its first single, the ubercatchy "Bang Bang Bang." The song features vocals by American hip-hop artist, member of A Tribe Called Quest, Q-Tip and American electronica duo MNDR. The chorus is awesome and "Bang Bang Bang" sets a great starting tone for the album.

Unfortunately, the album's second song, "Lost It (In the

End)" featuring Wu-Tang Clan rapper Ghostface Killah, doesn't hold up that standard. Mark Ronson's vocals pale in comparison to his guest artists and the song lacks the power and infectious flavor of "Bang Bang Bang." Ghostface Killah's rap is definitely the highlight.

"Somebody to Love Me" sounds like a nice '70s/'80s hybrid throwback and even features '80s pop icon Boy George of Culture Club. Andrew Wyatt, of The Bird and the Bee and Miike Snow, also contributes vocals to the upbeat-yet-melancholy track.

"You Gave Me Nothing" joins Andrew Wyatt and Rose Elinor Dougall, a British singer-songwriter and member of the Pipettes, together on vocals. Dougall is absolutely the star of this song, which again draws on Ronson's apparent love of the '80s.

"Record Collection" is interspersed with some non-vocal numbers, like "The Colour of Crumar" and "Circuit Breaker," that may get passed over in favor of the more conventional with-words songs. However, they deserve a listen, especially the awesome "Circuit Breaker."

"Introducing the Business"

features Alex Greenwald of Phantom Planet, the London Gay Men's Chorus and some guy named Phil on what sounds like a really upbeat, much lighter 50 Cent or T.I. song. The chorus adds a really nice touch to the ran

ly nice touch to the rap. The title track "Record Collection" unfortunately doesn't do the album justice and falls flat in comparison to some of the other tracks.

"Bang Bang Bang (Count and Sinden Remix)" is a highlight of the album and ups the ante on an already great song.

It's easy to let the guest artists on "Record Collection" overshadow the incredibly talented Ronson and his band While he does collect an impressive group of singers, rappers and musicians to join him on this hipster-pop-electronica album, it's more a testament to Ronson's incredible talent as a musician and producer than anything else. The album feels cohesive but displays a great breadth of style to create an impressive collection of songs ready for your next party, Urban Outfitters or maybe even a hip and swanky club.

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Rangers take home field advantage from Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— Gratified to finally be in the playoffs, Michael Young and the Texas Rangers are making the most of their opportunity.

Young hit a three-run homer one pitch after keeping his at-bat alive with a disputed check-swing, helping C.J. Wilson and the AL West champions beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-0 Thursday for a 2-0 lead in their division series.

"I just think that we've had a great mentality these first two games," Young said. "We're not really thinking about some huge, grand picture here. We empty the bank for the game we're playing that day."

Texas is the only current major league franchise that's never won a playoff series. After winning consecutive games on the road, that can change with one victory when the best-of-five matchup shifts to Rangers Ballpark this weekend.

Game 3 is Saturday, with Matt Garza pitching for Tampa Bay against Colby Lewis.

"Being up 2-0 is huge, especially winning two on the road. But we still haven't accomplished anything yet," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Our goal is to get as far as we possibly can, and we're just going to take it back to Texas and come out and try to play as hard as we can again."

Ian Kinsler also homered for the Rangers, who are in the playoffs for the first time since 1999 and hadn't won a postseason game in 14 years before Cliff Lee shut down the sputtering Rays in their home park on Wednesday.

Wilson was equally impressive, allowing two hits in 6 2-3 innings. He gave up a single to leadoff man Jason Bartlett to start the game, then limited the Rays to just three baserunners on an error, a walk and a hit batter over the next five innings.

Willy Aybar doubled in the seventh for the second hit off the Texas starter, who departed with runners at second and third. Darren O'Day struck out pinch-hitter Matt Joyce, and Darren Oliver got four outs to finish the twohitter before a sellout crowd of 35,535.

Long known for fielding powerful lineups, the Rangers finally look as though they have the arms to match.

"The story today was our pitching," said Young, who lauded the "total team effort" that has Texas on the verge of making franchise history.

Young's first playoff hit was a massive homer. Before Wednesday, the six-time All-Star had played 1,508 career games without appearing in the postseason — the secondmost among active players behind Randy Winn's 1,717.

"Mike is our backbone," Wilson said. "He's our Derek Jeter or our Cal Ripken or whatever. That's our guy. We rely on him for all sorts of stuff."

Young said he's only interesting in winning.

"For me personally, this personal stuff goes out the window. It's always nice to contribute and nice to play well," the third baseman said. "We're competitors, we want to do our jobs well. But at the end of the day, the `W' is what every team is searching for."

The Rays, whose .247 bat-



Rangers third baseman Michael Young hits a three-run home run in a 6-0 Game 2 victory in the ALDS on Thursday.

ting average was the lowest for an AL club that made the postseason since the 1981 Oakland Athletics, were held to eight hits in two games at Tropicana Field, where they had one of the best home records in the league this

season.

Texas pitchers fanned 23 batters in two days, which is not surprising. Tampa Bay's 1,292 strikeouts this season were the most by a major league team that reached the playoffs.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Wolverines-Spartans matchup takes center stage

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich.— Desmond Howard sighed, then answered the question.

How often is Howard asked about the end of the 1990 Michigan State-Michigan game in which he was tripped or defended and then caught or dropped—depending on your perspective—a 2-point conversion attempt, allowing the Spartans to stun the topranked Wolverines 28-27?

"It doesn't come up until Michigan plays Michigan State," Howard said Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. "I don't think people care about that game outside the state of Michigan."

Within the borders of the tw mitten-shaped state, though, a w ton of alums and thousands of B fans of both schools still talk W about that stirring finish and to many of the other memorable meetings on the football field ca over the past two decades. see

The 17th-ranked Spartans (5-0, 1-0 Big Ten) will travel to play the 18th-ranked Wolverines (5-0, 1-0) Saturday in the Big House, matching up as undefeated for the first time since 1999 and as ranked teams for the first time in seven years.

The bitter rivals have had combined for some unforgettable moments the past two decades, from Howard getting tangled up in the end zone to the Wolverines losing a second straight game to the Spartans last year for the first time since the 1960s.

In between, Michigan's Charles Woodson made a jawdropping, leaping one-handed interception on a pass intended for the front row in 1997 and two years later Plaxico Burress was so dominant even Tom Brady couldn't lead the Wolverines to a comeback victory. Michigan State a win that is perhaps the most famous, or infamous, snapshot that most people in Michigan can still see with their mind's eye.

Michigan State, with one time out left, started the winning drive at the Michigan 43 with 2:09 left.

On a fourth-and-16 from the 50, an incomplete pass turned into a first down for Michigan State when cornerback Jeremy LeSueur was called for a personal foul for flagrantly making contact with receiver Charles Rogers' face mask.

Later, Smoker spiked the ball with 17 seconds left, scrambled for 2 yards to the 1 and spiked the ball again with a second left. Michigan's coaches, players and fans still believe that tick was only on the clock because a man known as "Spartan Bob" was helping out the home team.

"I've talked to Spartan Bol

would've been three-tenths left," Duckett said. "Technically, there was time left."

Former Michigan linebacker Larry Foote still doesn't buy it.

"Those refs cheated us out of that game," Foote said. "Even before that clock guy cheated us, the ref did by tossing the ball to the center before that last spike instead of spotting the ball himself. I was so mad after that game, I threw my helmet about 30 yards down the field trying to hit those jokers when they were running off the field."

Michigan's last win was memorable because after Mike Hart helped the Wolverines to a comeback win in East Lansing in 2007 he stung them with a jab during the postgame news conference.

"Sometimes, you get your little brother excited when you're playing basketball—let them get the lead," Hart said after Michigan overcame a 10-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter to win on Chad Henne's TD pass to Mario Manningham. "And then you come back."

Since then, more than 1,000 days have passed without a Michigan win against Michigan State in football or men's basketball.

Michigan State made quite a comeback in the 1995 game, going on an 11-play, 88-yard drive capped by Tony Banks' 25-yard pass to Nigea Carter with 1:24 left for a 28-25 win under then-coach Nick Saban.

"Even Nick got excited that night," Carter said. "When I got to the sideline, he gave me a big bear hug. I'll never forget it because that was the first and only time Nick Saban ever hugged me."

The Spartans needed a consoling hug when Braylon Edwards was done with them in 2005, making a third TD catch in triple overtime to lift Michigan to a 45-37 win after trailing by 17 in the fourth quarter.

T.J. Duckett's touchdown catch in 2001 with a disputed second left, though, gave about it and he said if college football clocks had tenths of a second back then, there

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to break out of losing streak

By ANDREW OWENS Sports Writer

In every level of sports, teams face adversity over the course of a long season. What separates the good teams from the bad teams is the ability to overcome the difficult parts of the season and be able to play well down the stretch, something that Saint Mary's is trying to accomplish this weekend.

The Belles (3-13, 1-7 MIAA) will try to snap a seven-game losing streak this weekend when they face Beloit (9-9) and Albion (4-15, 0-8).

Saint Mary's defeated Albion 3-0 in its conference opener four weeks ago, but since then, the Belles have dropped seven consecutive conference matches to fall to eighth in the standings.

After a rough start, Belles head coach Toni Kuschel expects the team to begin playing better.

"They key for us is to get better each time we step out onto the court together," Kuschel said.

The Belles have an advantage in the match against the Britons that they do not have when they play Beloit, as they have already com-

peted against Albion this season.

Saint Mary's has had a tough time getting their offense going during their losing streak. They have been practicing to fix those problems this week, however, and Kuschel expects it to pay off on Saturday.

"We have emphasized running a more consistent offense," Kuschel said.

The MIAA Tournament is less than four weeks away, so it is crucial in each match that the Belles continue to improve their game and win some matches in order to improve their seeding for the tournament.

As the team comes down the stretch, their focus will shift so that they are ready for postseason play.

"Our goal is to play at the highest level we are capable of," Kuschel said. "We have seen everyone in our conference now and we need to improve in all areas if we hope to have a better record the second time around."

Saint Mary's faces Albion at 11 a.m. Saturday and will immediately follow with the match against Beloit at 1 p.m.

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Rutgers

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fielder Lauren Fowlkes' goal in the 84th minute.

While the Scarlet Knights may not be ranked in the top-10 for this year's match, Irish coach Randy Waldrum still believes that they pose a potent threat for Notre Dame.

"Rutgers is still a very good team," Waldrum said. I think they

got off to a little bit of a rough start, but you look and they went on the road and played Portland to [a 2-1 loss], who's No. 2 or 3 in the country depending on poll. the They're going

to be very, very good, and I don't see them being much different than they were last year.'

Rutgers has been ranked as high as No. 17 in the NSCAA poll this season. Redshirt freshman Jonelle Filigno leads the team with 11 points and redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Emmy Simpkins has posted a 0.73 goals against average between the pipes this year. Historically, the Scarlet Knights have only beaten the Irish once in twenty tries, while Notre Dame has beaten Rutgers 17 times.

Before the Irish take on Rutgers, they will face a vastly improved Seton Hall squad. The Pirates, who won just five games a year ago, have already surpassed their win total from 2009, entering the match against Notre Dame with six wins on the year.

Waldrum said he believes that this Seton Hall squad is dangerous because they have displayed an uncanny ability to play up or down to their competition this season.

"They're very much no question improved, about it," Waldrum said. "The "I would ask the surprising thing with students that they them that's come out and support hard to figure out is they've lost some games **Randy Waldrum** that you're a little surprised they lost but then they beat

us. "

Irish coach

some teams that you were shocked about — they beat Rutgers early in the year and there were a couple of games that caught your eye that you were really shocked that they actually got a win in.'

The Irish are 15-1 all time against the Pirates with a 7-O record in South Bend, where they've outscored Seton Hall 38-2. Freshman forward Katie Ritter, a former Big East Rookie of the Week winner, leads Seton Hall with six goals and 13 points while sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Pettigrew has been solid between the posts with two shutouts and a 1.50 goals

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

This weekend's matchups will provide the Notre Dame student body with their last chance to see one of the nation's premier programs before the postseason begins. Waldrum stressed the importance of student attendance on his team's performance. Recently, Waldrum has been critical

against average.

of the students' lack of support for the team.

'I would ask [the students] that they come out and support us," Waldrum said. "It's really been disappointing to me, and I know the students have a lot on their plates with the academics and all the different athletic events that go on, but it's important that we get the support. When we go on the road, we're playing in front of that team's biggest crowd, and then when we get home, it's like we can't get our students in and get behind us for whatever reason."

"The one time this year that I thought they came out in great force was that Santa Clara game early in the year, and we had the students behind the goals and the bagpipes playing, and it literally sends chills down your players' spines,' Waldrum continued. "It's like a 12th player, a 12th man."

Notre Dame kicks off against Seton Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Sunday against Rutgers in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPNU.

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Team travels to compete in invitational event

By MICHAEL TODISCO Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will travel to Lisle, Ill., today to compete in the Eagle Invitational hosted by Benedictine University.

The Belles hope to build off the momentum they gained last week when they finished strong against a talented field at the Sean Earl Invitational in Chicago. The squad finished 28th in an event that featured many ranked Division I, Division II and NAIA opponents. Belles coach Jackie Bauters believes that the experience of competing against such strong competition will help give her team confidence for this week's event and the rest of the season. "I hope that what the team took away is that they can compete in any race and against all types of competition, even Division I schools. [This] is a great confidence boost,' Bauters said. The field at Benedictine will feature more local squads than the Sean Earl Invitational. Schools such as North Central, Illinois Central, Elmhurst, Beloit, Marian and Goshen typically compete in the event. While many of the Belles' events have been five kilometers this year, all of their remaining races will be six kilometers, beginning with the Eagle Invitational, which will provide a new challenge for the team.

"This week we will work on improving our strategy for the 6k," Bauters said. "We are 6k's from here on out and need to get more confident in our ability to sustain over that last kilometer."

Bauters said that the team practiced racing as a cohesive group as a focus for this week's event. She stresses that this strategy will enable her team to succeed in the Eagle Invitational and the latter portion of the team's season "We look to close gaps within our packs this week," Bauters said. "Racing as a team will be really important at our championship race at the end of the month, so we will work on using everyone's strengths to have the whole group improve." Bauters believes her senior leader, Kristy Kucharski, will excel at Benedectine. "I'm really looking for Kristy Kucharski to have her break out race this week," she said. "She is ready to have her best performance yet and I hope to see it Friday.' The race begins at 3:30 p.m at Benedictine.

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MLB

Yankees widen series lead



Yankees center fielder Curtis Granderson can't come up with a triple hit by Twins left fielder Delmon Young during New York's 5-2 win over Minnesota Thursday.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Sure, the New York Yankees stumbled through September as Andy Pettitte tried to work his way back from a groin injury.

After landing in the AL wildcard spot, the defending World Series champs look as though they had the Minnesota Twins right where they wanted 'em.

Pettitte turned in a vintage performance with seven smooth innings and Lance Berkman had two big hits in a 5-2 victory by the Yankees over their favorite postseason punching bag on Thursday evening for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five division series.

So much for Minnesota's home-field advantage. The Yankees are hardly an underdog when it comes to October.

"Andy, when he gets in big situations, he knows how to handle it," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "He's not going to try to make the perfect pitch. He's going to stay aggressive and just try to do what he does. And I think a lot of that is just from experience.'

Berkman hit a go-ahead home run in the fifth and a tiebreaking double in the seventh against Carl Pavano, sending the Twins to their 11th straight postseason loss. Eight of those have come against the Yankees, who trailed in each of those games.

From the point of the Twins' biggest lead in those games, the Yankees have outscored them 42-8.

Mariano Rivera got three outs

Jorge Posada and gave the Yankees a 3-2 lead.

"That's why I wanted to come over here, just to get a chance to play in these games,' Berkman said.

The disputed call by plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt led to the ejection of Twins manager Ron Gardenhire following Berkman's double, and Pavano soon exited before getting another out. He allowed 10 hits and four runs.

Many fans proudly wore their pregame giveaways - fuzzy black stick-on replica mustaches in honor of Pavano's appearance. He started strong, but the Yankees were sure on the ball in the fourth - and they really got to him in the seventh.

Derek Jeter chased his old teammate off the mound with a half-swing RBI single to make it 4-2. Curtis Granderson scored New York's first run and came up with three more hits. And the Yankees headed back home for Game 3 on Saturday night with a commanding lead over the team they own in October.

We've got a big hill to climb. It's not going to be easy, but it can be done," Gardenhire said. We've seen it done before, and this club is never going to quit."

Pettitte retired 12 in a row until Orlando Hudson's homer tied it at 2 in the sixth. He needed only 88 pitches to finish seven innings, with five hits and two runs allowed. He walked one and struck out four, deftly escaping a couple of tricky spots.

"I just think the biggest part

until returning for three starts at the end of the regular season. His absence compounded concerns about the rotation, but after winning a so-so start by CC Sabathia in Game 1 and getting this vintage effort from Pettitte the Yankees don't look as though they'll be affected by any pitching problems.

"I think all he had to do was get to October," Granderson said.

Before the game, Gardenhire acknowledged this was a "door-die" game for his team, which fell to 2-11 against the Yankees in four division series since 2003. The look changed the Twins wore their 1961 throwback uniforms - but the plot didn't.

Larsen congratulates Halladay on no-hitter

Associated Press

MLB

NEW YORK — Don Larsen was watching the news Wednesday night when he saw an item of particular interest.

His most exclusive of clubs had just picked up another member.

Larsen saluted Rov Halladay on Thursday for becoming the second pitcher to throw a no-

hitter in the postseason. telling The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was happy for the Philadelphia Phillies right-

hander. Quite a

nice effort he

had," Larsen said. "You have to give him credit for that."

Halladay recorded his second no-hitter of the season in a 4-0 victory Wednesday against the Cincinnati Reds in Game 1 of the National League Division Series. The 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29.

Larsen tossed a perfect game for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers, for more than five decades the only playoff nohitter.

'You work hard for certain

things," Larsen said. "I guess if you work hard enough good things are going to happen to you and it did for me and Halladay. You have to appreciate these things because you never know what's going to happen in the future.'

Larsen, who turned 81 in August, and Halladay had almost identical numbers in their postseason gems. Larsen struck out seven in New York's 2-0 vic-

5.

"I guess if you work hard enough good things are going to happen to you and it did for me and Halladay"

Halladay had eight K's and one walk in playoff his debut against Cincinnati. The 54th anniversary of

Larsen's per-

fect game is

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Don Larsen former MLB pitcher

this Friday. "It was just

a great day. I think about it every day, Larsen said. "No one has to remind me what happened. I was just happy to be a part of it with the New York Yankees and against Brooklyn in the World Series, everybody was watching."

Both Halladay and Larsen heaped praise on their catchers. Halladay said Carlos Ruiz helped him get into a rhythm early and Larsen said Hall of Famer Yogi Berra played a key role in his masterpiece.

I couldn't have done it without Yogi," Larsen said. "He was a hell of a catcher. He deserves a lot of credit for it.



for his second save of the series, extending his postseason record to 41 and running his career total to 600, including 559 in the regular season. The road team has won all four games in the two AL playoff series.

The Twins? They haven't won a postseason game since 2004, matching the Philadelphia Phillies (1915-1976) for the second-longest streak in history behind the Boston Red Sox (1986-1995) and their 13th in a row.

Berkman, yet another bigname veteran finding a place on a Yankees postseason roster, even on the downside of his career, made it 2-1 with his drive into the left-center bullpen in the fifth. His double in the seventh — one pitch after it appeared Pavano sneaked strike three past him — drove in

of it is being able to control your emotions," Pettitte said, point-ing to his "tunnel vision" in critical situations. "Nothing's going to faze you. Nothing's going to make you nervous."

The old man, as Hudson respectfully referred to him the night before, broke a bunch of bats and was able to escape a bases-loaded, one-out situation in the second by allowing Danny Valencia's only sacrifice fly.

Pettitte spoke the day before about how, while he doesn't change his approach, these October appearances simply feel different to him. As one of the Yankees' famed Core Four, he sure would know. This was his 41st career postseason start and 19th win - both major league records.

Pettitte strained his left groin muscle and missed two months

NCAA FOOTBALL

Nebraska routs Wildcats

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan.-Nebraska quarterback Taylor Martinez rushed for 242 yards and four touchdowns Thursday night and the sev-enth-ranked Cornhuskers ended a 99-year rivalry with Kansas State in the same lopsided fashion it began, thrashing the slower, out-

manned Wildcats 48-13. Martinez, the redshirt freshman who has rushed for 737 yards in his first five games for the Huskers (5-0), also threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to Kyler Reed for a 38-6 lead in the third quarter. His rushing total broke Jammal Lord's Nebraska record for a quarterback and his four rushing TDs tied the team quarterback mark. He was replaced by Cody Green with almost 10 minutes left in the game.

Martinez finished 5 of 7 for



Kansas State running back Daniel Thomas is tackled during the first quarter of the Wildcats' 48-13 loss to Nebraska.

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128 yards as the Huskers piled up 587 yards total offense in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Daniel Thomas. a senior running back who was averaging 157 yards a game for the Wildcats (4-1), was held to 63 yards on 22 carries.

Kansas State did not have nearly enough quickness to keep up with Martinez and the Huskers. Roy Helu broke loose for a 68-yard TD run in a 21-point third quarter that made a rout of what could be the last game these two schools ever play. In a rousing start to their farewell Big 12 tour, the Huskers' shortest touchdown play was 14 vards.

Moss excited to return to where career began

Associated Press

NFL

To hear Randy Moss tell it, this week's blockbuster trade that moved him from New England to Minnesota didn't just bring him back to the place where he started his NFL career.

The headline grabbing move wasn't about Moss simply coming back to a team that traded him five years ago.

More important than anything for Moss, and thus for the Vikings, is that the star receiver feels like he is home.

"I'm very fortunate to be back home where it all started," said Moss, the West Virginia native who referred to Minnesota as home seven times Thursday. "It's been a hectic last 48 hours. I didn't really know what to expect.

I'm back home."

Wearing that familiar purple No. 84 on his back, Moss practiced with the Vikings a day after he was acquired from the Patriots in a trade his new team hopes will get them right back in the Super Bowl conversation.

"To all the Vikings fans that are coming to the Metrodome, pull your 84 jer-seys out, man," Moss said. "I think this is going to be a fun ride.'

With owners Zygi and Mark Wilf watching from the sideline, Moss caught passes from Brett Favre and talked to offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell as he prepares for Monday night's road game against the New York Jets.

"Who woulda ever thunk it?" Favre asked.

Moss spent his first seven seasons in Minnesota, emerging as the best deep threat in the league for one of the most potent offenses ever assembled. He was traded to Oakland in 2005 and spent the last three seasons with the Patriots before being dealt back to the Vikings on Wednesday.

'The people that I meet on the regular outside the state of Minnesota, all they know is me being in the purple 84, Moss said, adding later: "I still have a lot of love for the Minnesota Vikings, man. Just luckily I did get traded here. For what reasons, I still don't know to this day. But I am back."

No matter where he has played — in college, with the Vikings after he slid down the draft board in 1998 or in New England after many thought he was washed up - Moss has always played his best with a chip on his shoulder.

That's what the Vikings are hoping to see again.

I think there's always that," coach Brad Childress said after the trade was announced. "The great thing about this business is you have to do it every week. For anybody that is saying anything bad about Randy Moss, he gets a chance to show them wrong. That's never a bad motivator.'

Moss became a star in college, when he ended up at Marshall after off-the-field issues caused Notre Dame to rescind a scholarship offer. He had two brilliant seasons with the Thundering Herd, but he fell to the Vikings at No. 21 in the 1998 draft because of concerns about his character. Moss unleashed all that pent up frustration in his first season, scoring 17 touchdowns and averaging more than 19 yards per catch to help the Vikings reach the NFC title game. In his seven seasons with the Vikings, Moss caught 574 passes for 9,142 yards and 90 touchdowns. But the Vikings eventually grew tired of Moss's occasionally petulant behavior, and shipped him to the Raiders in 2005. A few nagging injuries and Oakland's struggles on the field combined to make his two years there largely unproductive.



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hockey program needs.

To put it lightly, last year did not go as planned. The Irish entered the season with legitimate national championship expectations but finished ninth in the CCHA and slinked out of the conference tournament in a first-round loss to Ohio State.

But, as the cliché goes, last season is over, and most of the players on this Irish roster have no recollection of last year's disappointments. Most of the freshmen that will see ice time this season played on successful juniors teams. They're conditioned to winning.

Of course, the Irish will need their upperclassmen to contribute as well. Three of Notre Dame's five leading scorers from last season are returning, and senior defenseman Joe Lavin will provide strong leadership on the blueline. It's telling that Lavin, who only played in the spring semester last season after transferring, was a unanimous selection by his teammates to captain the Irish this season.

For his part, Irish coach Jeff Jackson seems to have accurately identified the problems, tactically and mentally, that plagued Notre Dame last season. He's talked in the off-season about a sense of entitlement that pervaded the team, not completely shocking for a team that had been consistently ranked in the top five.

Again, though, that's exactly where Notre Dame's youth could come in handy. There's no sense of entitlement among these freshmen; they have no previous national championship game appearance to fall back on. Most of this team has a completely blank page, upon which they will write their Notre Dame legacy.

Strategically, Jackson has talked about the need to instill more grit on his team. While Notre Dame certainly has a talented roster, they're probably still too inexperienced to beat teams on skill alone. Especially early in the season, Notre Dame is going to have to get comfortable winning games 1-0 or 2-1. "Last year, I think we thought

"Last year, I think we thought that we were going to be a really pretty team," senior right wing Calle Ridderwall said. "I think a lot of guys thought we weren't going to have to work hard or be gritty. I think we've established early in the season that we're going to be a gritty team, a hardworking team."

Granted, everything is just talk at this point. A 5-3 exhibition win over the University of Guelph is nice, but Notre Dame will have to find its identity quickly against the big boys of college hockey. The Irish play national powers North Dakota, Michigan, Miami (Ohio) and either Boston University or Wisconsin before they even head home for Winter Break.

It's impossible to predict exactly how Notre Dame will finish this season. The Irish are as talented as any team in the country and their coaching staff is second to none. A top four conference finish and an NCAA tournament berth are eminently achievable goals, even for a team with this many question marks. Of course, as we saw last season, that pendulum could swing in the other direction, too.

The biggest challenge will be making sure this young team reacts well to adversity. It's easy to envision an early loss snowballing into a disappointing season, which is what appeared to happen last year. These freshmen, and the Notre Dame team as a whole, have a chance for redemption this season.

They just need to be ready to make their mark on a fresh sheet of ice.

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SMC Swimming

Belles to compete in relays to open season

By CORY BERNARD Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads into the 2010-11 season looking to improve upon last year's last place finish in the MIAA. The Belles enter the fall under new leader-ship, as new head coach Mark Benishek was hired in September to lead the program.

As an assistant director of RecSports at Notre Dame, Benishek oversees the day-to-day operations of the Rolfs Aquatic Center and the Rockne Memorial pool. He will continue to fulfill those duties while guiding a Belles swimming and diving squad that has established 40 new top five all-time Saint Mary's performances over the past two seasons.

Benishek and his pupils will have their work cut out for them,

as senior diver Laura Powell is the lone fourth-year on the youthladen roster.

The young Belles, however, will be bolstered by sophomore distance swimmer Ellie Watson. The second year swimmer from Grand Rapids, Mich., was the lone Saint Mary's representative on the All-MIAA swimming and diving team as a freshman and made the league championship final in each of her events.

The Belles kick off their season at the Dennis Stark Relays, which pays homage to coach Dennis Stark, the Irish men's swimming and diving coach from 1958-85. Saint Mary's will compete alongside D-1 opponents Illinois State, Valparaiso and Notre Dame. Races are set to begin at 5 p.m.

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son in the Joyce Center, however, the Irish will be sporting somewhat of a younger look. Normally, Notre Dame has relied heavily on its seniors to provide leadership for a freshman class that played an important but limited role in the team's development. This year, however, with only five seniors on the

roster, compared to 12 first-years, the Irish will have to rely much more on the entire team for production and leadership.

"If you're a leader, you're a leader, no mat-

ter what level you are," senior captain and defenseman Joe Lavin said. "I just think we need to stick together."

Senior alternate captain Calle Ridderwall is excited by the opportunity to shape a young squad, as he understands that the transition to the collegiate game can be difficult at times.

'I'm really excited to teach these guys how to do things around here and to lead by

example," he said. "When you come from juniors to college, it's a way different game. It's way more professional."

Jackson said he understands that his young squad will grow from game experience, but expects that the leadership ability of the seniors will help mitigate some of the errors that might come with a lesscohesive team.

"It's still a work in progress, and it will be, probably, for the first month," he said. "The upperclassmen

have done a "If you're a leader, good job incorporating the you're a leader no young kids, and matter what level you

> Joe Lavin Irish captain

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this group is really good at buying into what our culture is." Despite their Notre vouth. Dame has not

revised its expectations for the season only its mentality.

"They're the same goals we've always had. We want to get to the Frozen Four," Ridderwall said. "We're an underdog this year. We're going to be a gritty team, a hardworking team.

The Irish will kick off their season with a challenge unlike any other, as they travel to St. Louis for the Warrior College Hockey Ice Breaker

Tournament. On Friday, Notre Dame will face Holy Cross at 6:30 p.m., followed by a matchup between traditional powers No. 14 Boston University and No. 13 Wisconsin. The losers of Friday's games will play for third place at 1 p.m. Sunday, while the winners will meet at 4 p.m. for the championship. The season-opening clash will provide Notre Dame with a sense of their identity, which Ridderwall sees as a positive thing.

"We're going to find out who we are this weekend," he said. "It's good to play some tough teams in the beginning.

Lavin concurred with his teammate.

"I think it's good to be playing the top-ranked teams," he said. "Every team is going to face adversity, and it's the really, really good teams that respond well to that adversity.'

The adversity will only keep coming, especially in the month of November, when the Irish will take trips to Michigan and North Dakota and will host Michigan State.

"It's going to be a trial under fire, especially the month of November," Jackson said. "That is a nightmare schedule."

Learning from adversity will be the key for the Irish in this pivotal season as they work to incorporate a new batch of freshmen into the program.

"If it doesn't kill you, it makes you stronger," Jackson said. "Those are the kind of environments that make you stronger.³

The Irish participate in the Ice Breaker Tournament this weekend and then kick off their home schedule on Oct. 15 against Lake Superior State.

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Men's Swimming

Irish open season at **Dennis Stark Relays**

By JOE WIRTH Sports Writer

Notre Dame kicks off its season Friday with the 46th annual Dennis Stark Relays against Oakland University and Valparaiso University.

The Irish will have to contend with the Grizzlies' strong young swimmers. Oakland sophomores Alex Aceino, Tobias Hansen and Nick Evans each won two events at the Grizzlies' Black/Gold meet last week.

The Crusaders opened their 2010-11 season on Sunday by losing all three ends of a triangular meet Louis, against Saint Evansville, and IUPUI. Valparaiso senior David Sivak will compete in Friday's meet after leading the Crusaders with two victories in Sunday's meet. He had wins in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly.

The Irish have high expectations this year and senior captain Mike

Sullivan says they hope to make a splash on both the Big and East national stages. "As far as

the team we goes, to hope regain the East Big champi-

started up."

Sullivan puts the team's goals first, but said he does have some individual goals he wants to accomplish before his Irish career ends.

"In terms of individual goals for this season, I just want to get faster and hopefully push my teammates to do the same," Sullivan said. "With this likely being my last year of swimming, I have to put all of my effort in so that there are no regrets at the end of the year."

Sullivan also credits Irish coach Tim Welsh for getting the team in the proper mindset to start the season.

[Coach Welsh] always does a great job of setting a tone at the beginning of the year and reminding us of that tone in order to keep everyone focused," Sullivan said. "This year, he has given us the theme 'more than one year's improvement in one year,' with the plan that if we can make a

bigger stride

this year than

in years past,

we will reach

our goals and

send guys to

score at the

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of giving us

hard workouts early in order

"As far as the team goes, we hope to regain the Big East championship title as well as send some swimmers and divers to score at the NCAA chamionship meet."

Tim Welsh

spend less time getting into shape and more time improving, which is the ulti-

The Irish have no shortage of motivation this year, as last year's loss to Louisville East Championships still haunts

"I honestly expect the whole team to have a great vear this year," Sullivan said. "I think coming off of a tough loss to Louisville at the Big East meet last year really stuck with people, and there's not a guy on the team who wants to see that happen again. I think we are

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Lincecum lights out in Giants playoff opener

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Freak really showed up for San Francisco on his biggest stage yet.

Tim Lincecum pitched a twohitter and struck out 14 in a dominating postseason debut, and the Giants scored their only run after a questionable umpiring call to beat the Atlanta Braves 1-0 in Game 1 of their NL division series Thursday night.

"As far shutouts go I think that was up there with my better ones," said Lincecum, who pitched on seven days' rest. "I was pretty anxious to get out there a couple days ago. You just have to deal with those extra days."

The two-time NL Cy Young winner pitched a gem, a day after Philadelphia's Roy Halladay threw only the second no-hitter in postseason history in his first playoff game. Lincecum outdueled playoff veteran Derek Lowe and caught a break, too.

Cody Ross singled in the only run Lincecum needed in the fourth after Buster Posey was called safe by umpire Paul Emmel on a steal of second.

"I guess it's a good thing we don't have instant replay right now," Posey said. "It was a beautiful slide, wasn't it?"

It was the first career steal for Posey, even though he appeared to be tagged out by Brooks Conrad on the play — retiring Braves manager Bobby Cox, the all-time leader in ejections, did not argue.

"I haven't seen it," Cox said. "Some of the guys came down after that inning and said he was out by six, eight inches. From the dugout you can't see anything."

Lincecum struck out Derrek Lee for the third time to end the 119-pitch masterpiece in 2 hours, 26 minutes. He became just the 12th pitcher with 14 or more strikeouts in a postseason game.

"That's one of the best efforts I've ever seen," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "What a great job that kid did. He's tough."

In a postseason already filled with plenty of stellar pitching, this was the first 1-0 game in the postseason since 2005, when the Chicago White Sox finished off a World Series sweep over Houston.

Game 2 of this best-of-five series is Friday night, with 13game winner Matt Cain going for the Giants against Tommy Hancon walked four.

Lincecum, still hitting 91 mph on the radar gun in the ninth, became the first pitcher to record 12 strikeouts or more in the playoffs since Roger Clemens had 15 for the New York Yankees against Seattle in the 2000 AL championship series.

Lowe was done after giving up Posey's double and a walk in the sixth. That delighted the orange towel-waving sellout crowd of 43,936 at AT&T Park, which drew the largest attendance for a postseason game in the ballpark's 11-year history.

Ross delivered in the fourth after Lowe intentionally walked Pablo Sandoval. Ross is one of a handful of late acquisitions to contribute to the Giants' first NL West title and playoff berth since 2003.

Making his playoff debut at age 26 and in his third full major league season, Lincecum looked every bit an ace. He was



Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum delivers a pitch during San Francisco's 1-0 win over Atlanta in Thursday's NLDS opener. Lincecum recorded 14 strikeouts in his postseason debut.

sharp throughout, walking only one. This is the same pitcher whose career-worst five-start losing streak began with a defeat Aug. 5 at Atlanta. "At the time guys were telling me you're going to go through your struggles," Lincecum said. "It almost kind of feels it was that far back there, I try not to go back there and think about that mental slide."



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Lincecum's only other complete game this season came in a six-hit shutout of the New York Mets on July 15. He threw all his pitches effectively, from his offspeed stuff to his power fastball.

"It kind of progressed as it did. All the pitches were working," Lincecum said. "It just felt like things were in place."

Lincecum carried the momentum from a strong final month right into October. His strikeouts set a franchise record for a postseason game — his eighth time with 10 or more Ks this year and 27th of his career.

"He was lights out," Cox said. "We had two runners at second base all night and that's it."

Lowe, who won his last five regular-season starts with a 1.17 ERA over that stretch, allowed one run on four hits in 5 1/3 innings, struck out six and



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"Despite our losing record, our team has continued to play hard and put our full heart and body into games," senior captain Amy Langnecker said.

The Wild Women pride themselves in teamwork and dorm unity and will be looking to their close-knit chemistry to help them emerge victorious over the Shamrocks.

"While we haven't achieved what we hoped we would, an undefeated season," Langnecker said. "We have overcome many obstacles and achieved what, in the end, is really important about women's interhall football: dorm unity."

The Wild Women have also seen encouraging things from their team as the season has progressed, as they have developed a real identity as a team with passion and love for the game and each other.

"Our team has a lot of tal-

ent and athletic ability, but we have struggled in putting everything together at games," Langnecker said. "We have had blown plays and missed tackles, but have been focusing on these things during the past week of practice."

The battle between playoff hopefuls and a team hungry for a win will take place on Sunday at 3 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Ryan vs. Welsh Family

The newest divisional rivalry on campus will square off in each team's final game of the season on Sunday as Ryan faces Welsh Family with both teams needing a win and some help to secure a spot in the postseason.

The Wildcats (1-2) are coming off a 32-7 loss against undefeated Pasquerilla West while the Whirlwind (1-2) are hoping to carry their momentum into this Sunday from their first win last weekend against winless Walsh by a score of 20-6. Both squads look to capture their second wins to end the regular sea-



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Pangborn players Katie Schenkel and Caitlin Nichols attempt to run down Howard's Kayla Bishop during the teams' game on Sept. 26. Pangborn takes on Lewis this Sunday.

son, and earn a possible playoff berth depending on score differentials.

In the absence of the Wildcats senior captain Claire Fisher this weekend, sophomore quarterback Maya Pillai and the rest of her team hope to fill the void and end the season with a win.

"We're looking to finish the season with a win. We're hoping to pick up the intensity on both sides of the ball," Pillai said. "In practice, we've been practicing just getting better at what we've been learning this season."

After only scoring seven points last week against Pasquerilla West, Pillai and the rest of the offense hope to put some more points up against a stingy Whirlwind defense that only allowed six points last week. The Whirlwinds are hoping to carry their momentum from their first win last weekend and to finish the season with two straight victories.

"We're very excited about the results of last weekend. We hope to carry the momentum to Sunday," Whirlwind senior captain Cari Pick said. "We're really hoping to win because that will give us a chance for the playoffs, but either way we hope to end the season strong and leave the returning players on the right note."

The Whirlwinds square off against the Wildcats at 4 p.m. at LaBar Field this Sunday in each team's final game of the regular season. In pursuit of the playoffs, the teams will battle in a do-ordie scenario. winless season, while the Phoxes (2-1) shut out the Pyros 19-0.

"Our receivers did a great job of reading the [Pyros'] defense," Pangborn senior captain and quarterback Gabby Tate said. "We have smart, talented players on offense. Our no huddle offense keeps the defense on their toes."

Lewis senior captain Sarah Ceponis was also pleased with the Chicks' performance last week.

"The team was very enthusiastic and energetic which got us far," Ceponis said. "We have a phenomenal offense, and the new players are working very hard."

Both teams are trying to carry over the momentum from last week's wins to this week's crucial contest.

"Our team motto is 'Play with intensity,' and we're trying to keep that up," Ceponis said.

Pangborn will attempt to match the Chicks' intensity and control the tempo of the game.

"Our strategy is to dictate the pace of the game and keep our energy up," Tate said.

"We also want to stay calm and confident."

Because playoff berths are on the line, pressure becomes a factor in this weekend's game, but the teams are not letting it affect them.

"Our strategy is to be fearless," Ceponis said. "There is a lot on the line, but we hope to play our game and not be intimidated. Pangborn should expect a tough game from us."

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ond straight undefeated regular season as they face off against a scrappy Pasquerilla East squad.

Although the Ducks (3-0) have been dominant through their first three games, outscoring opponents 65-13, Pasquerilla East junior captain Kristin Mannion believes that the Pyros (1-2) have more than a fighting chance.

"They're obviously the defending champs, so we know what to expect," Mannion said. "We know that they have a great quarterback, and the key will be getting containment on her."

The Ducks are led by senior captain Kayla Bishop, who gives credit to her stout defense for the team's strong start.

"The key has been our defense getting containment of both the pass and the run and getting our offense the ball," Bishop said.

That defense will be tested by a Pyros offense that has shown flashes of solid play so far this season despite managing only 13 points through the first three games. The Pyros are coming off a 19-0 defeat by Pangborn and should be hungry for a statement win against the Ducks.

"We've drawn up a couple new plays on offense, and our defense has been one of the bright spots to the season thus far, showing how promising they can be, " Mannion said. "The key will really be playing under control and getting containment on their quarterback."

For Howard, the key, according to Bishop, will be to continue to follow the formula that has the Ducks undefeated three games into the season. "PE is solid on both sides of the ball and should be a good test," Bishop said. "We just have to go out and play our game." The game will be contested at LaBar Field at 2 p.m. Sunday.





Lewis vs. Pangborn

A playoff berth is on the line in this weekend's showdown between Lewis and Pangborn, as the winner will move onto the playoffs while the loser will need to light a candle at the Grotto, praying for a wildcard spot.

Both teams earned muchneeded wins last week to put themselves in position to punch a playoff ticket. The Chicks (2-1) come into this matchup after destroying Badin last week 25-6, cementing the Bullfrogs' Tate views the contest the same way.

"We are approaching this game like any other," Tate said. "But we might wear a little more eye black and cheer a little bit louder."

Lewis will face Pangborn in a battle for the playoffs Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Howard vs. Pasquerilla East Defending interhall champion Howard has shown no

signs of slowing down in

their quest to repeat. The

Ducks look to cap off a sec-

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF Notre Dame looks to continue team success

By MEGAN FINNERAN Sports Writer

The Irish have gotten off to nothing short of an incredible start this season, taking first place in their first two meets this year. Notre Dame will look to extend its hot

streak in Knoxville, Tenn. at the Mercedes B e n z Championship at the Holston Hills Country Club.

After a very successful home meet last weekend, the team has been working to improve

small parts of their game to bring it to the next level.

"We've been working on what we felt like we needed to work on after our home tournament last weekend," senior So-Hyun Park said. "For me it was my iron shots because I didn't hit that many greens last weekend."

The whole team will travel this weekend, with Park, classmate Katie Conway, junior Becca Huffer and freshmen Kristina Nhim and Nicole Zhang competing as a team and junior Katie Allare competing individually. They will face 14 other teams, including No. 14 Arkansas and No. 18 Kent State.

"Our goal is obviously to win again and just go out there and play our best," Park said. "There are lots of great teams playing in this tournament and I think we really

"Our goal is obviously to win again and just go out there and play our best."

> So-Hyun Park Irish senior

s tournament and I think we really need to take advantage of

that and play well." While this weekend may not be Notre Dame's most competitive match of the season, The Irish know that they still need to

be at the top of their game.

"Two wins are just the past now, so we need to focus on what's in front of us," Park said. "We feel confident we can win this week."

The three-day meet begins today and will extend until Sunday, with 18 holes played each day of play. Saturday's play will include a "Pink Out" in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, with players wearing pink and donning their bags with pink ribbons.

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Team plays conference pair

By MICHAEL TODISCO Sports Writer

Notre Dame (11-5, 4-0 Big East) continues their conference road swing this weekend as they travel to Louisville and No. 21 Cincinnati.

With victories at South Florida and Georgetown last weekend, the Irish currently are on a 19-game conference winning streak, the sixth longest in the nation.

The streak will be put on the line this weekend, as Louisville (8-5, 3-1 Big East) and Cincinnati (15-3, 4-0 Big East) are two of the strongest teams in the conference. The Bearcats sit tied with the Irish atop the Big East, while the Cardinals are in a three-way tie for third.

Irish coach Debbie Brown views the upcoming pair of games as a new challenge for her squad.

"The two games against Louisville and Cincinnati are definitely an increase in the level of competition we have been facing so far," she said. "They are both really solid teams."

Notre Dame kicks off the weekend on Saturday when they travel to Louisville. This Irish will have revenge on their minds against the Cardinals, who have knocked the Irish out of each of the last four Big East Championships.



Irish senior middle hitter Kelly Sciacca goes up for a spike during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Arizona on Aug. 29

On Sunday the Irish head to Cincinnati for a showdown between the only two undefeated squads left in the Big East, which should come as little surprise as both teams were expected to be at the top of the conference at the beginning of the season. Cincinnati was the unanimous decision by the Big East Coaches to win the conference while Notre Dame was selected to finish third.

Cincinnati's attack is led by senior Stephanie Niemer. Niemer was selected by the coaches as the preseason Player of the Year and has won four straight Big East Player of the Week Honors. Brown said that both Louisville and Cincinnati present a style of play that the Irish have yet to see this year.

"Both of these teams play a really physical style of volleyball," she said. "They play high above the net, so we really have to focus on stopping their big hitters with our blocking."

The Irish begin play at 10 a.m. at Louisville Saturday. The 5 p.m. match Sunday at Cincinnati will be nationally televised on ESPNU.

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keep the pressure on the Rambler offense.

'The key will be stopping Siegfried's great running game because I am confident our offense can put some points on the board," said Dawg junior captain Dan Dansdill. "The run game has worked for us the past two weeks but I have faith that Cronin can throw the ball downfield if necessary.'

In a defensive battle with an undefeated record on the line, Siegfried and Alumni are slated to kick off at 2 p.m. Sunday at **Riehle Fields.**

Carroll vs. Zahm

Carroll looks to keep its perfect record intact this week as the Vermin take on Zahm.

Carroll (3-0) comes into the game looking strong on both sides of the ball, partially as a result of an influx of freshman talent and enthusiasm. Zahm (0-2) looks to show Carroll that it has more than just a tough, spirited defense after being shut out in its first two games.

Both teams have been looking to target weak areas of their game in practice. Carroll has looked strong with freshman quarterback Jack Gardner at the helm, but the Vermin seek to improve on finishing their offensive drives in the red zone. With the ultimate goal of winning the championship in the stadium in mind, the Vermin have worked hard to continually improve all aspects of their play.

"In practice we've been stressing the importance of getting better every day and making sure that we aren't taking any minute on the field too lightly," junior center and defensive end Mitch Speer said. "Last year, we had a great first

couple of weeks of the season, and we tailed off and played miserably in the end. This year we want to change that."

Zahm has also been working hard to improve its all-around game, but it has also focused on the mental game as well. Zahm looks to shore things up offensively as senior linebacker and coach Mark Pomerenke will step off the field on offense and call plays from the sideline instead of the huddle. The Zahmbies will also incorporate some unconventional approach-

"Most of the preparation for the week has been mental," Pomerenke said. "I have had my running back coach, Colin Casey, watch 'The Little Engine that Could' every night before bed and have asked fellow linebacker Greg Allare to listen to nothing but Pantera until the game."

After much preparation, both teams remain confident about their chances on Sunday.

"We hope to come away with a win on Sunday against Zahm," Speer said. "We know that, especially in dorm football, records don't matter one bit. One little miscue and the game could be lost. Our goal is to stay focused on the current opponent and to do the little things right.'

Pomerenke echoed that sentiment.

"We are optimistic about our chances," he said. "We have been missing a lot of players lately, and we have been practicing hard at showing up.

Carroll takes on Zahm at 2 p.m. at Rhiele Fields on Sunday.

Fisher vs. St. Edward's

Fisher and St. Edward's are filled with determination going into this Sunday's battle between the two squads.

The Gentlemen (1-1) have their eyes on a return to the Stadium and are determined to get redemption for a loss two weeks ago to Carroll.

We weren't on our game against Carroll and our injuries and lack of practice played a big role in our loss," St. Ed's captain and junior running back/linebacker Jay Mathes said.

This week the Gentlemen plan on turning the tide.

'We looked a lot better in practice this week," Mathes said. "We're planning on going out there and playing our best ball against Fisher."

The Fishermen (1-2) are also determined, but not for redemption.

"We want to get a big win going into next year," ssenior captain and halfback Michael McMahon said. "We plan to [dominate] and win by a lot of points. It will cap off a regular season that our program has made big improvements in."

The Gentlemen had a tough time getting their offense moving against Carroll. The running game in particular sputtered and was not able to gain momentum. Senior quarterback Matt Abeling will have an additional weapon this weekend in junior wide receiver Joey Ricioli, who will return this week from a hamstring injury. The Gentlemen believe he will be a spark for their offensive attack against Fisher.

Fisher's offense feels like they are up to the challenge against the St. Edward's defense.

"We have a lot of weapons on both sides of the ball, but offensively we are led by Junior quarterback Pat Hertinstein," McMahon said. "We are excited to get to practice this week and get ready for St. Ed's."

One of the offensive weapons for Fisher is freshman Joe Paggi, whom McMahon believes is having a great season thus far, and he's having a big impact on the improvement of the program. Paggi will face off



Morrissey quarterback Nick Conrad drops back for a pass against Knott on Sept. 19. Morrissey plays Duncan this Sunday.

against St. Edward's defensive lineman Jose Carranza who, according to Mathes, "dominates the line."

The two down-but-not-out squads go head to head this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Dillon vs. Stanford

The battle between the Big Red and the Griffins should be hotly contested right from the start as Dillon and Stanford both look to score early to secure a league title and an automatic bid in the 2010 playoffs.

Dillon (2-0) has defeated O'Neill and Keenan in thrillers so far this season. The Big Red trailed at halftime in both games, only to come back in the second half of both games and steal the victories.

"Even though we're 2-0 we have a lot of stuff to work on. The first two games we didn't start off as well as we wanted to, especially offensively, a lot of penalties and stuff like that," Dillon sophomore coach Lee Haruno said. "Mainly we want to play smarter football, more disciplined football. We want to be a team that competes for the whole game and not just the second half."

Stanford has also faced problems early on the offensive side of the ball in their previous games. After recording victories over Keenan and Keough with two scores in the final two minutes, the team captain believes the Griffings must improve their red zone offense in order to remain undefeated.

"We're looking to improve on converting our red zone opportunities. When we get down toward the endzone we want to make sure we get some points out of it," senior quarterback Tony Rizzo said.

Rizzo believes that in order to find success in the red zone, a solid performance from their offensive line is crucial

undefeated and go all the way to the championship and win,³ Rizzo said. "We're not just looking to make the playoffs. This year we are looking to bring the championship back Stanford.'

Stanford will take on Dillon Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Duncan vs. Morrissey

The 2010 Duncan Highlanders are on a mission to become the first team in hall history to make the playoffs. To accomplish this unprecedented task, they will have to defeat an underrated Morrissey squad this weekend.

Duncan (1-2) had a tough game last week, as they lost to an undefeated Alumni team 14-6. With their final game looming, Highlander junior captain Paul Scheel has not lost confidence in his team.

"During our game with Alumni, we had many lapses on defense," he said. "Our defense must come up huge for us to have a shot at Morrissey.'

The Highlanders will rely on strong play from junior middle linebacker Brett Leahy and sophomore defensive end Chris Herlihy against the Manor. Additionally, Scheel noted junior offensive lineman Steve Bruns must use his toughness and experience for the Highlanders to have any chance.

"We are pretty down after losing a very winnable game this past weekend," Scheel said. 'We must come back and get a win against Morrissey. We want to be the first team in Duncan history to make the playoffs."

For the Manor (1-1), physicality and speed are central to both their defensive and offensive game. Morrissey has had a week to think about their loss to Alumni two weeks ago.

"During our last game, Alumni outplayed us by using their physicality throughout the course of the game, Morrissey captain Alex Oloriz said. "We must use that same style of play against Duncan." Morrissey's two key players are junior Tom Neilz and sophomore Sean Bauer, who are both two-way offensive linemen. The outcome of this game is crucial to both teams in their quest to play in the championship game on the fabled grounds of Notre Dame Stadium.





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"On offense the key is going to be our offensive line. I think our offensive line is going to be pretty important in this game," he said.

Dillon is aware of Stanford's offensive firepower, and they hope their veterans will take leadership in defending the undefeated Griffins.

"They've really put up some points. Defensively I think it will be a challenge. We will try to contain their offense, but I think we've got guys who will be up for that challenge," Lee said. "We've got good senior leadership. We've got guys who are really passionate and competitive, so we've just got to channel that in the right ways."

For Stanford, this game is more than just another victory.

'We're 2-0 right now, and our goal and our plan is to stay Game time is 1 p.m. this Sunday at Riehle Fields.

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MEN'S SOCCER Irish head to Morgantown to take on WVU



Irish junior midfielder Chris Sutton controls a pass during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over St. John's on Sept. 25.

By ALLAN JOSEPH Sports Writer

Fresh off a 2-1 road win in Bloomington against Indiana Wednesday, the No. 22 Irish will pack their bags again and head to Morgantown, W. Va., Saturday to face West Virginia.

"It was hard enough playing them at home last year," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "If you tell me there's an easy place to play in the conference, I'd like to see it. I think the toughest test for our guys is having two road trips back to back. They need to prepare themselves physically."

The Irish (5-2-3) enter the contest on a modest twogame win streak and have not lost dating back to a 2-0 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 19. An 80th minute goal from junior midfielder Adam Mena gave the Irish the late-game edge against the Hoosiers. Clark said the team needs to focus on the here and now to avoid getting caught up in the recent win streak.

"Perhaps I'm old-fashioned, but my mood doesn't change much based on what's going on as far as streaks," Clark said. "The only thing we discuss as a team is how we play together, you know, can we play together as a team? If we do that, we put ourselves in position to win every game."

The Mountaineers (5-3-2) come into the game looking to knock off the Irish for the second straight year and notch a Big East win. The Mountaineers are led by sophomore forward Moeryhan Doue, who leads the team with five goals and twelve points. Though the game is of particular importance as the Irish look to continue their Big East success punctuated by wins against St. John's and Providence, Clark is more focused on playing good soccer than worrying about conference standings

"It's not so much about a conference game," Clark said. "We've got to somehow get to a point where we can win every game we come out for."

One Irish player who will be riding a swell of good fortune into the West Virginia game is senior forward Jeb Brovsky, who was named a finalist for the Lowe's Senior Class Award.

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Brovsky has recovered from an early season ankle injury and ranks second on the team with two goals this season, behind senior forward Steven Perry's five.

"He's grown really nicely as a player, and obviously as a person and a leader," Clark said. "I think Notre Dame does a good job of developing young men and women during their time here. The atmosphere of the campus helps them to see outside themselves. He's really becoming just a fine young man."

The Irish will face off against the Mountaineers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team looks to break losing streak in pair

By ANDREW OWENS Sports Writer

In every level of sports, teams face adversity over the course of a long season. What separates the good teams from the bad teams is the ability to overcome the difficult parts of the season and be able to play well down the stretch, something that Saint Mary's is trying to accomplish this weekend. The Belles (3-13, 1-7 MIAA) will try to snap a seven-game losing streak this weekend when they face Beloit (9-9) and Albion (4-15, 0-8).Saint Mary's defeated Albion 3-0 in its conference opener four weeks ago, but since then, the Belles have dropped seven consecutive conference matches to fall to eighth in the standings. After a rough start, Belles head coach Toni Kuschel expects the team to begin playing better.

season.

Saint Mary's has had a tough time getting their offense going during their losing streak. They have been practicing to fix those problems this week, however, and Kuschel expects it to pay off on Saturday.

"We have emphasized running a more consistent offense," Kuschel said.



"They key for us is to get better each time we step out onto the court together," Kuschel said.

The Belles have an advantage in the match against the Britons that they do not have when they play Beloit, as they have already competed against Albion this The MIAA Tournament is less than four weeks away, so it is crucial in each match that the Belles continue to improve their game and win some matches in order to improve their seeding for the tournament.

As the team comes down the stretch, their focus will shift so that they are ready for postseason play.

"Our goal is to play at the highest level we are capable of," Kuschel said. "We have seen everyone in our conference now and we need to improve in all areas if we hope to have a better record the second time around."

Saint Mary's faces Albion at 11 a.m. Saturday and will immediately follow with the match against Beloit at 1 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't make snap judgments. A relationship may need some work, especially if you haven't been communicating well. You can't let anyone bully you, but be patient and try to understand both sides of any issue that arises. $\star\star\star$

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get your work done and out of the way quickly so you can do something with someone you like. A peer may try to make you look bad. Don't get involved in a war of words with someone who can affect your future. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Socializing, entertaining or networking will all bring about positive change. Offer valid information and well-thought-out strategy and you will avoid someone trying to strong-arm you into taking less or giving up too much.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting together with a good friend will help you deal with any troubles you are facing at home. Personal conflicts can lead to physical exhaustion if you don't take a break and rethink your next move. ********

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. If someone pushes your buttons or makes you anxious, back away calmly until you have better control. Impulsive moves on your part will not solve anything. $\star\star\star$

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There will be underlying facts that you must face up to. If you haven't pulled your weight or done your share, now is a good time to offer something thought ful and meaningful. Love will be enhanced if you speak from the heart. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let old goals, ideas or hobbies keep you from excelling in the present. Once you know where your talent lies, you will have no trouble moving forward and incorporating your old plans with your new. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It isn't a bad thing to make a change, nor will it hurt your reputation to admit you might have made a mistake. It's what you do to correct anything you've done wrong that will count. The follow-up can be just as rewarding in the end. $\star\star$

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let love cloud your vision. Know in your heart what you must do and follow through. You will know how much you are loved by the support and ac ceptance you receive from the people to whom you are closest. $\star\star\star\star$

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have to look at the big picture and decide what is the best scenario for you. Love and romance are on the rise. Wisdom regarding partnerships is the key. Recognize who is on your side and who isn't. *******

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HOCKEY

Breaking the ice

Notre Dame to play last season in Joyce Center

By ALLAN JOSEPH Sports Writer

With the Compton Family Center rising on the southeast part of campus and a new infusion of freshman talent entering the Joyce Center for its final season, the 2010-2011 season will mark a transition point in No. 17 Notre Dame's hockey history as the program looks to establish itself as one of the premier forces in collegiate hockey.

"[The Compton Family Center] is kind of a symbol of where we are and where we're headed," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Even though we've had some success in the last five years, the potential for us to be consistently in the mix will be helped by the building.³

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Irish senior right wing Calle Ridderwall battles for the puck during Notre Dame's preseason opener against Guelph on Oct. 3. Ridderwall scored a goal during Notre Dame's 5-3 victory.

New influx of freshman talent to help lead Irish

One of the most tried and true sports clichés is that each new season comes with a fresh

start — that last season is in the past. For Notre Dame this season, its slate is cleaner than a freshly-Zambonied sheet of ice.

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Almost half of the Sports Writer Irish lineup will likely com-

posed of freshmen this season, all of whom will be hoping to make a name for themselves at a Division I level.

Most teams this young would be looking at a rebuilding year, but in Notre Dame's unique situation, a team full of fresh faces is exactly what the Irish

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Men's Interhall

Siegfried and Alumni face off in battle of unbeatens

By KELSEY MANNING, KRISTEN LASAK, DAVID KENNEY, MEGAN GOLEN and ADAM LLORENS Sports Writers

It will be a battle to remain undefeated when the Blue League's top two teams, Siegfried and Alumni, face off this Sunday. With Siegfried coming off a dominating win over Knott and Alumni besting Duncan by a touchdown last

week, both teams are feeling confident.

"We'll always be confident. You never want to walk in not confident," Rambler senior captain Michael McDonnell said. "However, [Alumni] does have a very dynamic offense, which is actually intimidating to look at. We are not going to underestimate them and we will try to mentally prepare properly for this game.

After a slow start on offense,

the Ramblers are positioned for a stellar second half of the season. Their offense looked much more consistent against Knott last week with help from an improved offensive line and powerful running game. McDonnell, however, believes defense will be the focus this time around.

"The key is going to be on our defensive side of the ball. We have gotten compliments on our defense, but I still think there is a lot of room to improve. We need to make sure we don't miss tackles and take them down," he said.

The Dawgs hope to keep rolling on offense with a disciplined strategy led by freshman quarterback Will Cronin. On the other side of the ball, Alumni has only surrendered one touchdown in two games, and is hoping to keep the pressure on the Rambler offense. The Dawgs are energized for a titanic regular-season matchup.

"Our guys are really excited going into this week," Cronin said. "Siegfried has had success in the past and is playing well again this year. This will be a telling game but everyone on our team is up to the challenge."

Defensively, Alumni has only allowed one touchdown in two games thus far, and is hoping to

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish to play Big East pair

WOMEN'S INTERHALL Shamrocks play Walsh to earn playoff berth

By MIKE GOTIMER Sports Writer

No. 5/7 Notre Dame will wrap its regular season home schedule by attempting to harvest wins from two Garden State foes this weekend at Alumni Stadium.

The Irish (11-1, 5-0) will face tough opponents in Rutgers (8-5. 3-2) and Seton Hall (6-6, 2-3), who provide more challenges than their records indicate.

Last season, the Irish and Scarlet Knights were the class of the Big East, as the two teams were ranked top-10 when then No. 8 Notre Dame defeated then No. 10 Rutgers 1-0 on senior mid-



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observ Irish junior forward Meliss Henderson runs down a loose ball during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over St.John's on Oct.3.

By LAURA COLETTI, IAN GARRAHY, TORI ROECK and CONNOR KELLY Sports Writers

McGlinn's objective is simple this Sunday, as a win over Walsh will secure a playoff berth for the Shamrocks. They will get the chance to complete a strong regular season as the winless Wild Women try to play spoiler.

"I think the season has been good so far," senior captain Gillian Allsup said. 'Our goal every year is playoffs, so we need to win this weekend to accomplish that.

In order to achieve their goal, the Shamrocks (2-1) are taking extra time this week in practice to make sure they are finishing plays both offensively and defensively, and are working on being able to adapt to in-game situations as they read how their opponent is playing. McGlinn is coming off a bye week and is hungry to be back in action.

Walsh (0-3) will be a tough opponent for McGlinn, as they strive to prevent a winless season after reaching the semifinals last season.

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COMMENTARY

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Pitt game affects future of program

Not many Notre Dame fans make it a point to see the Pittsburgh game every year. It is not a high-profile rivalry, if it's a rivalry at all. The Irish and Panthers match-up is rarely a top-25 contest,

nor is it historically relevant.

Nonetheless, Saturday's game will likely determine how fans view, in retrospect, the first five **Douglas Farmer**

games of Brian Kelly's career. Saturday's game will likely deter-

mine the direction of the remainder of Notre Dame's season. Saturday's game will likely alter next year's season, and many more to come after that.

All of that from a simple Saturday afternoon facing Dave Wannstedt's Panthers?

A win Saturday puts the Irish at 3-3. All offseason long fans wondered how Brian Kelly would lead Notre Dame through this season's first six games, filled with rivalries — Michigan, Boston College — and top-tier teams — Stanford and, before a disappointing start, Pittsburgh.

In August, many Irish fans would have jumped at the chance to be 3-3 after this weekend. Granted, the process of getting to the point where a .500 record is possible has been a roller coaster ride, but nonetheless, three wins are three wins. With three wins, the win over Boston College is no longer simply a sloppy win over a struggling team. The losses to Michigan and Michigan State turn from heartbreakers into growing experiences. Even the loss to Stanford becomes a motivator. rather than a travesty in Notre Dame Stadium

On the flipside, a loss Saturday puts the Irish at 2-4. That tough opening six-game stretch suddenly becomes a scheduling error. Fans begin to criticize Notre Dame for not altering from tradition, not scheduling "guarantee" games and, like a broken record, for not joining a conference.

Others will claim Notre Dame will never be able to "return to glory" as it once knew.

The win over Boston College remains a lucky win over a team without a true starting quarterback. The losses to Michigan and Michigan State demonstrate the Big Ten's superiority. And the loss to Stanford remains an abysmal travesty. Amazing, isn't it, how quickly the opinion of hindsight changes, simply hinging on the result of a game against Pittsburgh?

Fans' opinions are not all that Saturday's result will affect. Notre Dame's three games following Pittsburgh — Western Michigan, Navy and Tulsa. — are all very winnable. Entering that stretch as a .500 team, the Irish will know they can exit it at 6-3, with momentum building. If Notre Dame enters that stretch at 2-4, anything could happen in those three games; win them all, split them, or, Brian Kelly forbid, lose them all.

A team two-thirds of the way through the season at 6-3, with a five-game winning streak, is a team that could legitimately pose a threat to any team remaining on its schedule.

On the contrary, a team twothirds of the way through the season, having just suffered a loss in a game it should have won, is a team poised to disappoint again.

Who knew? Who knew that a home game facing Pittsburgh could hold such an effect? Who knew that Pittsburgh could be the season-defining game for the Irish, rather than the loss to Michigan or Stanford, the win over Boston College, or whatever result Los Angeles holds?

Yet, Saturday's result could affect even more. During Notre Dame's three-game losing streak, Brian Kelly and his staff somehow secured the commitments of multiple high-profile recruits. In recent days, however, reports have surfaced questioning the strength of some of those commitments

If the Irish lose to Pittsburgh, and possibly drop one of the following three, some of those commitments could be completely rescinded.

But if the Irish top the Panthers, recruits would see a Notre Dame program headed in the right direction, headed upwards, readying for its "return to glory." That result could lead to even more high-profile commitments, and, in theory, those lead to higher-quality teams in the future.

It might seem like a reach, but it would be wise for Notre Dame fans to embrace this game against Pittsburgh. This game's result will affect how fans view the previous five. This game's result will alter the rest of the season's path, and therefore, the path of the program in years to come.

A win over an unranked Pittsburgh team has never been a seminal moment in Notre Dame's past. But little about Notre Dame today resembles much from its

FOOTBALL RECRUITING Outside linebackers make visits

By MATT GAMBER Sports Writer

A pair of coveted class of 2011 outside linebackers one verbally committed to Notre Dame, one still undecided — will make official visits this weekend, Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said.

Both current commit Ben Councell (Asheville, N.C.) and Christian French (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) have made several trips to campus in the past, via camps and unofficial visits, and are ready to take in the game day experience.

"[Councell is] a big-time recruit who has been really good this year, making lots of plays," said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliate irishsportsdaily.com. "He can definitely run, has real good size and is a guy Notre Dame has liked for a very long time. This weekend should just solidify where he's at with everything."

Though French is listed as an "athlete" and Frank said he could play a number of positions for Notre Dame and several other schools, the Irish staff likes his potential as an outside linebacker in their 3-4 defensive scheme, Frank said.

He's one of the last guys still on [Notre Dame's] list right now," Frank said. "He's mentioned he wanted to make an early decision before, so we'll have to see if he will soon or if he'll take his time. But there's not a whole lot of slots left for 2011.

The Irish currently have 20 verbal commitments — all of which they'll try to hold on to. But that's becoming increasingly difficult in the current climate of negative recruiting, Frank said.

"I had a coach once tell me that they kind of like it when kids commit, because it takes away a lot of the competition, and sometimes that's when the real recruiting starts,' Frank said. "Then, there's

only a few schools after a kid — the ones that maybe finished second or third still working hard behind the scenes.

"No commitment is safe anymore. A lot of kids go in

with the best of intentions and think they're going to end up at Notre Dame or wherever they're committed, but I can't even begin to tell you how much negative recruiting is out there.

Frank said Notre Dame is not unique in the fact that schools try to negatively impact a recruit's view of the University by suggesting, for example, that the academics are too tough or the social life is not robust enough.

And, in some regard, Frank said the fact that major programs are trying to lure Irish commits away is a good sign.

"It's usually the big-time, elite guys who get pressure to go elsewhere. Aaron Lynch

is one of those guys who is too good a player to leave alone," said Frank, noting Lynch because there were rumors (since dispelled) earlier in the week that the Irish commit would take other visits. "That's a good sign; if other teams aren't going to let up and keep recruiting your guys, that means you've got the right guys."

With only a few spots remaining in the class of

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> **Mike Frank** Irish recruiting expert

2011, the Irish staff will begin to take a look at prospects in the 2012 class. Wide receiver Amara Darboh, quarterback **Patrick** Powles and defensive end Tom Strobel are three such players who will visit this weekend,

Frank said.

"Notre Dame's going to have a number of juniors in, but I think right now it's a situation where you're trying to see who's out there, and who are the legit prospects," Frank said. "Right now, everybody says they're 'X' height and 'Y' weight, and people come in and they're quite a bit smaller, so the coaches want to see who those legit prospects are. They'll probably bring some junior film with them, too, and that should give the coaches a pretty good idea of where they're at.

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Quick adjustment

Sophomore running back-turned-receiver Theo Riddick is ready to take his game to the next level

By SAM WERNER Sports Writer

Looking at the top of Notre Dame's receiving statistics, one might reasonably expect to find junior receiver Michael Floyd or tight end Kyle Rudolph. In fact, the leading Irish pass-catcher so far this season is a player who wasn't even on the receiver depth chart a year ago.

Not that Theo Riddick ever doubted his ability to get there.

Making the switch

The sophomore moved from running back to receiver in the offseason. While some players may have faced an extended adjustment period, Riddick slid in

right away.

'This everything I expected, Riddick said. "It started ever since Coach Kelly got here, so transithe tion's been a while. I'm starting to see the light.

Riddick said then-running

backs coach Tony Alford called him over winter break last year and asked if he would do anything to help the team win. After the New Jersey native right away responded that he would, Alford asked if he would be willing to move to the receiver position. Riddick said he immediately accepted the change.

After agreeing, Riddick said he got to work right away preparing for his new role. "I tried to watch film," he

said. "It was hard for me because I didn't have to know that much about coverages [as a running back], so I tried to teach myself."

While the tactical side of the

position may have taken some additional time, Riddick said he spent most of his offseason trying to prepare for Irish coach Brian Kelly's new highpaced offensive system from a physical standpoint.

"I was just trying to get into better condition," Riddick said. "That was the main thing once I found out [about the position change], because in a spread offense you're running 24/7."

Riddick said the other receivers were incredibly helpful to him in making the switch, specifically Floyd. He added that Floyd helped him learn the tricks of the trade including breaking down coverages and learning to run his routes.

"If it wasn't for [Floyd], I

where I'd be right now,' Riddick said. "He's communicated picking up on all the little things, trying to make me better every day.'

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first. "I started to see the development and a lot of other players did as well," Riddick said. "They started like chuckling and saying side comments

just

was

like, 'Hey, you're starting to look like a wide receiver,' and I didn't really see it at the time, but now I do.' His growing comfort at the new position was becoming clear to the coaching staff as

well. "Back in the summer even, I said that I thought he was going to really come on and be pretty good and I think that's held true," offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said. "We could see it during summer camp that he was really close.'

Riddick's ability to adapt quickly was essential to the Irish offense, because as the slot receiver, he's expected to be one of the most versatile players on the field.

"In our offense, he's a guy that we can get the ball to very quickly a number of different ways. We haven't handed the ball off to him very much, but we can do that, Molnar said. "He's in close proximity to the quarterback, he's in a good position to throw screens to - bubble passes — and also the number of times he's working against linebackers rather than corners, so sometimes we have a real physical mismatch."

Kelly specifically noted Riddick's ability essentially to neutralize Boston College linebacker Mark Herzlich last weekend.





Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick turns to run upfield after a catch in Notre Dame's 31-13 win over Boston College on Oct. 2.

against a mismatched linebacker.

"[Floyd and Rudolph] both have been double covered a number of times, and when those things happen, that usually singles up somebody and that's what's really happening right now with Theo," Molnar

Through two games this season, Riddick caught only four passes for 52 yards. In the last three, he's caught 26 balls for 268 yards and three

"We knew that it would take a game or two to really gain the confidence that he needed and so far so good," Molnar said.

Riddick echoed his coach, saying he simply needed to find his comfort zone as a receiver.

Riddick said he never stopped learning the game.

"I mean, even though I wasn't in, I was always in tune on the sideline, trying to know what the call was to envision what was going to go on, so nothing really changed," he said.

Now that he's ingrained himself at the receiver position, all that's left to do is turn the Irish into a winning football team.

"I'm just trying to win ball games," he said. "If my play can develop to a victory, that's all I care about.'

When the Irish fell to 1-3 two weeks ago, the criticism inevitably started to swirl around campus. Riddick said he tried to ignore the negative vibes and just focus on football and his teammates.

"We were 1-3 and some people started to give up on us and stuff like that, but we don't really worry about that," he said. "We just go out there and play for one another.' After the win against Boston College, though, he said the mood inside the football program has changed dramatically.

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hired in December, he decided

to retain Alford on his staff,

but as the wide receivers

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observe

Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick sheds a tackle in Notre Dame's 37-13 loss to Stanford on Sept. 25. Riddick leads the Irish in catches (30) and touchdowns (3) so far this year.

"I'm just getting more com-fortable — completely, completely comfortable in a sense - knowing what I have to do and reading the defense better than I was," he said.

Last year, Riddick rushed for 160 yards on 29 attempts and returned kicks for the Irish. He said the experience of simply being on the field, even if it was at a different position, has helped him excel this year.

"The game is a lot slower," Riddick said. "Coming out as a freshman, everything was a lot quicker, everything moved quicker.

"Just being out there and knowing that I could perform on that level gave me that confidence."

Even throughout inconsistent playing time a year ago,

"Everyone's happy, a lot of smiles definitely and more to come," Riddick said.

Riddick said that he didn't have any specific personal goals for the season, only that he wanted to become the best receiver he could be.

"I just want to get a lot better, and be able to catch every ball," he said. "I don't want to catch 90 and drop one."

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Record: 2-3 **AP: NR Coaches: NR**



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career record: 173-60-2 record at ND: 2-3

First season at **Notre Dame**

Brian Kelly head coach





against Pitt:

Bob Diaco Def. Coordinator

Charley Molnar Off. Coordinator

2010 Schedule

Sept. 4	Purdue-W
Sept. 11	Michigan — L
Sept. 18	@ Michigan St. — L
Sept. 25	Stanford — L
Oct. 2	@ Boston College — W
Oct.9	Pittsburgh
Oct. 16	Western Michigan
Oct. 23	@ Navy
Oct. 30	Tulsa
Nov. 13	Utah
Nov. 20	Army
Nov. 27	@ USC

Head-to-Head

ND OFFENSE Scoring: 24.60 ppg (82nd) Total: 404.0 ypg (48th) Rushing: 111.0 ypg (97th) Passing:293.0 ypg (17th) Turnovers against: 12 (106th) Fumbles lost: 6 (98th) Interceptions: 6 (92nd) Sacks Allowed: 9 (56th) T.O.P. for: 25:36 (117th)

Scoring: 22.75 ppg (56th) Total: 341.75 ypg (53rd) Rushing: 97.0 ypg (15th) Passing: 244.75 ypg (92nd) Turnovers for: 7 (69th) Fumbles rec.: 3 (61st) Interceptions: 4 (61st) Sacks: 10 (36th) T.O.P. against: 28:18 (28th)

PITT DEFENSE

Statistical Leaders

ND OFFENSE

OB DAYNE CRIST 113-194, 1358 yards, 10 TD **RB ARMANDO ALLEN** 80 rush, 392 yards, 2 TD WR MICHAEL FLOYD 28 rec., 408 yards, 2 TD WR THEO RIDDICK 30 rec., 320 yards, 3 TD TE KYLE RUDOLPH 23 rec., 290 yards, 3 TD

PITT DEFENSE LB MAX GRUDER 11 solo, 24 total **DB JASON HENDRICKS** 13 solo, 21 total, 1 TFL **DL IABAAL SHEARD** 14 solo, 20 total, 3 sack DL CHAS ALECXIH 8 solo, 14 total, 4 sack **DB JARRED HOLLEY** 11 solo, 14 total, 3 INT

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Kicker David Ruffer Dame will continue to rely has done all that the on him Pittsburgh is in the top 12 Irish have asked of in kick return defense and him this season, making all eight of his field the top 5 in punt return goal attempts and all

defense, an area that the Irish have struggled in so far this season.

EDGE: PITTSBURGH

The Irish offense finally found the

Brian Kelly's strategy of scoring fast worked like a charm against Boston College. An aerial attack is likely to be the strategy this week, and Kelly is in his element when Crist has the ball in his hands. He might use the run to set up the passing game, but the Irish will prob-

ably abandon the run in favor of the pass sooner rather than later. Kelly said that Notre Dame got back to the charac-teristics of a spread offense last week. Look for that to continue.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME





Notre Dame looked great against



Irish Offense vs. Panthers Defense



Despite a decisive 18-point victory against Boston College, the Irish passing attack did not look strong after the first quarter. Quarterback Dayne Crist threw for only 84 yards in the final three quarters, and the Irish offense scored only one more touchdown after putting three across in their first four drives.

Usually a spread offense does

not lend itself to a game-after-

game 100-yard back, and Brian

Kelly's is no exception. Running

back Armando Allen's most pro-

ductive game came in the first

week against Purdue, when he

ran for 93 yards on 18 carries.

That being said, Allen is averag-

ing 4.9 yards per carry, and the

Still, Crist is 12th in the nation in passing yards, and with 10 touchdowns to four interceptions, his numbers are impressive for a first-year quarterback. Tight end Kyle Rudolph has been quiet recently, but is still Crist's favorite target, and wide receivers Theo Riddick and Michael Floyd have been reliable. Pittsburgh's defense has struggled

when facing capable quarterbacks, giving up five touchdowns in two games to Miami's Jacory Harris and Utah's Jordan Wynn. The Irish will likely look to pass early and often like they did against Boston College and, if given time, Crist should have a big game against the Panthers secondary.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Irish will need his spark to set up It seems unlikely that the Irish will The Pittsburgh run defense has been its strength. The Panthers are giving up only 97 yards per game,

change their game plan this week, especially against as staunch a rushing attack as Pittsburgh's. Look for some early runs to set up the passing game, but the Panthers will likely keep Allen and Co. in check most

EDGE: PITTSBURGH

which puts them 15th in the nation. Miami ran for 100 yards in their 31-3 win over the Panthers, the most yards Pittsburgh has given up on the ground this season.

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Lollege, but the Irish did not exactly inspire confidence with their performance

Only two weeks removed from the debacle known as the Irish loss against Stanford, it is hard to think about Notre Dame as a strong team already.

Douglas Farmer

Sports Editor

That being said, playing Pittsburgh provides a unique opportunity — Brian Kelly knows the Panthers better than he knows any other team in the country, excluding Cincinnati. That simple fact, along with continued progression team-wide, provides enough hope to pick the Irish.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Pittsburgh 23



Matt Gamber

Sports Writer

accelerator against Boston College, scoring three early touchdowns and showing what Kelly's attack can look like. But they seemed to release the gas pedal as quickly as they found it, and they'll need to avoid that Saturday.

Heading into the season, I thought Dion Lewis was the best player on the Irish schedule. And while Denard Robinson proved me wrong, I'm still scared of a Lewis-Ray Graham combo that gives me visions of the Connecticut ground game last season. Still, this Pitt

team is just not that good, and Notre Dame has a chance to get on a roll.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38, Pittsburgh 17

Eric Prister

Associate Sports Editor

Boston College, scoring touchdowns on three of its first four drives, which is a change, but also exactly what has been expected from this team all year. Boston College was nowhere near as good as the Irish, and Notre Dame defeated the Eagles, as it should have.

Pittsburgh may not be as bad as Boston College, but the Panthers are still not as good a team as Notre Dame. If the Irish can stay focused, concentrate only on this game and get off to a good start again, they should win handily.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38, Pittsburgh 27



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Pittsburgh

Panthers Record: 2-2

AP: NR **Coaches: NR**

Sixth season at Pittsburgh

career record: 32-27 record at Pitt: 32-27 against ND: 2-1



Frank Cignetti Jr. **Off. Coordinator**

Phil Bennett Def. Coordinator

2010 Schedule

Sept. 2	@ Utah — L
Sept. 11	New Hampshire — W
Sept. 23	Miami — L
Oct. 2	Fla. International — W
Oct. 9	@ Notre Dame
Oct. 16	@ Syracuse
Oct. 23	Rutgers
Oct. 30	Louisville
Nov. 11	@ Connecticut
Nov. 20	@ USF
Nov. 26	West Virginia
Dec. 4	@ Cincinnati

Head-to-Head

PITT OFFENSE Scoring: 27.25 ppg (65th) Total: 353.0 ypg (77th) Rushing: 169.75 ypg (52nd) Passing: 183.25 (88th) Turnovers against: 7 (32nd) Fumbles lost: 3 (26th) Interceptions: 4 (42nd) Sacks Allowed: 9 (83rd)

PITT OFFENSE

OB TINO SUNSER

63-100, 689 yards,

RB RAY GRAHAM

52 rush, 492 yards,

RB DION LEWIS

47 rush, 143 vards,

WR JON BALDW

15 rec., 211 yards, 2

WR MIKE SHANA

T.O.P. against: 34:24 (117th)

Statistical Leaders

<u>l</u>	ND DEFENSE
u	MLB MANTI TE'C
4 TD	32 solo, 64 total, 4
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5 TD	38 total, 2.5 sack, 5
	DB ROBERT BLA
2 TD	18 total, 1 sack, 1 I
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T.O.P. for: 31:42 (28th)

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2 Sunseri

Redshirt sophomore Tino Sunseri has struggled passing the ball so far this year, throwing only four touchdowns and two interceptions. He passed for more than 200 yards in only one game and was pulled in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's game against Miami, a game in which Sunseri finished with just 61 passing yards.

Receiver Jonathan Baldwin is the Panther's biggest offensive threat. Baldwin

Pittsburgh's offensive strength is most certainly the run, and they have two explosive running backs who can change a game. Sophomore Dion Lewis had an incredible freshman year, winning both Big East Rookie of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year. He ran for 1,799 yards and 17 touchdowns, but has struggled to break loose so far this season. He is averaging only three yards

caught 57 passes for 1,111 yards and eight touchdowns last season, but has struggled so far this year, partially due to the sporadic play of Sunseri. Kelly compared the matchup between Baldwin and Irish cornerback Darrin Walls to Randy Moss versus Darrelle Revis, and Baldwin's 6-foot-5 stature could give him an edge.

Panthers Offense vs. Irish Defense

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Notre Dame has had trouble at points against the pass, and stopping Baldwin could be a challenge. The Irish have intercepted seven passes this season, and playing against an inexperienced quarterback could give them the PASSI opportunity for more. If they can keep Baldwin in check, the Irish defense should be able to keep Pittsburgh's passing attack in check. ING

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

per carry, and the longest of his two touchdowns went for only 18 yards.

Sophomore running back Ray Graham has been the spark for the Panthers' offense so far this year. Last week against Florida International, he ran for 277 yards and three scores, his third straight 100-yard rushing game. He and Lewis will both see significant carries, and it will be up to the Irish front seven

to slow them down.

The Irish gave up only five yards rushing to Boston College last week, but have also struggled at times. RUSHI They are giving up 153 yards per game, and will need to continue to stay focused if they are going to stop Pitt's attack. ING

EDGE: PITTSBURGH

Offensive coordinator Frank Cignetti's offense averaged 32 points per game last season, one of the best marks in school history. The Panthers have struggled so far this season, but Cignetti has weapons

them. Sunseri is still a work in progress at quarterback, so the running game will likely be highlighted against the Irish. If they can establish the run, that will open things up and allow Baldwin to become a focus.

EDGE: PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh kicker Dan Hutchins has made eight of his 11 field goal attempts, missing all three from 40 yards or longer. He also punts for the Panthers, and his 46-yard per punt average is the eighth best average in the league.

Graham returns kicks for the Panthers, and though he has not taken a kick back for a score yet this year, he averages 31 yards per kick return, and his speed and agility always make him a threat.

EDGE: PITTSBURGH



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Notre Dame did exactly what it should have done last week ir beating a far inferior team and will do the same this week.

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ND DEFENSE Scoring: 24.80 ppg (70th) Total: 401.0 ypg (89th) Rushing: 152.80 ypg (68th) Passing: 248.20 ypg (96th) Turnovers for: 8 (53rd) Fumbles rec.: 1 (110th) Interceptions: 7 (16th)

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Sam Werner

Sports Writer

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terms of quality of opponent after last week, but this is still a very winnable game for the Irish. If Notre Dame can exhibit the same tenacity stopping the run as they did against Boston College, it's doubtful that Panther quarterback Tino Sunseri will be able to beat the Irish on his own. Notre Dame will have to run the ball - and stay committed to running the ball – against a tough

Pittsburgh rushing defense. Still, the

Irish got a win under their belts, and

that newfound confidence will go a

long way. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 30, Pittsburgh 21 Laura Myers

Sports Writer

Pittsburgh has been disappointing so far this season, winning only against the likes of Florida International and New Hampshire and losing badly to Miami. Notre Dame is not Miami, but it is not FIU, either. The Irish defense will not allow the kinds of holes Pittsburgh's running backs are used to finding. The Irish should have no problem starting its first

win streak of the season. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, Pittsburgh 13 Faturing: Calle Ridderwall (Sr.) Men's Ice Hockey Home: Stockholm, Sweden

> "Honestly, I have never in my life seen an entire football game. I predict the Irish will win 96-3. That sounds reasonable, right?"

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	(2-2) BYE	@Northwestern
MICHIGAN	(5-0) W 42-35 @Indiana	Michigan State
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	(4-1) L 52-31 @Oregon	USC
R	(2-2) L 31-13 ND	@North Carolina
E	(2-2) W 44-17 FIU	@ND
Contractor	(1-3) L 33-13 Idaho	@Ball State
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Ş	(4-1) L 32-31 Washington	@Stanford



What is the best horoscope you've gotten from The Observer?

It's hard to say but I will say I'm a huge Horoscope guy. I always make sure I grab The Observer and look out for any four- or five-star days out there.

Who's your favorite person to follow on Twitter? Probably [freshman nose guard] Louis Nix. He's funny on Twitter and he's easily one of the funniest kids, if not the funniest kid, on the team. ... LNix67. Got to check it out.

What did you think of Tuesday's episode of Glee?

It was very deep. I couldn't get enough of it. Got me a little choked up, I'm not going to lie.

Are you rooting for Finn and Rachel?

I am rooting for Finn and Rachel. I know a lot of previews before the season hinted at other things, but I like what has happened so far. We'll see what happens so far. Maybe the "Grilled Cheesus" will keep answering his prayers.

Sophomore Graham takes advantage of new role

By LAURA MYERS Sports Writer

Pittsburgh sophomore running back Dion Lewis earned nearly every accolade a freshman could receive in 2009. Among other honors, he was named the Big East offensive player of the year and a unanimous freshman All-American.

But when Lewis was unable to play Saturday against Florida International after being "banged up" in practice, Panthers coach

D a v Wannstedt gave his other sophomore running back, Ray Graham, his first start.

featured Dion Lewis in Graham took the past. Now it's Ray advantage of he opportuni-Graham." ty, running for 277 yards on 29 carries. He scored three touchdowns, including a 79yard run, and returned two kick returns for 78 vards. The performance earned him Big East player of the week honors "The running game with Ray Graham was as good of an effort as I have ever seen by an individual," Wannstedt said in his post-game press conference Saturday. Graham, who did not play in Pittsburgh's opening game against Utah, now leads the team with 495 yards on 52 carries, an average of 9.5 yards per carry. He is first in the Big East with an average

of 164 rushing yards per game, a figure that is third nationally. He also leads the country in all-purpose yards, with 236.33 per game.

"What they do offensively has been evolved around a running game that has featured Dion Lewis in the past," Irish coach Brian Kelly said in his Tuesday press conference. 'Now it's Ray Graham."

Wannstedt said Lewis was held out of the Florida International game on purpose, but he could have played if necessary.

expect "T Dion to be fine this week," he said in a Tuesday press conference. "Ray Graham and Dion Lewis will both nractice and

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they will both play ... We're fortunate to have those guys, and we'll con-

tinue to play them both.'

The Irish defense allowed Boston College just five rushing yards Saturday in their 31-13 defeat of the Eagles. With Lewis and Graham in the game, the run defense will need to step up once again, Kelly said.

"Having both those backs obviously presents a great challenge," he said.

In 2009, Lewis carried the ball 325 times for 1,799 yards, the second most ever by a Pitt freshman.

As Lewis' backup, Graham rushed 61 times for 349 yards, Pittsburgh running back Ray Graham outruns the New Hampshire defense in the Panthers' 38-16 win on

an average of 5.7 yards per carry.

"I think that Ray showed what kind of person he is, with how he handled everything with Dion last year having all the success week after week," Wannstedt said. "There's no more humble player on our team.

Having two stars is both a positive and a negative, he said.

Sept. 11. Graham ran for 277 yards and three touchdowns last week against Florida International.

"They both want the ball," Wannstedt said. "Whether you're a receiver, a tight end or a running back, big-time guys want the ball. They feel that if they get the ball they can make a difference. That's the way you want them to think. The great ones think that way. ... Their relationship is good, but at the same time they're both going to be anxiously wanting the football come Saturday.

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Youthful offensive line begins to gain confidence

By DOUGLAS FARMER Sports Editor

In Brian Kelly's spread offense, the quarterback repeatedly hears he needs to get rid of the ball quickly. But no matter how quickly Irish quarterback Dayne Crist releases the football, his offensive line needs to give him enough time to do so.

In the first few games of the season, especially during the 37-14 loss to Stanford, Crist was pressured more often than Kelly would have liked, and both the Irish passing and rushing attacks suffered.

Against Boston College, the Irish offensive line consistently gave Crist time to throw and to run the Irish offense. Notre Dame needed those few games of adjustment because three of the five starting linemen were starting their first game against Purdue, offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said.

"During summer camp, when talking about our youth, how these guys had never taken a snap, now all of a sudden these guys have over 300 plays," Molnar said. "I just think that the continuity helped. Really, up until Saturday the same five guys virtually took every single rep at the same position. So they got a ton of work. ... They've played half a season. They are quickly becoming veterans."

Sophomore tackle Zack Martin, junior center Braxston Cave and senior tackle Taylor Dever all started their first game against Purdue, with only fifth-year guard Chris Stewart and junior guard Trevor Robinson holding experience on the line.

Nonetheless, each of those three first-timers has progressed as their confidence grew.

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"Definitely every game your confidence is going to grow," Martin said. "Confidence from your teammates and coaches. Each game you feel a bit more comfortable in there."

The youngest of the three, Martin, has particularly impressed Kelly as he has learned on the fly, confronting new defensive looks and challenges in each game.

"There are things happening each week that he has never seen before," Kelly said in his Tuesday press conference. "When you look at Zack Martin as a first-time starter, each week he sees new things and maybe doesn't handle it like a veteran starter, but those things that he has encountered already, he's playing at a high level. He's grading out as our top lineman at this point.'

Of the three offensive line newcomers, the one with the most responsibility, and pressure, has been Cave. He holds the job of identifying defensive looks and blitzes, as well as matching Crist's cadence and snap count. Against Stanford, Cave said he did not do an adequate job at these tasks, and it cost the Irish.

"It was just the fact of holding onto [the ball] when I needed to so Dayne could see the blitzes coming," Cave said. "In the Stanford game I didn't do a good job of that. They were timing things up well. We just switched it up and worked on it every day in practice."

Those growing pains have receded as Cave has gained more and more experience, in those 300 snaps, offensive line coach Ed Warriner said

"Playing experience. Just being able to play, watching film, that has led to maturation in playing that position."



Sophomore guard Chris Watt, 66, junior center Braxton Cave, 52, and junior guard Trevor Robinson, 78, protect quarterback Dayne Crist in Notre Dame's 31-13 victory over Boston College on Oct. 2.

Against Boston College, Cave missed a handful of snaps after rolling his ankle. In his place stepped junior Mike Golic, Jr. Golic is also the back-up at right guard, behind Robinson.

"[Backing up two positions] helps me more than anything else," Golic said. "Knowing what I have to do at guard helps me know what I'm doing at center by knowing what the guy on either side of me is thinking." That level of comfort showed in his

few snaps Saturday.

"There wasn't a big drop-off [between Cave and Golic]," Molnar said. "I'd say in the last five or six weeks, we've been commenting on how Mike has been getting a better understanding of the offense and being more physical."

That confidence and depth will be necessary against Pittsburgh, a foe Kelly has faced each of the past three seasons.

"It's a tough, physical defense, and

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again, they can do some very good things with their front four," Kelly said of the Panthers. "They give great pressure on the quarterback with their front four."

Fortunately for Kelly, the confidence his offensive line has gained has inspired some confidence in him. "I feel pretty good at the offensive line," Kelly said.

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