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University family mourns Declan Sullivan

Athletic director speaks on moments leading up to student's death

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick entered the football practice field at about 4:47 p.m. Wednesday, and witnessed two completed passes. He said practice seemed normal, until he felt a powerful gust of wind, and saw objects that had formerly been stationary fly past him.

"It was an unremarkable journey in the sense that practice was normal and plays were being conducted with no difficulty," he said.

Shortly after, Swarbrick felt the wind speed up and heard a crash.

He described the minutes preceding Declan Sullivan's death from his perspective in a press conference Thursday, where he told reporters the University is launching a full investigation into the video tower accident that caused the Notre Dame junior's death.

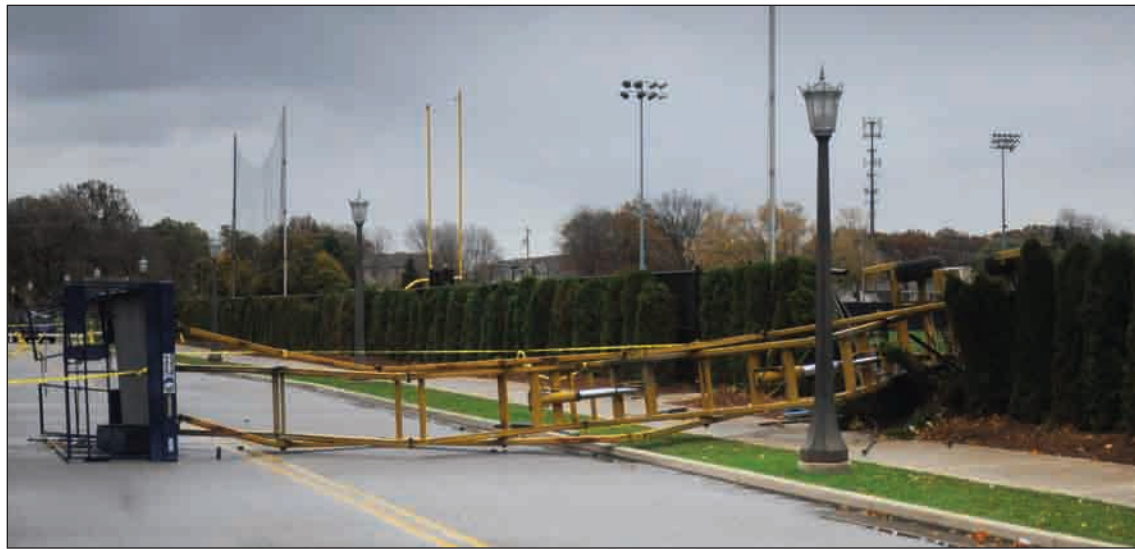
Swarbrick declined to answer questions about the possible effect of the day's weather conditions on the accident until the investigation is completed. Winds reportedly reached 50 miles per hour when Sullivan, who was videotaping the football practice for the University, was on the scissor lift that collapsed.

"There is a lot to learn here, and we will learn it all," he said. "I know there's

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Students overflowed outside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart while Mass was celebrated in honor of Declan Sullivan Thursday night.



The collapsed video tower remained strewn across Courtney Lane, adjacent to the LaBar Practice Complex, on Thursday afternoon.

Family, friends, students gather for Mass of Remembrance

By LAURA McCRYSTAL and
SARAH MERVOSH
News Editors

Everyone had his or her own way of honoring Declan Sullivan.

The men of Fisher Hall were united by wearing lime green dorm sunglasses. Each Lewis Hall resident carried a yellow flower. Students who could not fit inside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart stood outside, holding candles from the Grotto that flickered gently amongst the crowd.

But when it came time for the sign of peace, dorm mates, friends and people who had never met Sullivan crossed aisles to hug each other in a powerful example of the homily's message: We are loved, and we are not alone.

Around 1,000 people attended Thursday's Mass held in honor of Sullivan, the Notre Dame junior who died in an accident Wednesday. More than 1,000 others gathered outside and about 500 watched the Mass live in the LaFortune Student Center.

University President Fr. John Jenkins presided over the Mass and Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle delivered the homily to the standing room only congregation, which included Sullivan's family and the entire football team.

The Mass's scripture readings, the memory of Sullivan and the support of the Notre Dame community serve as reminders of love and connection, Doyle said in his homily.

"Tonight's stories and the story

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Donnelly defends seat against Republican challenger

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

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

U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly said the economy and employment are among the most important issues in the race for the congressional seat in Indiana's

2nd Congressional District.

The Nov. 2 election, in which Republican Jackie Walorski is challenging Donnelly, is one of several crucial races across the country that will determine the political balance in Congress.



Donnelly

Donnelly, who has held the congressional seat since 2006, told The Observer he is pleased with the progress of his 2010 campaign due to its focus on economic and employment issues.

"I have tried to talk about the issues in our district, the primary issue being jobs, how we create more jobs, and how we bring more jobs to our region, and how we make the American economy stronger," he said. "The campaign has gone well because we have

been able to focus on the issues that are important."

Donnelly is a 1977 Notre Dame graduate and 1981 Notre Dame law school graduate. He said his college education gave him a strong sense of values and influenced his congressional duties.

"When you leave Notre Dame, Notre Dame gives you the values you need to try a do a good job," he said. "You have the motto of 'God, Country, Notre Dame.' That is the cornerstone of what we try

to do in Congress, what is best for the country."

Donnelly said not only has the University been an important influence on his political duties, but Notre Dame represents a political partner of sorts, both now and for the future.

"I've been blessed with the number of Notre Dame students who work in my office. We have had a number of interns throughout the year

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH VILLAIN WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEW BATMAN MOVIE?



Marcos Marugan-Wyatt
sophomore
Morrissey

"Megan Fox as Poison Ivy but no thumbs."



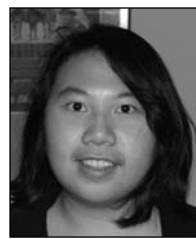
Dominique Higgins
freshman
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"Sarah Palin as Catwoman."



Jumi Cadmus
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"Mr. Freeze by Arnold Schwarzenegger. He's back."



Netania Boentaram
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"The Penguin by Jack Black."



Rayven Moore
freshman
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"Me. I can take Christian Bale any day."



Aaron Grinsteiner
freshman
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"The Joker returns by Jack Nicholson."

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



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Students congregated at the Grotto Wednesday night in remembrance of junior Declan Sullivan. The students lit candles and said prayers for Declan, his family and his friends.

OFFBEAT

Guinness world record holding snake dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio— An Ohio zoo said the longest snake living in captivity has died. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium said workers found the 24-foot python Wednesday morning dead from an apparent tumor. The snake, named Fluffy, held the Guinness World Record as the longest snake living in captivity. It was about as long as a moving van and as thick as a telephone pole. It weighed 300 pounds.

The 18-year-old reticulated python had drawn large crowds since the zoo got it in 2007.

Reticulated pythons are

named for the cross-hatching patterns on their skin and average 10 to 20 feet long. The largest recorded one was 32 feet, 9 1/2 inches long when it was killed in 1912 in Indonesia.

State threatens to shut down pumpkin stand

LEWISTON, Idaho — An Idaho family is out of its gourds thanks to publicity about a tax agency threatening to close their pumpkin stand for lack of a state permit.

Kami Charais tells the Lewiston Tribune they made three times as much money as expected, bringing in \$600 to pay for wrestling and dance

lessons for their children, 6-year-old Jacob and 4-year-old Sami-Lou.

She figures they'll pay \$36 in sales tax to the state.

The kids sold the squash from their porch, splitting the profits with the grower. Some people made donations and others drove from as far away as Spokane, Wash., to grab a gourd.

A representative of the Idaho State Tax Commission has said the stop was meant to inform the family that they needed permits and to pay the state's 6 percent sales tax.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Cavanaugh, Pasquerilla East and Walsh Halls will sponsor **International Horror Movie Fest in Lafortune Student Center tonight.** The movies, "M" and "The Ring," will start at 7 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium. The event is free and open to students.

The Sean Curran Dance Company will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$15 dollars for students and \$30 regular.

The Student Union Board will sponsor comedian Maz Jobrani tonight at 9 p.m. The event will take place in Washinton Hall.

The College of Science will host two lectures as part of the **Saturday Science Exploration Series.** Biology professor David Hyde will discuss "The Vision of Restoring Sight with Adult Stem Cells" in room 101 of the Jordan Hall of Science, and physics professor Randal Ruchti will discuss "The Breadth of Physics Outreach" in room 105. The lectures will begin at 11 a.m.

The College of Arts and Lectures will sponsor the **Saturday Scholars Series this Saturday at noon.** Margot Fassler of the Department of Theology will deliver the lecture "Tradition and Identity in Contemporary Church Music: Three Case Studies." The lecture will take place in the Snite Museum's Annenberg Auditorium.

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a lot of speculation about what may or may not have happened, but that's what the investigation is for."

Swarbrick also declined to comment on which channels of authority authorized an outdoor practice and who was responsible for clearing the videographers to tape practice from the tower.

"It's not one decision. There are multiple decisions made," he said. "It's not a decision to go outside. It's a host of decisions relevant to 'Do you go outside?'"

The Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and a contracted accident reconstruction team are investigating the accident. The Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) also launched an investigation. The state investigates all workplace fatalities, an IOSHA official said.

As Swarbrick walked through the north end of the west field of the LaBar Practice Complex, he said he saw items like towels and Gatorade containers fly by him. Officials estimate the tower fell about 4:51 p.m., he said.

"I noticed the netting on the goal posts start to bend dramatically and heard a crash," Swarbrick said. "At first, I couldn't orient the location of the crash."

Emergency personnel responded quickly following the collapse of the tower, Swarbrick said. NDSP responded in three minutes, followed by the Notre Dame Fire Department and a city ambulance.

Swarbrick and head football coach Brian Kelly told players and staff members to leave the accident scene.

"Coach Kelly remained with me by Declan until the ambulance attendant had Declan up on a lift," Swarbrick said.

Before the ambulance reached the hospital, Sullivan was no longer breathing on his own, he

said.

Sullivan's parents and younger brother came to campus Wednesday evening. His sister is a freshman at the University. Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle spent the evening with the family.

During the press conference, University President Fr. John Jenkins said Sullivan was bright, energetic and dedicated.

"There is no greater sadness for a university community than the death of one of the students. There is certainly no greater sadness for a family than the loss of a son or brother. It is with a sense of that double sadness on behalf of the whole University, I want to express our deepest condolences."

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University president

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Swarbrick said the investigation into Sullivan's death began immedi-

ately. In response to questions about practicing in the weather conditions and allowing the videographers to use the towers, he said each individual sports program makes its own decisions about how practice will proceed. Investigators will examine the decisions made about that specific practice leading up to the accident, he said.

Swarbrick said no information will be released until the investigation is complete. He said he expects the practice field will be restored by this weekend.

At least one other videographer was on a tower taping practice Wednesday. Swarbrick said he has witnessed past practices in which the video

towers were not used, possibly because of weather concerns, most likely, lightning, he said.

The videographers are part of the broader football administration team, and they report to a video coordinator.

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Above: Students join hands in prayer during a Mass Thursday evening to remember Declan Sullivan. Right: Members of the Notre Dame family enter the Basilica of the Sacred Heart before the Mass. The crowd filled the Basilica and spilled out onto the quad outside.



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of our being here together as a community this night tell us that we are loved, and we are not alone," Doyle said. "The divine scriptures, this Basilica filled tonight, the people standing outside, the body and blood that we will share tonight, not only remind us, but they will show us in high drama that we are loved and we are not alone."

Doyle acknowledged the fear, isolation, guilt and anger that Sullivan's family and friends, as well as the entire Notre Dame community, are experiencing in the aftermath of Wednesday's accident.

"Most days we live here in a place that feels like Eden before the Fall," Doyle said. "But there are times in all of our lives that make us feel like we no longer have a story to orient us."

Despite these feelings, Doyle looked to the readings as stories for guidance and comfort.

"No, we have not fallen off the page," he said. "We are not lost. Yes, there are stories that tell us exactly who we are and where we are and where we are going."

Doyle also related the power of the stories in scripture to Sullivan's love of storytelling. He said Sullivan's passion for filmmaking allowed him to create

meaningful stories through the lens of a camera.

"Declan Sullivan has told great stories. His life has been a truly great story," Doyle said. "Declan Sullivan and Jesus Christ invite us into the greatest story, the story of Jesus Christ's love ... that we are loved and that we are never truly alone."

Doyle quoted a Eucharistic prayer that says, for those who follow Christ, life will not end after death, but simply change.

"Declan Sullivan's life is changed, but it is not ended," he said. "Declan now lives in the most full form and the best essence of his being."

Those standing outside could hear the Mass through speakers, but they were unable to see it.

Freshman Kathleen Duncan did not know Sullivan personally, but she remained outside on the chilly, windy night to stand in solidarity with the Notre Dame community.

"The whole feeling of the campus and the community just made me want to be here," she said. "You could tell everyone was cold but ... nobody complained."

Duncan said the crowd gathered outside the Basilica was "very united," particularly during the sign of peace. Though Duncan only came with two other students, she turned and hugged the people around her.

"It was like a big family," she said.

Student body chief of staff Nick Ruof, who helped organize the Mass, said he knew there would be an outpouring of attendees, but even more attended than he expected.

"The security guards and the ushers said, 'We've never seen anything like it,'" Ruof said.

Around nine priests were needed to serve communion to the crowd outside, which included an additional 500 people who walked over from the watch in LaFortune, he said.

After the congregation sang the Alma Mater, hesitantly raising their index fingers into the air, words from Doyle's homily stuck with them.

"Declan is loved and he is not alone. And we are loved and we are not alone."

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who have worked in our office in Washington," he said. "My wife also works at Notre Dame, so the University is a huge part of our lives and I am extraordinarily proud to be a graduate of the school."

Donnelly said the issue of employment is critical for college students, and young college graduates in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District are an important part of the workforce.

"We have seen the unemployment rate drop throughout our congressional district, so college students who want to stay in our area

from Notre Dame and go out into the job market, more opportunities are available to them," he said.

Donnelly, who is a member of the moderate congressional Democratic group named the Blue Dog Coalition, said his moderate political stance influences his economic decisions.

"I think our moderate policies are what is going to get us back to a balanced budget, which is critical to our college students," he said.

On the topic of health care, Donnelly said one of the most popular aspects of the bill across party lines was the possibility for dependents to be carried on their parents' program until age 26.

"I think it's a big help," he said.

Donnelly said his pro-life stance was important during

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U.S. representative
Indiana 2nd District



Photo courtesy of the Joe Donnelly campaign

Congressman Joe Donnelly hosts a roundtable discussion on Chinese currency manipulation in South Bend on Oct. 6 with representatives from the House Ways and Means Committee.

the health care reform debate in Congress.

"We wanted to make sure the bill was not only pro-life in its funding sources, but it's also pro-life in the way that it treats expecting mothers in the medical area," he said.

Donnelly also takes a strong stance on responsible energy independence. He said the U.S. could drill offshore in an environmentally conscious manner that is both safe and responsible. He cited the recent BP oil spill disaster as an example of a company cutting corners, something he said the U.S. government must curb.

"Part of our job in Congress and in the country is to make sure the rules are followed," he said. "If we do this we can have a very strong energy pol-

icy and a very environmentally friendly energy policy."

Donnelly said education would continue to be of political importance if he is reelected, as his district is influential in that level of learning.

"Our district is blessed with Notre Dame and so many other college institutions," he said. "I'm a strong supporter of increasing Pell Grants and a strong supporter of decreasing student interest on loans. A big part of my work is making college more affordable for our families."

Despite the country being in the midst of a troop surge in Afghanistan, Donnelly said he is looking to increased steadiness in the region. The presence of American troops in the Afghanistan could change in the coming months, he said.

"We are hopeful that this time next year there will be significant stability in Afghanistan and troops will actually be coming home," Donnelly said.

Donnelly said the combination of his economic and foreign policies represents the correct political approach the country should be taking towards solving the issues that are being addressed in this election.

"I think that the Blue Dog message of fiscal conservatism, strong national defense and strong support for not only American families, but also American small businesses is the right message at this time," he said.

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Graduate students find challenges rewarding

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Teaching assistant by day, researcher by night — add on another 30 to 50 hours of reading and studying, take into consideration some driving time, and you begin to have a clearer image of the life of a graduate student at Notre Dame.

Victoria Smith, a graduate student in her second year of a Ph.D. program in the biology department, assists in a freshman biology class.

Through a teaching assistant (TA) position, graduate students can receive a stipend for their services, she said. Graduate students also obtain stipends through fellowships they have been awarded, or through a research assistantship.

"A stipend is essentially a paid salary for your work as a graduate student," Smith said. "With a research assistantship, your advisor is responsible for paying your salary through his research funding."

Karen Tang, a first-year clinical psychology doctoral student, works in a less visible position, focusing her energy into research.

"The stipend that I receive from the University of Notre Dame allows me to devote my time to research and academics, without having to worry about taking an outside job to pay for daily living expenses," Tang said. "It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to just learn and think."

Graduate students with paid stipends, Smith said, are not permitted to have any other jobs. Tang found that with her demanding course and research workload, there would be no time for an outside job, even if allowed

one.

"Graduate school is a full-time position," Tang said.

Smith estimates approximately 45 to 55 hours of her week are devoted to research in the lab, in addition to her work as a TA and reading at home.

Tang spends the majority of her non-class time in the lab, reading articles in her area of interest, attending meetings and working with undergraduate research assistants.

Though students traditionally go straight from undergraduate education to graduate school, Tang took a detour. She had a part-time job where she assisted a professor investigating potential environmental and genetic factors involved in autism. After graduation, she was offered a full-time position in the professor's lab, which guided her toward her current position.

"I was lucky to have been introduced to a field that I am so intrigued by," Tang said.

Thomas Frederick, a first-year chemistry and biochemistry graduate student, entered his field of study by accident.

"When inquiring into undergraduate research opportunities, I was not able to join the original lab group that interested me. I ended up in one that shaped my career as a research scientist," he said.

Frederick said this ultimately sparked his interest in protein dynamics using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.

Graduate students also take advanced classes on their topic of interest, Smith said. Students in the Ph.D. program have to take two classes a semester for the first two years of the program, and then one credit worth of classes afterwards.

"Classes tend to be primarily discussion based rather than test based," Smith said. "They involve reading a lot of primary literature that is being published in science journals."

Frederick's course load requires him to take three core classes and three other electives, one of which must be in his field of specialty.

These graduate students said living off campus has its benefits.

Though there is the drawback of commuting to work every morning, an especially difficult task on football weekends, Smith is able to have pets and plant a garden.

For Tang, life off campus allows for separation between her work and personal life.

"So much of my time is spent working in the lab, which is off campus, or in classes," she said. "I appreciate [having] the time at home to unwind."

After graduate school, Smith said she will likely stay in academia as an assistant professor at a university. Tang hopes to continue working with children with autism and their families.

For undergraduates looking to go to graduate school, Tang suggested thinking about it early.

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first-year Ph.D. student

have for undergraduates is to not be afraid to speak to your professors, TAs or professionals in the field that you are interested in. Ask questions about what they thought of their program of study, if there are any faculty members accepting students for the upcoming year and even what they believe would be the best fit for you," Tang said. "People love to share their experiences with future graduate students."

Frederick said that preparation is key, especially as an undergraduate.

"As an undergraduate, you should go beyond the simple class requirements and seek out opportunities to get experience. Not only does this increase your chances of getting either a good job position or admittance to a professional degree program," he said, "but it allows you to experience a field of work so that you can decide now, rather than later, if it is something you would like to do."

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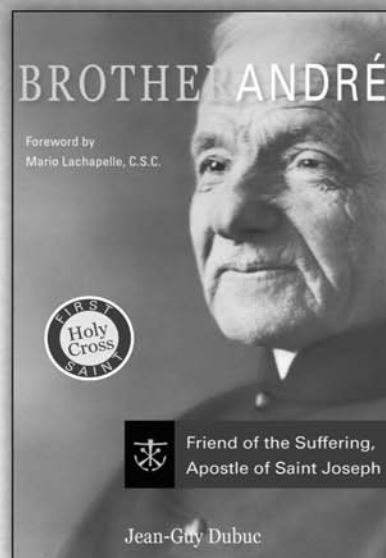
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Positive attitude guides paralyzed alum after accident

Martinuzzi makes steady progress in occupational therapy, works toward goal to return to medical school



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Aaron Martinuzzi, a 2008 Notre Dame alumnus, climbed Colorado mountains during the summer of 2009 before he sustained a spinal cord injury in August 2010 that left him paralyzed.

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

After 2008 graduate Aaron Martinuzzi broke his neck diving into a pool in August, he was paralyzed from his shoulders down. He's spent the past few months in rehabilitation trying to regain strength, but he

looks at his life-changing spinal cord injury in a positive light. "It's been an exercise in patience," he said.

After his Aug. 20 accident, Martinuzzi spent three weeks in a Biddeford, Maine hospital, where he got his respiratory functions back and did some simple occupational therapy (OT).

Since then, he's moved to the University Hospital at the University of Michigan, where he is doing OT four to six times a day.

"Right now, due to the nature of my injury, I'm working toward really simple things," Martinuzzi said. "I'm strong enough to use machines with really, really light weight. It's

not like I'm doing 30 pound bicep curls."

Martinuzzi is mostly working on regaining the strength in his back and shoulders. One of his current goals is working to be able to operate his wheel chair with a joystick. Currently he uses a "suck-n-blow" wheelchair, which moves the chair through either sucking or blowing air into a tube.

Even though the recovery process is slow and tedious, Martinuzzi said he is confident in his abilities. He specifically wants to gain strength in his hands and shoulders because that will help him become more capable in all areas, he said.

His ultimate goal is to be able to return to medical school at the University of New England, where he was working toward his doctorate of osteopathic medicine.

"Right now, I can see some significant gains, but I can't predict what exactly will happen," Martinuzzi said. "I just take it a day and a week at a time."

He said his previous experience as an athlete has helped him keep a positive outlook on this while process.

"I swam in high school and was an avid climber", he said. "I was always working on improving my performance. Rehab is sort of the exact same process."

Support from family, friends and even people he has never

met, has made the recovery process easier and helped him, he said.

His family created a Facebook page called "Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi" and they also made a page on caringbridge.org, where family and friends can give updates about the status of a loved one going through a challenging health issue, according to the website.

"I've always been someone that looks forward and doesn't look back," Martinuzzi said. "It's nice to know that everyone else shares that attitude and can look forward to new goals."

Some of his aunts have planned fundraisers to help cover some of the medical expenses. At their first event, a walk/run in October, a special donation was made in Martinuzzi's honor.

"One of my aunts ... knew that I loved to rock climb and ate a lot of Cliff Bars," he said. "She contacted [the company] and showed them my mountain project page, which is like Facebook for climbers. They liked what they saw and donated 66 pounds of Cliff Bars to the event."

Martinuzzi said he is grateful for the support he has and the progress he's making.

"Everyone has been incredibly positive," he said. "Every day I realize just how lucky I am."

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Hums delivers his 'Last Lecture'

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Everyone is on a journey and the most important part of that journey is the path that you travel along the way, accounting professor Ed Hums said Thursday evening at the fourth installment of the 2010-11 Last Lecture Series.

The student government-sponsored Last Lecture Series gives Notre Dame professors the opportunity to share their life lessons and experiences outside of the classroom setting.

"You should always take the time to recognize who is walking with you," he said in the lecture at Washington Hall. "The three 'P's,' parents, priests and professors, are especially important in your journey here at Notre Dame."

Hums said he still remembers when he was first accepted to Notre Dame as an undergraduate and how his mother cried when she heard the news.

"Never underestimate your parents' love for you and make sure you reciprocate your love for them," he said.

Hums said he believes the priests at Notre Dame are great resources of faith for the students to turn to in times of need. He also discussed the relationship between the professors and the students, drawing from his personal experience as a faculty member at the University.

"Professors actually live through their students," he said. "You'll never know how

much your successes mean to us."

Hums told students to pick out one professor each semester and to take the opportunity to really get to know that professor.

"You never know what experiences you may share with him or her or what doors it will open to you in the future," he said.

The gap between students and professors at Notre Dame has grown, and Hums said he is said about that.

"You have to understand that not only can you learn, but you can also enjoy it," he said.

Hums told the students it's okay if they encounter difficulties with the material in their classes.

"There are a lot of people out there who struggle, and it's okay," he said. "You may get B's or C's, but you will still turn out well."

Hums also said students should have a strong support system of friends and colleagues.

"Friends are there forever. They will help you get through your journey," he said. "And colleagues help you do the heavy lifting. They are the people who lift you up continuously when you have your down days."

Hums encouraged students to think about the little butterfly effects in their lives.

"There are so many simple events that lead you to great things," he said. "It's important to recognize them."

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Univ. posts info of 40K students

Associated Press

HONOLULU — The Social Security numbers, grades and other personal information of more than 40,000 former University of Hawaii students were posted online for nearly a year before being removed this week, The Associated Press has learned.

University officials told the AP that a faculty member inadvertently uploaded files containing the information to an unprotected server on Nov. 30, 2009, exposing the names, academic performance, disabilities and other sensitive information of 40,101 students who attended the flagship Manoa campus from 1990 to 1998 and in 2001. A handful of students from the West Oahu campus were included in the security breach.

UH-West Oahu spokesman Ryan Mielke said there was no evidence that the faculty member acted maliciously or that any of the information was used improperly. The faculty member, who retired from the West Oahu campus in June, was conducting a study of the success rates of Manoa students, and believed he was uploading the material to a secure server.

The university apologized for the incident, saying it was investigating how it happened. It was notifying the former students by e-mail and letters, and has also alerted the FBI and Honolulu police.

"We are troubled (and) determined to notify everyone according to law and committed to do everything possible in the future to prevent this from happening," UH system spokeswoman Tina Shelton said.

The incident is the third major

information breach in the UH system since last year. Each time, university officials promised it was strengthening its network systems and working to identify other potential security risks.

In the latest breach, UH immediately removed the exposed files and disconnected the server from the network when it was notified of the information breach on Oct. 18 by Aaron Titus, information privacy director of Liberty Coalition, which is a Washington-based policy institute.

Google cleared its caches late Thursday, some 11 months after the information was first put online.

"During that time, theoretically, anybody with an Internet connection could have had access to it. How likely that is ... is anybody's guess," said Titus, who discovered the files under a Google search.

Titus said the university's statement that it has no evidence that the personal information was used maliciously was somewhat misleading.

Corruption in officers frustrates Calif. police

Associated Press

ELL, Calif. — Leaders of this scandal-ridden city's police union, frustrated by what they see as a lack of urgency to investigate corruption in their own department, are calling for the suspension of a high-ranking police official and an investigation of their ousted former police chief.

Kurt Owens, vice president of the Bell Police Officers Association, said Thursday that he and other veteran officers knew for years of abusive towing practices that targeted Hispanic drivers and had heard allegations of police involvement in voter fraud. He said he and others complained to their superiors and to outside investigators, but saw little done to stop it.

"I've been to the FBI and the DA's office on issues like

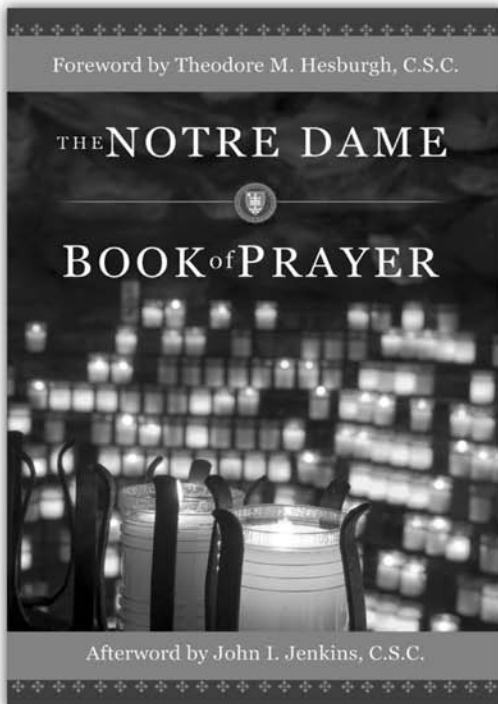
this and others that came up three or four years ago," Owens, a 23-year veteran of the department, told The Associated Press after a news conference outside the city's small police headquarters. "We were told, 'We think this is an interdepartment feud,' and, 'Bring us more evidence.'"

Since the Los Angeles Times reported in July that Bell's former city manager, police chief, and four of its five City Council members were among officials paid huge salaries to run the working-class city, several agencies have confirmed they are investigating.

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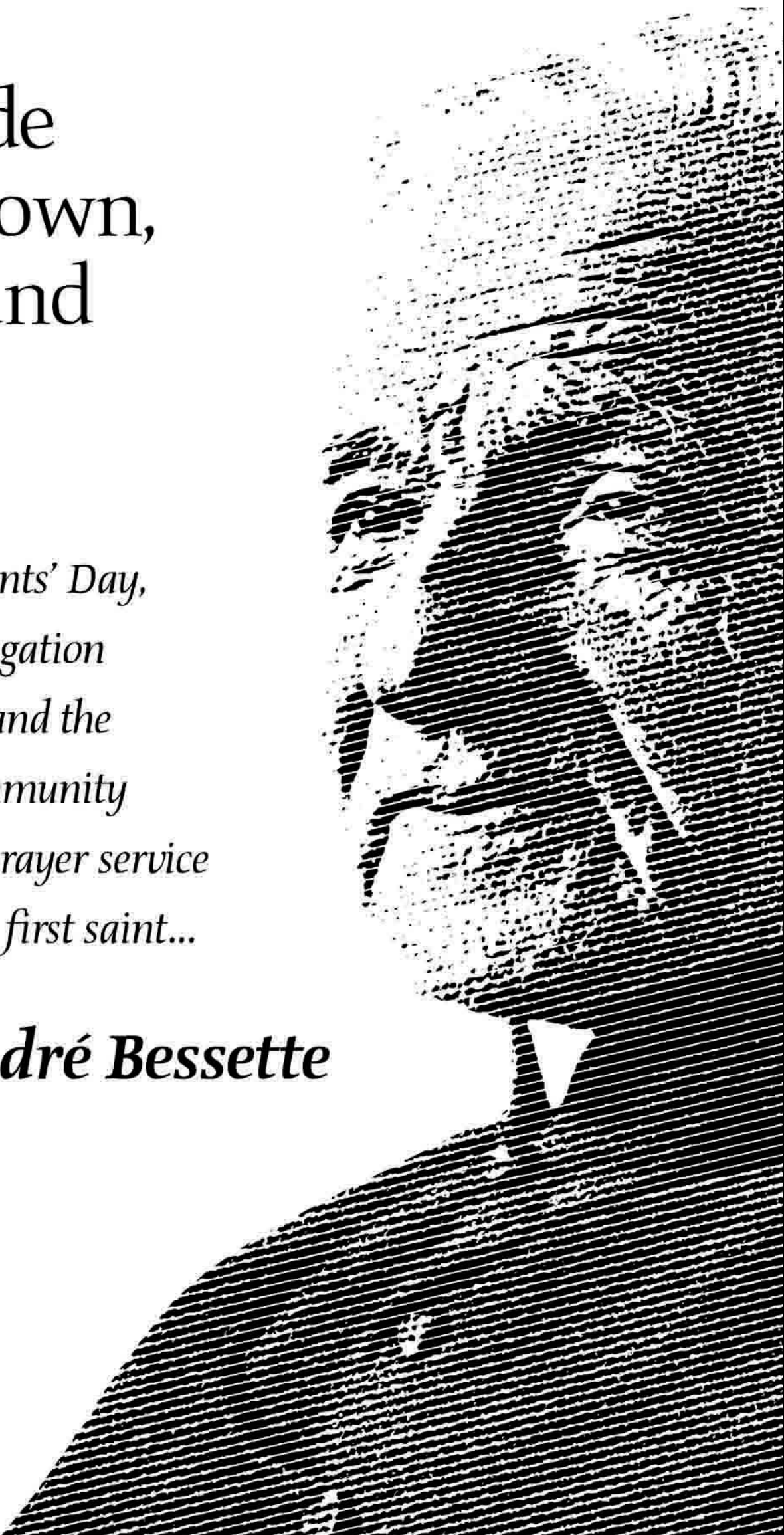
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San Diego policeman dead after shootout

Unnamed suspects kill an officer and two others after a police confrontation

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A shootout at an apartment left a police officer and two other people dead Thursday, sending dozens of residents running from their homes, many in their pajamas.

Officer Christopher Wilson was fatally shot in the confrontation that began Wednesday night, when San Diego County officers and U.S. marshals went to check on a man on probation and serve an arrest warrant on another.

After the man on probation slammed the door in their faces, officers pushed their way into the apartment and arrested him, said Assistant Police Chief Jim Collins. Four other people ran into a back bedroom, including the man police believe was named on the warrant, he said.

Officers got backup from the San Diego police department and then kicked in the door of the bedroom, where they were met with gunfire, Collins said.

Wilson, a 17-year police force veteran, was fatally shot in the living room while three officers fired back. Two officers fled to another bedroom and eventually escaped out a window, Collins said.

Fellow officers carried Wilson down the stairs from the second-story apartment. Moments later, police banged on residents' doors, yelling, "Get out! Get out!" witnesses said.

A 26-year-old father of two who only identified himself as Luis listened to the confrontation from his downstairs apartment. "I just heard like a big boom, then they exchanged some words, then I heard, 'Officer down! Officer down!'" Luis said.

He told The Associated Press that he looked out his window and saw officers carrying Wilson, whose face was covered in blood. Luis yelled for his wife and two young children, and was preparing to make an escape when officers banged on his door to help his family leave safely.

"It was pretty scary," said Luis, who fled without putting on his shoes.

Luis said his family joined about 50 men, women and children who were running, crouched down, to the other side of the complex, under the crackle of gunfire. Some were in pajamas and slippers.

They later made their way to a supermarket parking lot across the street, where they spent the night as the standoff continued until shortly after dawn.

After a SWAT team tossed a nondestructive grenade to make a loud noise and flash of light inside the apartment, a man and woman inside notified police that they wanted to come out. They were detained for questioning, Collins said.

An hour later, police shot tear gas into the apartment.

When no one else emerged after 90 minutes, police crept back into the apartment, Collins said, where officers discovered a man and woman fatally shot on the floor, which was littered with guns. Police believe the dead man may be the suspect named on the warrant for a case of assault with a deadly

weapon.

It was not immediately clear whether the two committed suicide or died during the shootout, Collins said. He also did not know how many weapons were found in the home.

Police have not released the suspects' names or details about them, saying they were investigating. Police said they believe the man on probation may have been harboring the man wanted on the warrant, but they did not know the relationship between them and the others in the apartment.


Wilson, 50, who had served in the Navy, patrolled the southeast working class neighborhood called Skyline for years. He helped train rookies and taught them to treat residents respectfully, city officials said.



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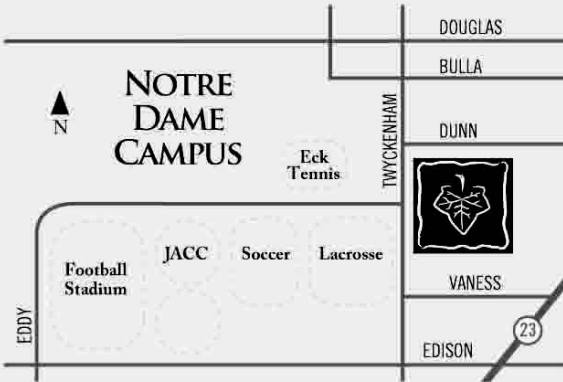


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Teen murder suspect testifies against co-defendant

Associated Press

NASHUA — A New Hampshire teenager charged in a deadly home invasion testified Thursday he heard the victims' screams and pleas before two of his partners started hacking at the mother and daughter.

Eighteen-year-old Quinn Glover said the mother screamed to her daughter to run.

"They were terrified," Glover said. "I heard cries for help, begging, 'no, no'"

Glover testified against co-defen-

dant Steven Spader, 18, who prosecutors say wielded the machete in the attacks that killed Kimberly Cates and severely wounded her 11-year-old daughter, Jaimie, in their Mont Vernon home one year ago.

Glover said Spader was obsessed with killing people in the weeks before the attacks.

Spader, he testified, wanted to break into homes, kill the occupants, stay overnight in the home, roast and eat the victims and stage their bodies for the media. He talked at one point

about putting the heads of his victims on stakes, Glover said.

Glover previously pleaded guilty to robbery, burglary and conspiracy. He agreed to cooperate with the state in exchange for a 20-year prison sentence.

On cross-examination, Glover acknowledged he lied to police in his first two interviews. He concocted several alibis for himself, first that he was meditating in woods and later that he was watching television with his father. He said he was telling the truth Thursday.

Spader is charged with murder, attempted murder and other felonies.

As Glover testified, Spader stared at him with his fingers pressed in front of him — his standard pose during the four days of his trial.

Glover appeared in court wearing orange prison pants and shirt, his shackled ankles invisible to jurors. He punctuated most of his answers with "sir."

Glover said Spader and co-defendants Christopher Gribble and Billy Marks originally targeted the house next door to the Cates home on Trow Road, but ruled it out as too big. After they broke into the house, Glover said, the four approached the closed bedroom door with weapons out. He said Spader had a machete and Gribble had a knife. He said they were in the lead and they entered the bedroom.

Then the screams began.

"I heard screams and cries. I heard 'Jaimie, run! Please don't do it,'" Glover testified.

Glover said he turned around, covered his ears and walked back toward the kitchen.

Prosecutor Peter Hinckley asked him why.

"I walked away because I wanted to walk away from the situation," Glover said. "I didn't take anything that was said prior seriously. That was my mistake."

Afterward, Glover said, Spader was "euphoric, excited. He seemed like he had just gotten off a roller coaster." Glover said he told Spader they were making too much noise, to which Spader replied, "Two people are dead. I think we made enough noise."

Glover said he did not see the attacks, but entered the room later. He said he saw Jaimie crumpled on the floor, tangled in the curtains of a sliding glass door.

Jaimie told police she pretended to be dead, then staggered to the kitchen to call police. A doctor testified that if she had lost consciousness and not gotten help, she would have died from a punctured lung.

"On the bed, there was a woman covered in blood," Glover said. "She was moving somewhat and moaning." He said he saw Gribble put a knife to the right side of her throat. Glover said he turned away, and when he looked back, the knife was on the other side of Kimberly Cate's throat.

Glover said he lost track of Marks but Marks had no blood on his clothing after the attacks.

On the ride home, Glover said, Spader was laughing and joking.

Glover admitted on cross-examination by defense attorney Andrew Winters that he went to the house with the intent of killing the occupants, and that he was fascinated by killers such as Charles Manson.

The prosecutor asked Glover if he had attacked either victim, and he answered "no."

Glover said Spader was still euphoric 12 hours after the attacks. He said Spader and Gribble showed up in his driveway and Spader grabbed him by the shoulders.

"He ... said, 'Quinn, we broke up a family. Isn't that great?'" Glover testified. "He said it may become an addiction because he liked the high so much."

Marks, who has yet to enter a plea, has agreed to testify against Spader and Gribble, who is to go on trial in February. A fifth defendant, Autumn Savoy, pleaded guilty to hindering the prosecution and conspiracy in exchange for a 5- to 19-year sentence. He also is expected to testify against Spader.

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Council targets street harassment

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whistles, cat-calls and lewd come-ons from strangers are all too familiar to New York City women, who say they are harassed multiple times a day as they walk down the street. Now lawmakers are examining whether to do something to discourage it.

A City Council committee heard testimony Thursday from women who said men regularly follow them, yell at them and make them feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Advocates told stories of preteens and teenagers being hounded by adult men outside city schools and pleaded for government to address the problem.

"This is not our way of not being able to take a compliment," said Nefertiti Martin, who testified at the hearing. "This is an issue of safety."

Street harassment of women is as old as cities themselves and is common around the world, but the pushback against it is a more recent movement. Volunteer activists in Cairo are planning to launch a website, Harrasmap, where women can instantly report cases of leering, groping and other sexual threats.

Soon, the group Hollaback, an organization formed five years ago to stand up to street harassment, will release a smart phone app allowing women everywhere to do the same.

Hollaback told councilmem-

bers that women have left jobs, broken leases and skipped school all just to avoid incessant unwelcome advances from strange men they pass on their commutes.

Holly Kearl, author of "Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women," said she informally surveyed more than 800 women from 23 countries and 43 states, and 99 percent of them had been harassed by strangers.

"Because of street harassment, from a young age women learn that public spaces are male territory," Kearl said. "They learn to limit the places they go, they try not to be in public alone — especially at night — and when they are alone, they stay on guard."

Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras, chair of the women's issues committee that held the hearing Thursday, recalled learning as a young teen how to "speedwalk" to dodge certain men, and which corner stores she should always avoid.

"This harassment limits the rights and freedoms of women and girls to enjoy a simple walk outside," she said.

The Associated Press heard similar stories from New York City women.

Kat Pope, 28, of Manhattan, said she quit going to her gym in the mornings because she was harassed so badly on her way there and back. Men at a construction site would whistle, stare and yell at her as she passed, every single day.

She still gets harassed in other locations, but it happens maybe once a week instead of daily.

"It feels disgusting," she said. "In the moment, I feel helpless and I never know what to do to make it stop."

Carrie Goodman, 27, a student who lives in Manhattan, said she hears a whistle or comment "once or twice a day."

"It bothers me, but I just keep walking," she said. Goodman is skeptical that lawmakers can do anything about it, though.

"You can't really control what comes out of people's mouths," she said.

Hollaback is pushing the city to commission a study, a public awareness campaign and perhaps even legislation, including "no-harassment zones" around schools to protect young women.

"Too commonly, street harassment is believed to be the price women pay for living in New York City," said its executive director, Emily May. "But we're not buying it."

New York men who told the AP they have called out strange women on the street said they were doing it just to be friendly and seemed genuinely surprised that any attention can be unwelcome.

"We say hello, that's all, nothing derogatory," said Tony Alibrandi, 54, a construction worker taking a lunch break with several of his fellow workers. "We see a friendly face, we say hello."

Scientists unearth dinosaur skeleton

Associated Press

DENVER — Scientists say they've found the first complete skeleton of a dinosaur that is an ancestor to the sauropod, the largest creature ever to walk the planet.

The 30-foot-long skeleton, complete with skull, may help reveal the story of how the 120-foot-long, giant-necked sauropods evolved and became solely plant eaters.

The bones were found in southern China, Texas Tech paleontologist Sankar Chatterjee said Thursday. He planned to present preliminary findings of the discovery Sunday at the Geological Society of America meeting in Denver.

"It's like a manuscript. Many pages are missing. We are still trying to piece it together," Chatterjee said. "This is one of those missing links. Now we'll know better how these dinosaurs evolved."

The skeleton, estimated at more than 200 million years old, was found by one of Chatterjee's colleagues in 2005 in flood plains around Lufeng in Yunnan province, which has been rich with dinosaur finds, he said.

It appears to be that of a new species, which has tentatively been named Yizhousaurus sunae to honor the local population and a

Chinese paleontologist, Chatterjee said.

At least six other species of sauropod relatives have been found in the same deposit where this skeleton was found, said Randall Irmis, curator of paleontology at the Utah Museum of Natural History and an assistant professor at the University of Utah.

He said he had not seen Chatterjee's report but saw photos of the skull. "It looks strikingly similar to an animal in the same deposits, the Jingshanosaurus," Irmis said.

The skeleton Chatterjee is studying shows the animal stood on four feet. It also has the beginnings of a long neck. The broad, high, domed skull has eye sockets on the sides and a short snout with a wide, U-shaped jaw of a broad, serrated, spoon-shaped teeth suggest it ate plants, like sauropods.

The bones of all sauropod ancestors that scientists have found in recent years are filling in clues about how such giant beasts came to be and when they started eating only plants.

"Everyone loves sauropods because they're the largest animals to have ever walked the earth," Irmis said. "Even the public wants to know, how did this great body size evolve? Specimens like this help us answer those questions."

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Declan Sullivan



“Enthusiastic” best describes Scene contributor Declan Sullivan.

Declan was enthusiastic about music and film, wasn't afraid to jump on a challenging story, strove to come up with interesting twists on arts and entertainment reporting, and always brought energy to the room.

Declan often used his knowledge and training from the Department of Film, Television and Theatre to come up with new leads or provide specialized insight in his writing.

He had a laid-back personality, but he still jumped at the opportunities to secure an interview with artists like Shwayze and comedians like Mike Birbiglia and Michael Ian Black.

He was a friend to many people on The Observer staff, and he will be sorely missed. His coworkers at The Observer shared their memories of him.

- senior Jordan Gamble, Scene Editor

“Although I knew him only briefly, Declan lit up any room he was in for more than 30 seconds. His personality was contagious, and I couldn't help but gravitate toward someone with a passion for life. I will miss your fearlessness and one-of-a-kind sense of humor. You will never be forgotten in the basement of South Dining Hall.”

- junior Chris Masoud, Assistant Sports Editor

“Declan was definitely the quintessential Scene writer, always laid-back and fun to be around but ambitious and enthusiastic about what he wrote. He was always excited to take on challenging interviews that others might find intimidating and his articles were full of creative twists, so there was never a dull moment while editing his work. He was a unique soul, and he will be deeply missed.”

- junior Alexandra Kilpatrick, Assistant Scene Editor

“Declan was a friendly and animated presence in the Observer office. I never saw him without a smile. He will be greatly missed.”

- senior Packy Griffin, Scene Writer

“Editing on a night when Declan was writing always had an air of mystery in it. What exactly is he going to turn in? He had a unique way of expressing his thoughts and opinions about movies, music and everything in-between. His stories were far from conventional. His voice was totally unique and very pervasive in his work. Scene has lost a writer who always kept us from being stale. You will be missed, Declan.”

- junior Maija Gustin, Associate Scene Editor

“I went back and read some of the articles Declan wrote for The Observer. Some of them I now remember reading earlier this year, sitting in South Dining Hall, admiring and being inspired by the work of other Scene writers. To think that we've lost Declan so soon is truly heartbreaking.”

- freshman Ward Pettibone, Scene Writer

“I met Declan my first week of freshman year. Walking into my Theo 101 class, I had no idea what to expect. As I took a seat in the back of the classroom, I took stock of the people around me, unaware of the impact they would have on my life and the friendships we would form. Declan was one of those people.

We quickly formed a bond during that class, and although we ran in different circles, we would often find time to meet up, even after the semester ended. Declan had a way of always making you smile, and no matter how long it had been since he had seen you, he always greeted you with a hug and a genuine inquiry into how your life was going. His signature laugh brightened a room. It was hard to hang out with him and not just love the life you were living.

He will be a sorely missed face on campus, and I cherish every moment that we spent together and every moment that made me laugh.”

- junior Mary Claire O'Donnell, Scene Writer

“I officially met Declan the second week of our freshman year, and we had been friends ever since. The first time we met was when a mutual friend introduced us outside of CoMo. I introduced myself, and he forgot my name about fifteen seconds later. I always knew he felt awful about that incident because he always made sure to say “Hello, Molly!” every other time we met up for the next two years. I'll never forget the money party in Fisher with Declan and his friends freshman year. Campus just feels different without him here. He was an unbelievably kind person and a good friend.”

- junior Molly Sammon, Assistant Sports Editor

“Although I did not know Declan personally I am familiar with his work as I have created graphics to accompany his articles on the Scene page over the years. I believe I speak on behalf of the entire graphics department - staff members past and present - when I say that his honest, upbeat, humorous articles will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.”

- senior Blair Chemidlin, Graphics Editor

“As members of the Notre Dame community, we are all deeply saddened by the news about Declan. It is always sad when a life is cut short at such a young age. We pray that his soul may rest in peace and we also pray for his family in this difficult time.”

- senior Cornelius Rogers, Scene Writer

“I met Declan at an Observer party last year and could tell immediately that he was a genuine person. He wasn't afraid of just being himself. He was the kind of person who didn't take things too seriously, had a great sense of humor and just wanted to have fun. He brought smiles and laughs to so many on this campus. Declan, you will be dearly missed.”

- junior Sara Felsenstein, News Production Editor

“(What) I remember about him was his insistence on attempting to sneak swear words into his articles, giving the whole office a good laugh every time editing his work, secretly wishing we could leave in what he wrote originally. What a horrible, horrible loss.”

- junior Marissa Frobes, Assistant Scene Editor

“I'll always miss Declan's carefree attitude, the way he badly danced like no one was watching him and sang off-key at the top of his lungs like no one was listening. He was one of the funniest guys I'll ever know and I'll miss him.”

- Chris Hine, class of 2009, Editor-in-Chief emeritus

Anyone who would like to share their own memories of Declan can email Jordan Gamble at jgamble@nd.edu

New responses will be added to The Observer's website, ndsmcobserver.com

The Best of Declan in SCENE



This is an excerpt from an article that originally ran in the Feb. 17 issue of *The Observer*.

Okay, so easily the best movie released in the past 12 months was “[500] Days of Summer.” Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, this romantic comedy managed to take a genre that is flooded by awful Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Aniston vehicles and turn it into something with a message on the complexities of modern relationships that, at the same time, remained entertaining due to an offbeat sense of humor, a great soundtrack and visually dazzling moments that conveyed the emotions of the characters in a way that words never could...

“[500] Days” at least deserved a nomination for Best Original Screenplay or Best Actor. That’s not to knock the movies nominated in those categories — they are pretty solid. But the fact that “[500] Days of Summer,” a movie that not only completely changed the way an entire genre is perceived — think “Star Wars” to sci-fi and fantasy movies — but also appeals to nearly every person that it is shown to — I’m talking about coasties-to-stoners range of appeal — did not garner even a single nomination makes me nervous about our society in general...

I’m not saying “[500] Days” deserves to win Best Picture, or even be nominated for it, but looking at some of the movies up for the award, it is at least as

good or better than half on the list. I mean, “Up” was a good movie, but aside from the first 15 minutes, it’s a pretty standard Pixar flick. And I don’t think standard flicks should be rewarded with both Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay nods...

“[500] Days of Summer” deserved the nomination, and you not giving it to them just shows how oblivious you are to the difference between good movies and movies with big budgets and star power. If not giving the nomination seemed like the right move to you, then I don’t want to be right.

P.S. If you haven’t seen “[500] Days of Summer,” you really should. Zooey Deschanel is sooooo hot.



This is an excerpt from an article that originally ran in the Sept. 17, 2009 issue of *The Observer*.

Two weeks ago, a pair of Scene writers interviewed the music duo Shwayze in promotion of their new album “Let It Beat.” The half of the interview involving producer Cisco Adler appeared last week. This is the (printable) portion of the conversation that transpired between Scene writers Mike Bartlett and Declan Sullivan and rapper Aaron Smith, a.k.a. Shwayze...
Mike Bartlett: Anybody else

who’s coming up?

Shwayze: Beardo is coming up, everyone on Banana Beat ... oh, and LMFAO. This tour we’re about to do is going to be out of control. Are we coming to your city?

MB: No! We talked to Cisco about this. You’re going to Des Moines, Iowa, but not to South Bend.

Declan Sullivan: Yeah, talk about a slap in the face!

S: Oh, wow. (Laughs.) How far of a drive is it?

MB: From Malibu to ND?

Declan Sullivan: It might be a bit. (Laughs.)



This is an excerpt from an article that originally ran in the Sept. 16 issue of *The Observer*.

Whereas the focus of Bon Iver is usually on founder Justin Vernon, drummer S. Carey — real name Sean Carey — has been more in the limelight as of late.

His debut album, “All We Grow,” an awesome album to just put on and relax to, was released on Aug. 24 to solid reviews, and he is currently on tour with The Tallest Man on Earth.

Recently, I managed to get a phone interview with Sean and ask him a few questions about

getting into music, making his own album and life as a bonafide celebrity ... well, sort of.

So first the basics: Where are you from, how did you get into music, when did you first want to be in a band, all that stuff?

Sure. I grew up in Lake Geneva, Wisc., and I started playing drums when I was 10. I was into music even before that: my mom is a singer, and my dad is a musician and music teacher. I was listening to a lot of music as a kid, for sure. I remember I saw my oldest sister play in the middle school jazz band, and I thought that

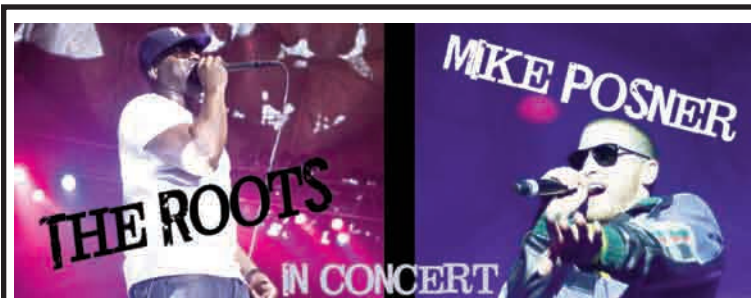
was the coolest thing, especially the drummer.

Really, for jazz band? I used to be in it. I never really pictured it as a cool thing.

(laughs) Yeah, I thought it was really cool. I played in jazz bands until ... well I still do. I definitely thought it was cool; I guess I’m a nerd.

Yeah, I guess everyone who played an instrument in high school was kind of a nerd in one way or another: Join the club on that one. You can’t really bust out the trumpet to get girls.

(laughs) You just picked the wrong instrument.



This article originally ran in the April 12 issue of *The Observer*.

Going into The Roots/Mike Posner concert Saturday, I didn’t really know what to expect. I had never heard of Mike Posner before he was announced as the opener, so I didn’t know a lot about him. I liked The Roots a lot, but many of my favorite songs by them are collaborations or feature substantial guest performances, so I was wary that their live set may not be as good as their production sound.

I showed up late and missed the first few songs of the Mike Posner concert, but what I saw was good. He worked the crowd, encouraged participation and did everything a good entertainer should do. Honestly, however, it just wasn’t memorable. I remember having a good time during his set, but there were no specific moments that I remember because of him — I remember Notre Dame concert security, but that’s for later. Again, it wasn’t a bad concert: it was entertaining, but I probably won’t remember much from it a week from now.

The Roots’ set, however, was epic. The band didn’t really adhere to a set list; instead, they took a much more “jam band” attitude towards the show. They interspersed in their songs short covers of other songs, individual musician showcases and just pure jamming.

They were able to control how the crowd felt at nearly all times, taking the room

from just chilling and bobbing their heads to raging and bouncing in a matter of seconds. The Roots are known for their amazing live sets, and now I know why this is their reputation. Also, their after-show demeanor — namely, the way they catered to the fans by coming out at the end to throw memorabilia into the crowd — was some of the best I’ve seen at a concert.

The only major issue I had with the whole experience was the setting. Notre Dame does not know how to host concerts. I’ve been to concerts at home and concerts at other schools, and both the crowd and the concert security at Notre Dame were both such downers — it was the same for the Matisyahu concert. Some people in the crowd did not even seem like they wanted to be there, and even more were hostile to many actions that I find essential to the concert experience: jamming out, singing, shouting, crowd surfing and moshing, among other things.

Concert security wasn’t any better. In fact, their main purpose there seemed to be to quash any attempt to do anything besides stand stationary, maybe allowing a bit of head bobbing and quiet talking to those around you. If this is your idea of what a concert should be, go to a jazz club or lock the dorm to your room and listen to a CD by yourself in the dark. I like to go to real concerts, not ones that make me yearn a concert thrown in Chicago, at Madison or a junior college.



This is an excerpt from an article that originally ran in the Sept. 10 issue of *The Observer*.

At 9:15 p.m. Friday night, I walked into a nondescript room on the 2nd floor of LaFortune, not really knowing what to expect. I was told that me and a few other students

would be interviewing comedians Mike Birbiglia and Michael Ian Black here ...

After what seemed like an eternity, they finally entered. Michael and Mike were both extremely friendly, introducing themselves personally to everyone in the room and asking for our names...

When Mike Birbiglia came

over to shake my hand, I introduced myself prompting a response of “Hey ... Declan? Like D-U-C-K-L-I-A-N?” Everyone laughed, I corrected him, and then I proceed to giggle like a schoolgirl on the inside, knowing that one of my comedic heroes now has my ridiculous-sounding name ingrained into his head.

Remembering Declan

A sign outside of 443 Fisher Hall reads, "Declan Sullivan, Class of 2012." The sign, a montage of the most whacky — most Declan-esque — pictures his friends could put together, hangs bottom right, next to five similar signs, including my own.

Shane Steinberg

Scene Writer

He was and forever will be a dear friend of ours, because through it all — his legend status during Frosh-O, his invention of "the bus driver" dance, his countless "isms" that could give Yogi Berra a run for his money and all the other memories that now stand suspended in time in our hearts — he was one of us; the "wild card" of our group, ala "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia," and we love him for that.

I came to know Declan through a line from one of his favorite films, "American Beauty:" "There is nothing worse than being ordinary." Declan loved film: the art of how a camera dances at the head of a scene, producing images, that when put together take us to another place and time if only for a moment and make us feel something more than the ordinary. He hoped to inspire that same kind of wonder through his own filmmak-

ing, and it was here at Notre Dame where he cultivated his interest into a talent that dared to be on the edge and would always put a smile on audiences' faces.

At the heart of it all, Declan was a soul wild at heart. To know him was to know an individual who struck a beautiful balance between being fun-loving and constantly driven. When life gave him lemons, instead of making lemonade, he made vodka sour. He was an individual in the truest sense of the word. In the end, there was only one Declan.

It's so hard to think and try to process the reality that Declan is gone. How do we remember someone who made such an impact on our lives when deep down it doesn't feel like he's gone, perhaps because the shock of it all makes us cling to the hope that he'll poke his head through the door?

I think the answer lies in a toast Ray Romano gave at his brother Robert's wedding in "Everybody Loves Raymond:" Editing. Yes, editing. To remember a person is to remember a sum of so many parts — our experiences with, our perceptions of, and everything we associate with that person. In thinking back on Declan, however, it's a series of memories that most readily come



Photo courtesy of Shane Steinberg

Shane, middle, with Declan to his right and other members of their 2010 Bookstore Basketball team, "The Blouses."

to mind, not everything, but the fond memories of a friend who I cared deeply for. Everyone will remember about Declan what they want to remember. For each of us, his friends, his family, and all the members of the Notre Dame community, there are a set of memories that will shape how we remember him. Editing is how we dive through the many pictures

we have and decide which ones to keep. We throw out some and keep the others — the good ones — just the good ones.

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"Them's be fighting words!"

The words slipped out of Declan's mouth smoothly. He gave me a sly look as I shot back a glare.

We were sitting in our weekly Scene section meeting. As usual, I sat at the front of the room, doing my best to simultaneously look authoritative as section editor while also attempting to entertain a small room of distracted, tired and over-worked writers on a Sunday afternoon.

Declan sat to my left. Fast at his side was his partner in crime, Shane Steinberg. The two almost always came as a duo to Scene events, ready to deliver a witty play-by-play of my meeting monologues.

Despite my glare, admittedly I adored their commentary, which kept me sane and eliminated the self-consciousness of taking oneself too seriously. Fortunately for the Scene section, the two also came with a hearty supply of fresh ideas and enthusiastic writing.

This particular verbal spar came from a disagreement about the film "(500) Days of Summer." After some gross overstatement on my part bashing the film, Declan was bold enough

to check my commentary. He, in good journalistic style, backed up his comment with a solid article in Monday's paper.

The entire staff of The Observer appreciated Declan's steady contributions to Scene. I most appreciated his lively spirit that fostered a distinct sense of community within the section.

His willingness to be an active part of our weekly meetings may have seemed a small part of his job description at the time. In hindsight, Declan's reliability in attending Scene meetings put a face to his vivid byline.

Volunteering for article assignments that no one else wanted and his witty repartee were not included in his job description. But going beyond the call of duty, Declan set himself apart as a valuable member of the Scene family that allowed us to flourish creatively, professionally and socially.

Declan's death has highlighted the enduring and supportive quality of the community that he helped build. Declan was an enthusiastic cheerleader to section bonding. No one can deny that he shined when rallying other Scene staffers to attend parties together.

Declan, laughing and cheering, would egg us on at the annual Christmas Party as we lost yet another competition to the Sports section. Our losses could never be attributed to Declan. Eager and willing, he was a solid member of our team, who

always pulled his weight.

Many have already commented on Declan's relaxed disposition that put people readily at ease. His sense of bold humor added a distinct complement to his laid-back attitude.

Declan frequently showed up to our meetings in sweats. His knit cap was almost always pulled tightly down around his head. His hair poked out and his eyes seemed bleary from what undoubtedly had been another great or, as Declan liked to put it, "epic" weekend.

I remember one month in particular that I spent hounding the Scene staff to take headshots for their bylines. I'd look over at Declan, in his sweats and hat, and feel a creeping suspicion that he'd ignore my trivial request in his busy, fun-loving life. Even when I finished my term as Scene Editor, I never got more than a shoulder shrug when I asked Declan if he'd gotten his photo yet.

Today I discovered that Declan did, in fact, take his headshot. Declan's headshot is the photo you have seen on television and in newspapers.

When I sat down to read the coverage of Declan's death, I felt weighed down by a heavy heart. Nonetheless, I couldn't help but laugh when I saw that his elusive headshot was the photo most frequently used to memorialize him.

The story behind his headshot seemed fitting for a relaxed spirit with a wry sense of irony and humor. It seemed equally fitting that he looks

young, bright and smiley in the photo.

When recalling someone's story like Declan's, I admittedly only have glances. Fortunately, those glances are simple yet shining peeks.

Declan beaming as the Scene team loses another competition to the Sports section at The Observer Christmas party. Declan, in his knit cap, poking fun at our weekly meetings, keeping the daily grind from becoming too mundane. Declan jovially picking an "indier-than-thou" fight with me over articles.

Declan's bold comment of "Them's be fighting words" often drifts through my head. Whenever I find myself in need of a pep talk, weirdly enough Declan's crafty smile and that phrase pops into my head. With that little bit of inspiration, I feel assured that I'm on the right track, living life boldly in the eyes of someone who indiscriminately brought life to weekly meetings and Christmas parties alike.

Declan's story, his life and his death, inspires us to live life confidently, celebrating being young and alive. With a ready embracing of life's preciousness, we can remember Declan's example with gratitude, laughter and a renewed sense of inspiration to seize a well-lived life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In honor of Declan

In a noisy Fisher quad so recently visited, the dim lights shed evidence of a sea of young students, shouting and joking just audibly above the buzz of sharply selected music. A white MacBook endlessly streams a random bootlegged copy of some obscure movie that nobody has ever heard of, save for one person. The classmates collect all over the quad sharing stories of the hilarious day-to-days of each other, the friends swimming in the quad amidst a freshly-painted mosaic of random film books and beer can pyramids, collections that chalk up evidence of hard work and a successful party thrown the week prior. As the laughter increases and the music buzzes, I can't help but direct my smile to the center of the room. I'm drawn to the goofy, sprawled out Declan Sullivan as he so smiles with the sincerity and confidence unique to a lost generation. For that moment, I feel at home.

This moment no longer exists. That vivid, seemingly uncharacteristic memory of a brief moment in time has since come and gone. The party died down long ago, and what should remain in the center of the room has now turned into a memory held by the few so fortunate. An individual with unexplainable talent and limitless growth is no longer with us. Declan, the product of creativity and a yearning to share a vision, is now the victim of another moment in time. This time, the lights are off. The room is silent. All that remains is a memory.

As I sit here writing this, silently fighting back vicious waves of emotions on every point of the spectrum, I'm surprisingly comforted. Declan had an uncharacteristic confidence that can't be described through any normal standards. He recognized the realities of life and sought true happiness through the pursuit of that which matters most: family, friends, experiences and lasting memories. We as Notre Dame students search for meaning by subjecting ourselves to systems and standards and place unconscionable amounts of pressures on ourselves to succeed. Just like Declan, we are brought into this world to experience the true wonders of life, the miracles that have absolutely nothing to do with the trivialities us as Notre Dame students know all too well. We do this all with the hope in the back of our minds that these tests, homework, competitions and projects will somehow bring us closer to feeling "right," that working hard in a system valued as true will bring the truth we so desperately crave, the same truth Declan lived every day in his life. We rely so much on success through the perspectives disciplined by years of self-conditioning that it has to take tragedies like this for all of us to stumble back and ask what just happened.

As Ferdinand Foch once wrote, "The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire." I reflect back on my fantastic memories with Declan here at Notre Dame, and I can't help but smile. Much like Declan did in the center of that crowded room in one of the hundreds of moments with my friend, I've got a smile on my face and a laugh in my heart, because Declan, wherever he may be, knows that I finally see what he's seen his entire life. It's the drive to seek success through family, friends, experiences, and lasting memories that gave Declan the fire in his soul to become an unquestionably powerful figure for all who dared to know him. A presence encountered but for just a moment.

The noisy Fisher quad comes back to life; the lights and music jump right back on. The students suddenly return to crowd a noisy quad, laughing and sharing stories much like before. While we stare to the center of a room that's seemingly vacant, we share true laughter for the first time, smiling with the sincerity and confidence that is no longer unique to us anymore. We see Declan smiling back with that goofy smile and ridiculous laugh, made palpable by the many moments with a friend who stood for something so much bigger than us. As we look to each other and emulate Declan's goofy smile, we're all at ease, because we understand for the first time. We're finally home.

God bless Dec, we'll forever love and miss you. We know you're home too.

Mark Anthony Rosa
junior
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Oct. 28

Our Notre Dame family

Since before I was a student at Notre Dame, I've heard of the incredible strength and unmatched support felt once a part of the Notre Dame Family. Never has the truth of that statement been more apparent to me than last night, as I sat at the Grotto and witnessed the silent strength of our student body grieving the loss of our classmate, Declan Sullivan.

I saw you, girls from the 6 chick down the hall, lined up along the pew, sharing in the grief and supporting one another. I saw you, couple from Calculus class, gazing at the flickering candles, and holding hands in prayer. I saw you, boy from my engineering class last semester, light a candle for your lost classmate. I saw you, groups of friends and sections of dorms, gathered in prayer. Then, I saw you, men of Fisher Hall. I saw you walk together and stand in support of one another. And I witnessed you all say a decade of the rosary.

The final words of the memorial, I could not hear, because the most magnificent and mighty wind gust blew. The blast of wind swirled leaves and howled so loudly; I closed my eyes. And when it ended, there was a calm. And I opened my eyes and saw the Grotto filled with people, and I know everyone there felt God's presence in that windblast.

Seeing my classmates support one another was a beautiful thing. At times, I could not see the light of candles because of the number of people gathered to pray together. Fr. Jenkins said mass at Lewis last night, and he encouraged us to reach out to one another in this time of great sorrow. Seeing so many of the Notre Dame Family, uniting in prayer and supporting one another, was a reminder of what a strong bond we all share, and what a blessing it is to be a part of it. We are Notre Dame.

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'Declan-esque pictures'

Photos courtesy of Lauren Keating, Matthew Gates, Melissa Guinan and Shane Steinberg



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For further reflections and more of Declan's Observer work, check out ndsmcobserver.com

MLB

Hamilton battles at bat, with old addiction

Associated Press

He was the can't miss kid, a talent so prodigious that he may have rewritten the record books had things gone according to plan.

When cocaine meant more to Josh Hamilton than life itself, though, baseball didn't stand a chance.

"All I could think about was how to get and use more drugs," Hamilton said a few days ago. "I mean that's all I cared about and all I thought about."

Blessed with tremendous ability, he was equally cursed by tremendous desires. They almost cost him his career, and could have cost him his life.

On Thursday night, Hamilton was batting third and playing center field for the Texas Rangers in Game 2 of the World Series. If his team ends up winning the championship, he'll be the one being doused on the field with ginger ale instead of champagne.

He plays a game where failure comes easier than success. But his time on the field may be the easiest part of a life he struggles to live every day.

By now it's become a routine, because a routine makes it that much harder to stray. For a baseball player, the temptations of life can often be magnified by the temptations of the road.

"You don't necessarily wake up in the morning and think about it — I'm not going to drink today or I'm not going to

use drugs today," Hamilton said. "You have things in place. You wake up in the morning and pray. I do my Bible study in the morning and at night when I get home. I listen to Christian music and country music. There's a lot of things I had to change as far as what I was doing and what kind of life I was leading to make my life better."

The years it took him to change are lost forever, which one day may cost him a place in

baseball history. Hamilton is 29 now. The alcohol and drugs that were so much a part of his life kept him out of the major leagues far longer than Tampa Bay ever imagined when it made him

the No. 1 pick in 1999 and signed him to a \$4 million bonus.

Watch what he did to the Yankees in the playoffs, though, and it's hard to believe that this is a guy who has barely played the equivalent of three full years in the bigs.

The best player in baseball has just really started to play.

"I think that we might not give him enough credit for what he has accomplished in a short period of time," Rangers president Nolan Ryan said before Game 2. "The scouts are telling everybody, don't let Josh Hamilton beat you and don't pitch to Josh Hamilton."

The Giants didn't exactly follow that advice in the opener and somehow managed to get away with it. Hamilton went hitless in four at-bats before drawing a walk his final time up in a losing effort.

Without their star, though, the Rangers wouldn't even be here. Hamilton carried them against the Yankees, batting .350 with four home runs and so intimidating opposing pitchers that they issued him an ALCS-record five intentional walks, including three in the Game 6 clincher.

"He's capable of doing this for many, many years into the future, and I think the more he plays, the more he begins to understand, and the better he will be," manager Ron Washington said. "He makes our lineup go."

What makes Hamilton go is a little more complex. By his own count, his battles with addiction put him in and out of eight different rehab centers and, as the years went on and the bonus money ran out, he started thinking that maybe he would never play baseball again.

But after serving several suspensions for positive drug tests in the minor leagues he finally made it to the majors with Cincinnati in 2007. And now he's the certain American League MVP after hitting .359 with 32 home runs and 100 RBI in the regular season.

The temptations, though, remain. Hamilton had a relapse in a bar in January of last year that came to light months later when embarrassing pictures were posted online.

He doesn't go out much now and, when he does, carries little cash to reduce the chances he might head to a bar to spend it.



Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington, left, and Josh Hamilton watch from the dugout during Game 1 of the World Series.

His idea of a big night on the road is hanging out and playing Xbox with pitcher C.J. Wilson, who doesn't party.

He understands how fortunate he's been, and he doesn't shy from talking about it. In a way, it's a form of therapy.

"I feel very blessed because a lot of folks don't get second chances," Hamilton said. "Drug and alcohol, they kill. That's as simple as it gets. You know what it feels like to get high or to drink. You know that little glimpse of (how) good it is. But

think of all the bad stuff that can come from it. Think about killing somebody, waking up the next day not knowing what you did the night before. All the bad consequences greatly outweigh that little bit of feeling good."

Hamilton's teammates respect his battle so much they surprised him by pulling out ginger ale to spray on their slugger when the Rangers beat the Rays to open the playoffs. If the Rangers win, he'll almost surely be the one leading them to the championship.

NBA

Spurs, Pacers face off in opening game

Associated Press

If this is the last go-around for San Antonio's Big Three, they got off to a familiar-looking start together.

"I think we're going to see that a lot this year," said Spurs guard Tony Parker, beginning the final season of his contract.

The Spurs hope so. Tim Duncan had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Manu Ginobili scored 22 points and Parker had 20, pushing the Spurs past a shaky defensive performance and the Indiana Pacers in a

122-109 victory on Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

San Antonio blew an early double-digit lead and didn't shake off the Pacers for good until the fourth quarter. It came after what was apparently a stern wake-up call about defense from coach Gregg Popovich at halftime.

"He was not really happy," Parker said. "I'll leave it at that."

Added Duncan, "We don't want to give up 100-plus every night."

Roy Hibbert led Indiana with 28 points and Danny Granger had 26. Darren Collison scored 19 points in his debut for the Pacers.

"We went stagnant on offense," Granger said. "We froze."

The Pacers, coming off a dreadful 32-win season, showed promise before squandering a close game. They erased an early 10-point deficit thanks to Hibbert, who was 10 of 17 from the field, and carried a slim lead late into the third.

But the Spurs pulled away in

the fourth.

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

Ginobili was 5 of 9 from behind the 3-point line in a familiar Big Three-led win for the Spurs. How much longer the championship trio will be together is in doubt with Parker's contract situation, though the star point guard has

repeatedly said he wants to remain in San Antonio.

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

"All three played pretty well for the first game of the season," Ginobili said. "And when that happens, everything becomes better." Collison was 7 of 13 and had seven assists.

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MLB

Guillen involved in shipments of illegal drugs

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Giants outfielder Jose Guillen, left off the team's postseason roster, is linked to a federal investigation into shipments of performance-enhancing drugs, The New York Times reported on its website Thursday night.

The story, citing several unidentified lawyers, said federal authorities told Major League Baseball they were looking into shipments

of human growth hormone, allegedly sent to Guillen's wife in the Bay Area.

That was just before the postseason began, The Times said. Guillen was left off the Giants' roster for all three rounds because of a nagging neck injury, according to manager Bruce Bochy.

A person in Major League Baseball confirmed the investigation to The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the probe was

ongoing.

"I don't know anything about it and right now I don't have a comment," Bochy said.

Jay Reisinger, Guillen's attorney, also declined comment in an e-mail. San Francisco beat the Texas Rangers 9-0 on Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Guillen's teammates were surprised to learn of the investigation. "Hmmm, I never heard about it," Eugenio Velez said. "Wow."

Pablo Sandoval also had no

knowledge of Guillen's situation and would not comment.

It was a bit of a surprise when Guillen wasn't included on the Giants' roster for their first playoff series against Atlanta. And while other players who were left off — including \$126 million pitcher Barry Zito — have been around throughout the team's October run, Guillen has been curiously absent.

Hitting coach Hensley Meulens said he hadn't been in contact with

Guillen since the playoffs began.

"I have no clue, no idea," Meulens said upon being told of the investigation.

The 34-year-old Guillen has been tied to performance-enhancing drugs before. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 2007 that he allegedly purchased more than \$19,000 worth of HGH, steroids and other drugs from the Palm Beach Rejuvenation Center between May 2002 and June 2005.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prep for MIAA championship event

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

The Belles hope to conquer their division foes and secure their best conference finish in program history at the MIAA Championships this weekend.

Saint Mary's currently sits in third place in the MIAA, and will face Calvin, Hope, Adrian, Albion, Alma, Kalamazoo, Trine and Olivet.

The Belles enter the race fresh off a second-place finish at the Manchester Invitational two weeks ago. Manchester College edged Saint Mary's by just seven points. Though they were unable to win, the Belles set 12 new personal records.

The team will turn to seniors Julia Kenney and Catie Salyer, junior Joanne Almond and sophomore Emma Baker — the top four runners from the Manchester Invitational — to lead them to a win. At Manchester, Kenney finished third overall with a time of 23:09. Almond finished sixth at 23:34. Baker and Salyer were neck and neck to secure the ninth and tenth places at

24:08 and 24:09, respectively.

Belles coach Jacqueline Bauters said that the Manchester Invitational was one of the team's best performances of the season. With the Belles well prepared physically, she is now focused on preparing them mentally for the MIAA Championships.

"Really, this past week was a lot of making sure we're healthy and mentally focused on what we are going out to achieve," Bauters said. "The team has, in my opinion, put together a memorable season thus far and I'd really like to see them cap it off with some real success in our MIAA competition."

She said a hallmark of the Belles game has been their camaraderie and teamwork.

"We work a lot on working together and hopefully that will carry over come race time for some great outcomes," Bauters said.

The Belles head to host Calvin College Saturday for the 2010 MIAA Championships.

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SMC SWIMMING & DIVING

Saint Mary's hosts dual meet

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hosts its annual home meet this afternoon at the Rolfs Aquatic Center at Notre Dame with Wabash and MIAA foe Kalamazoo coming to town.

The Belles are coming off two strong finishes in their first two contests of the season.

Saint Mary's opened the season at the Dennis Stark Relays hosted by Notre Dame, where the Belles finished in fourth place out of 112 teams behind three Division I teams — Notre Dame, Illinois State, and Valparaiso.

In the Relays, the Belles had three third-place finishes, including the 400-yard medley relay, 400-yard backstroke

relay and the 400-yard free relay. Junior Tina Koswenda also finished third in the combination diving event.

The Belles next competed in the MIAA Relays, a non-scoring event.

The Belles had their top finish in the 3x500-yard free relay with sophomore Liz Palmer and juniors Audrey Dalrymple and Megan Price taking fifth place in the event.

The Belles also took sixth place in four events that day, including the 200-yard backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly relays, as well as the 400-meter medley relay.

The 200-yard butterfly relay team consisted of Dalrymple, freshman Genevieve Spittler, sophomore Liz Litke and sophomore Katie Griffin.

Last season against Kalamazoo, the Belles fell

180-107, but had some strong finishes including first place finishes by Dalrymple and sophomore Ellie Watson.

Waston took first place in the 1000- and 500-yard free style events, while Griffin earned the top spot in the 100-yard breaststroke as well as the 100-yard butterfly events.

Dalrymple took home first in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley events. Dalrymple took second in the 100-yard breaststroke behind Griffin.

After this event the Belles will take almost a month off before they travel to the University of Chicago for its Invitational the weekend of Nov. 19-21.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Top seed Dillon to take on neighbor Fisher

Alumni faces off against underdog Vermin after taking first loss; Experienced Sorin takes on young Morrissey squad

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Sports Writers

There will be no neighborly love this Sunday as Fisher braves the vaunted defense of Dillon in the first round of playoff games.

As the regular season champion of not only the Green League but also all of interhall, No. 1-seed Dillon has been consistently dominant throughout the season, with increasing victory margins of 8, 8, 19, and 29. Dillon's methodical passing game, especially the combination of freshman quarterback Kevin Fink and sophomore wide receiver Will Salvi, has been the cornerstone of the Big Red's offense. The duo has been known to remain on the field late after practice, and their effort showed throughout the regular season.

"[Fink and Salvi] play really well together," senior captain Jordan Smith said. "We'll definitely take our shots downfield and if it keeps working we'll keep going to it."

The Big Red's defense has also proved formidable throughout the year. Coming off a shutout of Keough last week, the Dillon defense looks to keep up the intensity.

"Defensively we want to build off of last weeks game," Smith said. "Defense came out really intense, flying around, hitting hard, celebrating after plays, and that's what we want."

Though Dillon's strength on both sides of the ball is undeniable, No. 8 Fisher does not intend to go down without a fight. The Green Wave's

notoriously physical defense has hassled all its opponents throughout the season, particularly its tough blitzing. Though Fisher has faced some struggles offensively, its last game against St. Ed's saw great improvement.

"Our offense started to click against St. Ed's," senior captain Michael McMahon said. "The key on Sunday will be having our offense work like it did against [St. Ed's]."

As a team that has not earned a trip to the playoffs in three years, Fisher is approaching Sunday's game with enthusiasm and confidence.

"[Dillon] is the number one seed but we're not going to be scared by them," McMahon said. "We're excited and we're not holding anything back because it's playoff time. We're happy to be back [in the playoffs] and I think we're peaking at the right time."

With the possibility of a major upset looming, Fisher will take on Dillon Sunday at 1 p.m.

Alumni vs. Carroll

The little dorm that could will begin their march to the Stadium this Sunday as Carroll will begin their playoff schedule against one of the most impressive teams of the 2010 season in Alumni.

The No. 6 seeded Vermin (3-1) completed an unlikely march to the playoffs behind a team with a roster composed of more than one-half freshmen players. Carroll's new philosophy of hard work and youth has them in position to upset some bigger dorms in the postseason.

"Good commitment to practices and a solid work ethic has made a big difference this year," sophomore captain Keith Marrero said.

Carroll's freshman quarterback Jake Gardner, along with freshman receiver and cornerback Bobby Dorman, who returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the opening game, will look to continue the Vermin revival on Sunday. In addition, junior running back Nick Tammerine is another key to a multi-faceted offensive attack.

Meanwhile, the No. 3 seeded Dawgs (3-1) have come back from a down year in 2009, due largely to a strong core group of juniors taking leadership roles including junior captain and running back Dan Dansdill.

A Dawgs' defense that surrendered a mere 14 points in four regular season games will look to counter the Carroll attack.

"We're running the same defense we did in 2009, but leadership combined with strong freshman and sophomore editions have led to better execution," Dansdill said.

On offense, the Dawgs run the triple option attack behind junior running backs Barrick Bollman and Dansdill, but freshman quarterback Will Cronin can also throw the occasional pass.

Both teams enter the game with sour tastes in their mouths from losses to end the regular season. Previously winless Knott upset Alumni in an 8-0 shutout, which was largely a meaningless game for the Dawgs with a playoff spot in hand.

Carroll, meanwhile, was blown out 20-2 by No. 2 seeded Sorin, who easily proved to be the Vermin's toughest regular season test.

"We took [the loss] with a grain of salt," Marrero said. "But at the same time we used it to improve some of our weaknesses in prac-



GRACE TOBIN/The Observer

Sorin sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli carries the ball in an Oct. 10 game against Zahm. Sorin will face Morrissey this Sunday.

tice."

The two strong squads will face off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Sorin vs. Morrissey

No. 2 seed Sorin and No. 7 seed Morrissey face off this weekend as the Manor attempts to pull off a first round upset and advance to the second round of the playoffs.

Junior wide receiver Bobby Sullivan said the Otters (3-1) have been training all week in preparation for their battle against the Manor (2-2).

"We all stayed here last week to get ready for this. We did a lot of pool workouts underwater with a weighted ball," Sullivan said. "So basically we're just hoping we can stay afloat on Sunday."

Sorin receiver Ryan Robinson said he heard the Manorites have also been busy in the weight room this week in hopes of upsetting Sorin.

"I heard they've been doing a lot of weightlifting and stuff," he said.

Morrissey is anticipating strong performances by their freshmen.

"Early in the season we switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4, and that was a big switch for us because we're a young team with a lot of quick kids who can hit hard," Morrissey junior linebacker Tommy Montalbano said.

Sullivan, though, said the Otters were only aware of one young Manorite, and they weren't even sure of his exact identity.

"We hear that they have a pretty good freshman," Sullivan said. "We don't know what position he plays, but they've been letting freshmen do the talking."

The Otters' special teams unit is due for a dominant performance with two exceptional kickers ready to lead the team.

"Special teams is going to carry Sorin all the way to the stadium," sophomore kicker Connor Wathen said. "It's all about the kicking game. They've got two great kickers, [myself] and [senior] Michael Browder."

Morrissey is not studying the scouting report on Sorin, however, because their only concern is their own performance.

"We don't know a whole lot about Sorin, but our business is to know about Morrissey," Montalbano said. "I think we know what we've got, and we're feeling pretty good going into Sunday."

Morrissey also has not forgotten about their former teammate who is currently playing for Sorin.

"There's an ex-Morrissey Manorite on Sorin," sophomore safety and captain Alex Oloriz said. "We'll be looking for him."

The Otters and the Manor will face off Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Stanford vs. Siegfried

When Siegfried takes the field

against Stanford this weekend, more than a mere playoff game will ride in the balance. With a successful playoff run – which begins against the Griffins – Siegfried can establish itself as a dynasty.

The No. 5 Ramblers (3-1) bring in with them the top defense in the men's league, giving up just over 3 points per game. After pitching shutouts in their first two games, the Siegfried defense has allowed all their points in the past two games, including a loss to Alumni.

No. 4 Stanford (3-1), on the other hand, thrives on offense. The Griffins, led by senior quarterback and captain Tony Rizzo and junior wide receiver Griffin Naylor, average just under 16 points a game.

"We're going to stick with what we've been doing all season long," Rizzo said. "We really only struggled in one game all season so we're keeping with our general strategy."

Naylor is the main playmaker on offense and came up big last week with a touchdown catch and a big snag on a key fourth-down play.

"He's a big player for us but I think we have a lot of big playmakers," Rizzo said.

Siegfried senior left tackle and captain Michael McDonnell, however, believes in his strong defense, led by senior defensive lineman Pat Kelly.

"We've made a few personnel and scheme changes," McDonnell said. "We are well aware of how potent [the] Stanford [offense] is and think our hard work and time in practice can help us finally stop them."

Although the Ramblers are the two-time defending champions, this team has its own identity.

"We're a different team than the last couple years," McDonnell, who will be seeking to end his career with three straight titles, said. "We have a few guys back with experience but we have our own identity."

While this will be the first official playoff game for both teams, each played in seemingly must-win games last week in order to secure their spot in the playoffs. Siegfried knocked off Morrissey while Stanford shut out O'Neill.

"It gave us a lot of confidence to win that game," Rizzo said. "I'm happy we bounced back and now we want to prove that loss [to Dillon] was just a bad game."

When Stanford's unstoppable force meets Siegfried's immovable object, sparks are sure to fly. Kick off is set for Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Cavanaugh squares off with wild card McGlinn

Farley and Pangborn meet in offensive battle; top-seeded Howard seeks a repeat after undefeated regular season

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Sports Writers

As No. 3-seed Cavanaugh carries its perfect record into the playoffs, an underdog No. 6-seed McGlinn team will rely on its experienced offense to provide the spark needed to pull off the first round upset.

Cavanaugh (4-0) steamrolled through its division in the regular season. The Chaos compiled a 42-point differential en route to a perfect record. To ensure their continued success, the Chaos don't feel the need to overhaul their playbook or style of play, but instead turn their attention to the little things.

"We are just trying to fine-tune all of our plays and get our execution down," senior wide receiver Holly Hinz said. "Try to not really put anything new in, just try and perfect what we have."

The biggest change that Cavanaugh will face in the playoffs, Hinz said, is playing teams that they haven't seen before. The Chaos will face such a team this week, as they will line up against an experienced McGlinn (2-2) squad for the first time this year.

"We have a lot of seniors and juniors on the team," McGlinn senior cornerback Caitlin Carlin said. "I think it's going to help us in the playoffs, having been there before. Playoffs are a different level game-wise, so the upperclassmen and their leadership are going to be helpful for the younger girls on the team."

The Shamrocks made the playoffs despite a four-point negative differential in the regular season, but they won't let any regular season struggles affect their playoff goals.

"The championship game and winning the championship would be our goal," Carlin said.

Still, McGlinn realizes that it has a long way to go and a lot to prove before they get a shot at the championship.

"We are just focusing on Cavanaugh for the first week and going from there," Carlin said.

Cavanaugh is also taking its road to the Stadium one game at a time, as it is careful not to overlook McGlinn in the first round.

"I think just coming out with intensity now that its playoff time [is key]," Hinz said. "It's really anything can happen, any team can win. We just have to make sure, when we come out, that we are ready to play."

Cavanaugh and McGlinn will face off at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Farley vs. Pangborn

No. 4-seed Farley will take on No. 5-seed Pangborn this Sunday in the first round of the playoffs.

The Phoxes (3-1) and the Phoxes (3-1) both understand what it means to make the playoffs in such a competitive league.

"Making it to playoffs means that you have to show up ready to play your very best and expect the other team to do the same," Farley senior captain Molly Casanova said. "Entering

playoffs is a reminder that you can't take any team lightly."

Pangborn senior captain Gabby Tate is eager to show that her team has what it takes to play in Notre Dame Stadium for the championship. Last year, the Phoxes suffered a disappointing loss to Pasquerilla West in the semi-final game, falling just short of this goal.

"Ever since the beginning of the year, we have ended every practice by putting our hands together and shouting 'stadium'," Tate said. "Playing in [Notre Dame] Stadium has been a dream of mine ever since I first heard about interhall flag football on my campus tour as a high school senior. If we play each playoff game like I know we can, we fully expect to play in the championship."

Both teams are preparing vigorously, hosting extra practices this week and developing new offensive and defensive schemes based on the opposition.

"We will be having an intense practice on Thursday because we want to give Farley everything we got," Tate said. "Our coaches scouted Farley and we are working on some new plays based on their defense and our defense is working on ways to stop Farley's versatile quarterback."

The Finest will be looking to their tough defense to once again perform and hold Pangborn in check.

"I think our greatest strength is with our defense being able to limit the amount of points that are scored on us and allowing the offense more chances for possessions," Casanova said.

The game will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Howard vs. Welsh Family

No. 1-seed Howard will look to continue its regular season dominance, while No. 8-seed Welsh Family is looking to build on newfound momentum and pull off the upset when the two sides clash this Sunday.

The Ducks (4-0) have cruised through Blue League play, winning all four of their games by an average margin of 20 points. Last week, they beat Pasquerilla East 26-0, clinching the top seed in the process. Even more encouraging for senior captain Kayla Bishop is that Howard is playing its best football when it counts.

"It felt really good to keep progressing last week," Bishop said.

Bishop is especially pleased with her defense, which has given up only 13 points all year.

"Our defense has really stepped up individually," Bishop said. "We've done a great job of covering our receivers and getting pressure on the quarterback."

The Ducks can only hope that this year's playoff run is as successful as last year's, when they capped an undefeated season with a win in the championship game over Pasquerilla West.

"Going to the stadium last year was such a cool experience, especially for a dorm as small as Howard," Bishop said. "That said, we expect Welsh Family to come out and play with a lot of heart. We're tak-

ing them very seriously."

The Whirlwinds (2-2) secured the last playoff spot in a pressure-packed 20-12 win over Ryan last week. That win was the culmination of an improbable turnaround for Welsh Family, which suffered a string of injuries in its first game and was forced to forfeit its second. The next week, they were able to field a team and went on to two close wins over Walsh and Ryan. After the rough start, they now sit just three wins from a championship.

"The first couple of games were frustrating, but we had confidence that we could get through it," Whirlwinds senior captain Cari Pick said. "Now that we have that momentum, we feel we should be able to keep it going."

While the odds may seem long, Pick doesn't think her squad is done just yet.

"We're expecting Howard to be tough, but we've been working well as a team in practice," Pick said. "We think we're up to the challenge."

The quarterfinal showdown will take place 1 p.m. Sunday.

Pasquerilla West vs. Lewis

This Sunday No. 1-seed Pasquerilla West seeks to advance in the playoffs against wild card No. 7-seed Lewis. Both teams are confident going into their first playoff game coming off victories in their regular season finales.

The Pyros, led by senior captain Libby Koerbel, hope to keep their momentum moving

at full force after a strong regular season.

"We, like every one else, are coming off fall break, but we have had some good practices this week," Koerbel said. "We are not going to underestimate Lewis. We know they are a good team."

Lewis, led by senior defensive lineman Sarah Ceponis and senior cornerback Mary McKeever, is excited to see what noise it can make in the playoffs.

"As the wild card, we realize our reputation is not as strong theirs, but we are excited to show them, and everyone else what we can do," Ceponis said.

Offensively, Lewis is led by sophomore quarterback Connaught Blood and freshman wide receiver Colleen Haller.

"Blood has been making crucial plays for us all season," Ceponis said. "When Blood finds Haller on the field, good things happen for us."

Pasquerilla West hopes to counter the dangerous passing

attack of Lewis with their ball-hawking defense.

"We have had an interception in every game so far this season," Koerbel said. "We want more in this game. We want to keep consistent pressure on Lewis's quarterback."

Lewis is also confident in their defensive prospects in the upcoming matchup.

"We have a lot of new faces on defense this year, but everyone has come together and we are very confident defensively," Ceponis said.

Both teams hope to keep their seasons alive an advance to the next level in their respective quests to conquer the playoffs and ultimately reach Notre Dame Stadium. Pasquerilla West and Lewis face off this Sunday at 4 p.m.

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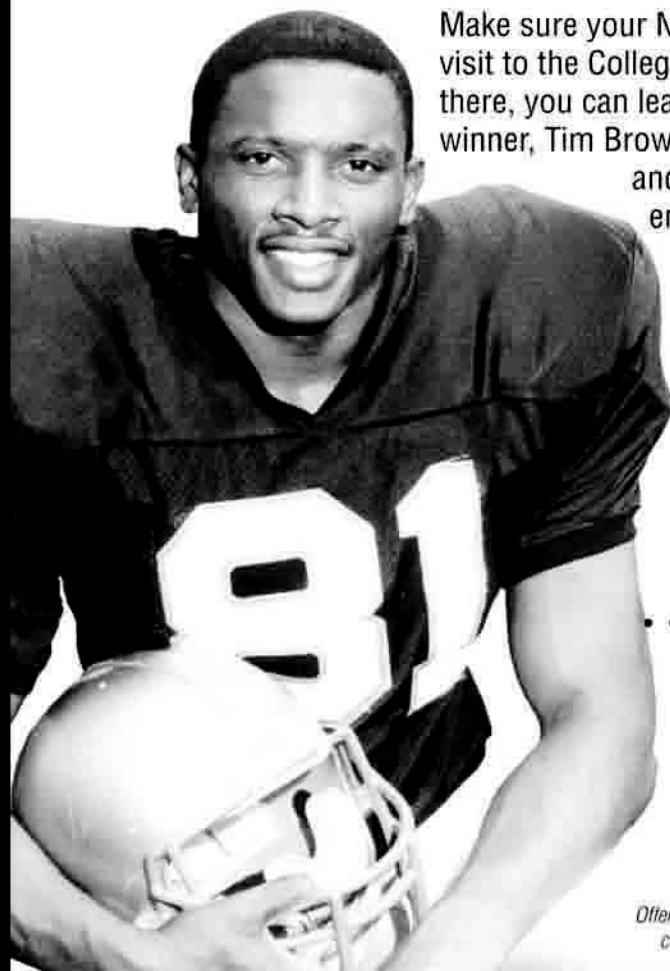
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Squad competes in Texas tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

With a sixth-place finish against some of the top teams in the nation at their last event, the No. 18 Irish have had a successful fall season, which they will try to continue Sunday and early next week as they travel to San Antonio for the Alamo Invitational.

The Irish had one of their top finishes of the 2009-10 season last year at the Alamo, where then-senior Annie Brophy tied for first place and Notre Dame finished tied for second of 12 teams with a final team round of 292. In hopes of repeating that result this season, the team has been working on its own weaknesses.

"The team and I have been working on what we thought we needed to work on based on our performance last weekend," senior So-Hyun Park said. "Each of us had different areas to work on so we've been focusing to practice on those areas."

The successful results have continued this fall as the Irish have taken the title in two of their four contests. Notre Dame defeated 10 teams, including rivals Michigan State and Kent State, at the Michigan State Mary Fossom Invite to commence the season on Sept. 26, and followed up the victory with another over 12 teams hosting the William K. Warren Invite on Oct. 2-3.

Notre Dame placed fifth out of 15 schools at the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship in Knoxville, Tenn. earlier this month, and most recently performed well at the Landfall Tradition Invite at the Dye Golf Course in Wilmington, N.C. The Irish carded their best round of the tournament on the

final day of play on Oct. 24, posting an 8-over round of 296. The total was also the lowest of all 18 teams for the day, and launched the team from their seventh-place spot after Day 2 to sixth after a three-round total of 896. No. 5 UCLA won the tournament with a final score of 880.

Junior Becca Huffer led for Notre Dame with a sixth-place individual finish after a third-round mark of 73, and a 54-hole total of 218. She was one stroke behind the fifth-place finisher from North Carolina. In her first two seasons on the Irish squad, Huffer has become the program's all-time leader in career stroke average with a 75.24 in 63 rounds of play.

The team's two freshmen, Nicole Zhang and Kristina Nhim were also central to Notre Dame's sixth-place finish. Zhang tied for 17th individually, and Nhim tied for 26th. Seniors Park and Katie Conway rounded out the Irish scoring effort with rounds of 75 and 74, respectively, to finish Day 3.

Notre Dame will face 13 teams at the University of Texas at San Antonio event, held at the Briggs Ranch Golf Club. Among the competitors will be No. 13 Tulane, No. 17 Colorado, TCU and Texas A&M.

"I think we have a great chance to win this tournament if we just play like we've been playing so far," Park said. "We've been very consistent throughout the semester so if we can keep posting low scores, we can bring the trophy home."

A practice round will begin on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and the first round will tee off at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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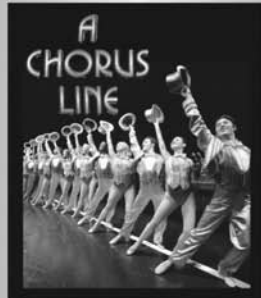
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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's hosts Kalamazoo and Wabash

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hosts its annual home meet this afternoon at the Rolfs Aquatic Center at Notre Dame with Wabash and MIAA foe Kalamazoo coming to town.

The Belles are coming off two strong finishes in their first two contests of the season.

Saint Mary's opened the season at the Dennis Stark Relays hosted by Notre Dame, where the Belles finished in fourth place out of 112 teams behind three Division I teams — Notre Dame, Illinois State, and Valparaiso.

In the Relays, the Belles had three third-place finishes, including the 400 medley relay, 400 backstroke relay and the 400 free relay. Junior Tina Koswenda also finished third in the combination diving event.

The Belles next competed in the MIAA Relays, a non-scoring event.

The Belles had their top finish in the 3x500 free relay with sophomore Liz Palmer and juniors Audrey Dalrymple and Megan Price taking fifth place in the

event.

The Belles also took sixth place in four events that day, including the 200 backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly relays, as well as the 400 medley relay.

The 200 butterfly relay team consisted of Dalrymple freshman Genevieve Spittler, sophomore Liz Litke and sophomore Katie Griffin.

Last season against Kalamazoo, the Belles fell 180-107, but had some strong finishes including first place finishes by Dalrymple and sophomore Ellie Watson.

Waston took first place in the 1000 and 500 free style events, while Griffin earned the top spot in the 100 breaststroke as well as the 100 butterfly events.

Dalrymple took home first in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley events. Dalrymple took second in the 100 breaststroke behind Griffin.

After this event the Belles will take almost a month off before they travel to the University of Chicago for its Invitational the weekend of Nov. 19-21.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish travel to East Lansing for meet

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to protect its perfect record in the pool against Michigan State when the Irish travel to East Lansing, Mich., today.

The Irish (0-2), who are looking to rebound from losses at a three-team meet to LSU and Auburn last weekend, are 6-0 all time against the Spartans.

Senior All-American Samantha Maxwell was one of only two Notre Dame swimmers to earn a victory at Auburn. She said she believed a focus on fundamentals has left the team much improved since their SEC showdown last weekend.

"Our team has really focused on cleaning up some of the mechanics of our races," Maxwell said. "This week we have specifically worked on starts, turns and underwater kicking. We are looking forward to and getting the chance to showcase these improvements."

Making these improvements in practice, however, has not been an easy task for the Irish. Many setbacks have tested the team, but Maxwell said the team has admirably persevered, and says that the squad is in good position heading into Michigan State.

"We have been facing sickness and injury but are continuing to train through it and to train with purpose," she said. "This is the time during the season that the girls on our team really show how tough they are."

Maxwell said a victory at Michigan State would require a full team effort. This means not only do the swimmers need to have a strong showing, but the divers must also be sharp.

"Our divers have been putting in a tremendous amount of time on the boards which is great because they are critical point scorers for our team as well," she said.

Maxwell said she was excited for the team to compete against a Big Ten opponent and believes that the meet will be tightly contested.

"We have a great opportunity to head to East Lansing and race a Big Ten school in their own environment," she said. "Both teams are going to be putting up a fight to get a win and it's going to provide an atmosphere for some honest racing at this point in the season."

The meet will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday at the McCaffre Pool in East Lansing.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Rowers to face off against Tulsa

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After finishing third at their first event of the fall season at the Head of the Rock Regatta in Rockford, Ill., the Irish are shooting to top Tulsa on the Saint Joseph River during Friday and Saturday's dual meet.

After a brief layoff due to fall break, Notre Dame coach Martin Stone said his team is anxious to compete.

"There was a little rust earlier in the week, but I saw today we were ready to go," he said.

In any sport, competing on familiar territory usually aids the home team, and collegiate rowing is no different, Stone said.

"It's like a time trial; you're racing against the clock," Stone said. "We practice every day on our course and we know how fast it takes to get to certain points."

However, Stone said the Irish will not be taking the Golden Hurricane lightly, especially given their performance at the Head of the Oklahoma Regatta three weeks ago, where Tulsa advanced seven boats to the finals.

"I know that they've raced very well," Stone said. "They put up some good times at the Head of the Oklahoma."

Friday's action will consist of head races between eight-man boats, so each shell will begin the race in 10-15 second intervals and row in one direction.

Saturday morning, four-man boats will compete in a stake race, which employs the same staggered start but requires the shells to race to a point, turn around, and race back.

"Saturday is a little more tricky," Stone said. "It requires stopping and spinning the boat around a buoy."

Stone said he hoped Irish fans would come cheer on the team on its home course.

"The best place to come and watch on Saturday morning is down at the bridge by the farmer's market," Stone said.

Friday's races begin at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday's will start at 10 a.m.

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Waldrum

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Louisville or Connecticut would have posed.

"I really take the approach of coaching and worrying about our team instead of worrying about the other team," Waldrum said. "We just really focus on being better at different phases of our game and not really worrying about who you're playing."

The privilege of hosting the game may be a crucial advantage due simply to the comfort Notre Dame has not only in Alumni Stadium but around campus as well.

"I've always said you want to be at home come playoff time," Waldrum said. "It keeps your kids in the routine. It's nice to be home and players can sleep in their own bed."

Waldrum also said he was looking for a large contingent of fan support on Sunday despite what may be adverse conditions. He had previously

expressed concerns about attendance at Alumni Stadium, especially by students.

"The fans certainly are a plus. I know I've been concerned about the turnout of the students and such," he said. "I hope we have [a good turnout] again, because that can be a huge help."

Notre Dame hosts Connecticut at 1 p.m. Sunday in Alumni Stadium.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Hoya game moved to Sunday

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The last home game of the 2010 season, originally scheduled for Saturday against Georgetown, has been postponed to Sunday at 6:00 p.m. An Irish victory over the Hoyas could give the Notre Dame a bye in the first round of next week's Big East tournament.

Georgetown's game against Connecticut, originally scheduled for Wednesday, was postponed until Thursday night, which led to this weekend's game being postponed. The Hoyas beat the Huskies 1-0 and clinched first place in their division.

Though Georgetown's victory on Thursday cost the Irish (8-4-4, 5-2-1) a shot at first place in the conference, a win over the Hoyas would grant them second place and send them directly to the tournament quarterfinals.

"We had hoped this week was going to put us into a position where we could clinch the Big East, but since Georgetown (11-4-1, 7-1-0) beat Connecticut, we will be hoping to get second place in our division heading into the Big East Tournament," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said.

The Irish will attempt to break Georgetown's current nine-game win streak.

"That speaks volumes," Clark said. "To win nine straight is impressive."

The Irish will welcome back a familiar face on Sunday, except this time, he'll be watching the game from the other team's bench. Georgetown head coach Brian Wiese played for Clark



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Sophomore defender Grant Van De Castele clears the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Pittsburgh Wednesday night.

when he coached at Dartmouth. Wiese was an assistant coach for Clark for five years at Stanford, and continued on with Clark to Notre Dame for five more years before taking up his current job and Georgetown.

"I've always hoped we would win the Big East, but if it's going to go to someone else, I'm pretty glad it was Brian," Clark said.

Notre Dame is coming off a 3-2 win against Pittsburgh, in which junior midfielder Brendan King scored the game-winning goal in the 89th minute.

The Irish are hoping keep the momentum going and earn a win for the seven seniors who the team will commemorate during their last home game of their collegiate soccer careers.

"As the last official home game of the season, it is a very

special time for all of our seniors," Clark said. "It was a good senior class, they've done extremely well. Hopefully they can do well in the tournament and take us far into the NCAA. That's the target at the moment."

Senior goalkeeper and team captain Phil Tuttle spent half the season out on the bench with a knee injury, and senior midfielder Jeb Brovsky also had a scare earlier in the season. Luckily, Clark and the Irish are boasting good overall team health heading into Sunday's game.

"In the moment, our health is good, and hopefully it stays that way," Clark said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame's Alumni Stadium.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Team to run in Big East championship meet

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

After strong races at the NCAA pre-National Meet, The Irish head to Syracuse Friday to face off against their conference rivals in the 2010 Big East championship.

Both the Notre Dame women and the No. 23 men will race to improve upon their strong performances at last year's meet against the toughest Big East teams, including Georgetown, Syracuse, Louisville and Villanova.

The Irish men are coming off a seventh-place finish at the pre-National Meet, where senior Dan Jackson finished 19th overall to lead the Irish. Jackson was followed by junior Jordan Carlson, who finished 31st, junior Jonathan Shawel in 55th, sophomore Jeremy Rae in 59th, and freshman Martin Grady in 61st.

"Of course, Dan Jackson ran very well," Irish men's coach Joe Piane said. "Jordan Carlson ran very well. It was his best race since he's been here at Notre Dame. The top five kids all ran very well."

For the women, senior Erica Watson finished 64th to lead the Irish to 23rd place. Trailing Watson was freshman Meg Ryan in 92nd place, freshman Kelly Curan in 120th, sophomore Rebecca Tracy in 132nd and junior Rachel Velarde in 139th.

The Irish have several Big East veterans returning for this year's championships. The men finished sixth in 2009 with help from

Jackson, Carlson and Shawel. Sophomore Jessica Rydberg returns for the Irish women.

Piane said he was confident in his team's ability to perform tomorrow.

"We had two very good weeks of training," Piane said. "We're trying to get in some easy distance and to get some rest."

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Joe Piane
Irish coach

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Piane credited Notre Dame's success to a strong work ethic and a positive training attitude.

"They worked exceptionally hard doing all the right things this year. They have a tenacious work ethic," Piane said. "They're living the lifestyle. They've done a very good job of that."

The Big East championships feature five nationally ranked men's teams and four women's teams. For the men, Syracuse currently sits on top at No. 17, while Georgetown follows at No. 21, Notre Dame at No. 23, Louisville at No. 28 and Villanova at No. 29. Villanova is ranked No. 1 for women, with Georgetown at No. 5, Syracuse at No. 8 and Providence at No. 13.

Piane said he believed the meet would come down to a six-team race between the Irish, Syracuse, Georgetown, Louisville, Villanova and Providence.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

St. John's, UConn next up at Purcell

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish will celebrate the holiday weekend by looking for a pair of victories as they host Big East opponents St. John's and Connecticut, two teams that they have easily defeated in seasons past. To repeat that trend and not let either the Red Storm or the Huskies have their way, Notre Dame (13-9, 6-3 Big East) knows it has to stick to its game plan.

"For this weekend we're really excited about having two new opponents that we know will pose a threat but also we can take care of as long as we're on our game,"

senior co-captain Angela Puente said.

Consistently staying on their game has been a challenge for the Irish in recent matches, who have lost four of their last six contests, all to conference rivals. In comparison to the team's conference season last year, when they went undefeated, this seems shocking, but lacking six seniors who graduated last year has led to some changes.

The last two games have showed a much revitalized Notre Dame team, however, as the Irish defeated Syracuse 3-0 on Oct. 23, and battled with Marquette through five sets before falling 3-2 on Oct. 24.

The Golden Eagles victory over Notre Dame was another loss but not one without a few

highlights for the Irish as three players recorded double-double performances. Freshman Andrea McHugh led the team with 19 kills and 10 digs, and was followed close behind by junior Kristen Dealy's 14 kills and 14 digs, as well as freshman Sammie Brown's 56 assists and 12 digs. Junior libero Frenchy Silva also posted double-digit digs with 12 and senior Kellie Sciacca had 12 kills and six blocks.

"One of our most recent themes in practice has been consistency."

Angela Puente
Irish co-captain

"One of our most recent themes in practice has been consistency," Puente said. "We're trying to emphasize the importance of playing at the same high level throughout a match, and the entire weekend,

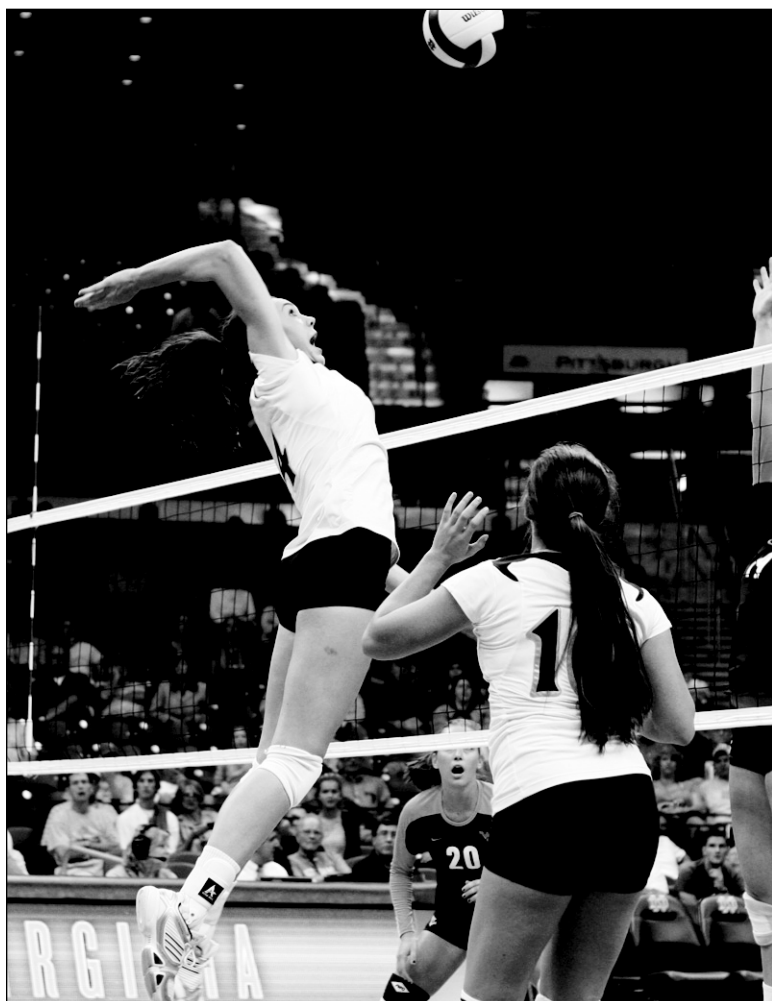
instead of allowing those ups and downs."

While focusing on consistency in the execution of the game plan, the Irish aren't letting the holiday spirit pass them by as they compete on their home court and have a little fun.


"On past Halloweens we've sometimes dressed up when we're traveling, but this year I am bringing Halloween ribbons for everyone to wear in their hair," Puente said. "You may see some crazy hairdos."

Notre Dame will face St. John's Saturday at 10 a.m. and Connecticut Sunday at 2 p.m., with both matches taking place at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Freshman middle blocker Sam Brown hits the ball Sept. 24 against West Virginia. The Irish will host two Big East games this weekend.



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and that will put pressure on anybody," he said. "It's going to be important that we learn to have consistency."

In addition, the wounds from last year's trip to Kalamazoo are still raw, when the Irish were blown out in back-to-back games by the scores of 7-2 and 4-1.

Lavin said the hostile environment of Western Michigan's Lawson Arena will pose its own challenge.

"As much as we want to forget about last year, we have to remember that we went into a place like Lawson Arena ... and we didn't play too well," Lavin said.

Jackson said he was interested to see how his team plays outside of the friendly confines of the Joyce Center, as Saturday's game will be the first true road test of the regular season for the Irish.

"Playing on the road isn't something that everybody on the team has had the opportunity to display how they'll respond," he said. "How we respond to that is going to be crucial."

The Irish penalty-killing unit, a subject of much difficulty in last year's disappointing campaign, was much improved in the win over Boston College and will continue to be of the utmost importance as the season moves forward.

"It's just hard work," Lavin said. "The coaches are unbelievable at preparing us. It is almost second nature for us to go out and act on penalty kills."

The contests against Western Michigan, especially Saturday's road date, will prove as the beginning of a trying stretch for Notre Dame's new-found grittiness.

"We have a much better work ethic. We are physical, we are gritty," Jackson said. "I think our conference is going to be tougher, so we are going to have some really tough games coming up in the next few weeks. Lawson's a tough building."

Western Michigan visits the Joyce Center Friday night and then hosts the Irish Saturday night in Kalamazoo. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7:35 p.m.

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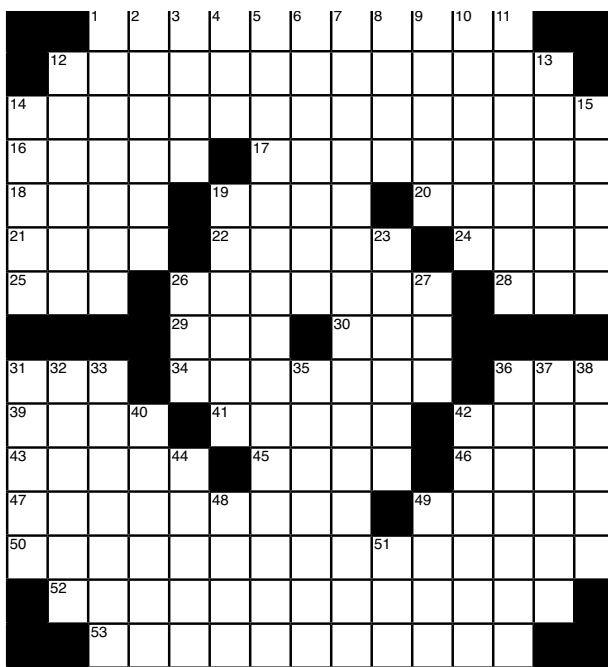




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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joaquin Phoenix, 36; Julia Roberts, 43; Bill Gates, 55; Bruce Jenner, 61

Happy Birthday: Not only can you do well this year, you will learn a lot as you experience new people, places and projects. Love and romance are in the stars and you can enhance the relationship you are in or, if you are single, meet someone new. Publishing, travel and communications are all highlighted. The past, present and future will connect in a unique way. Your numbers are 3, 12, 17, 24, 26, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change in your financial situation is apparent. Don't be fooled by someone claiming to talk from experience about how to handle your money. Take a wait and see attitude. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Associate with people who share your interests. Partnerships can be formed and serious steps taken toward a more fulfilling life. Your effort will be directly linked to the amount of assistance you receive. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your impulsiveness will be your downfall. Try to refrain from making snap decisions that have the potential to go either way. You'll be caught in the crossfire if you meddle in someone else's affairs. Compassion and understanding will get you further ahead. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have trouble containing your excitement. Let your feelings be known and don't hesitate to make a romantic move that can change the course of your life. You cannot let the demands of others stand in the way of your happiness. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to allow others to make mistakes instead of always stepping up and taking care of everything. It's time you had a break or made some personal changes. A secret engagement may be exciting but know what you are getting into before you begin. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relationships with friends, neighbors and your lover are likely to excel if you get involved in something creative or that others enjoy doing. Don't let your past come back to haunt you -- tidy up loose ends fast. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You cannot change what has already happened. You can, however, change what you are doing in the present if you analyze what went wrong in the past. Use your intelligence to convince others to stand behind you. Refuse to be manipulated by emotional blackmail. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have so much going for you and you don't even know it. Whatever hasn't been working for you in the past should be put to rest to make room for new enterprises. Trust your instincts and believe in your ability. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The more hospitable and attentive you are, the better things will turn out for you. Don't be influenced by someone's uncertainty. A relationship with someone you meet at a function will pay off financially or contractually. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As long as you are certain about what you are trying to accomplish and why, you will win the support you need. Don't allow someone to mislead or misdirect you. Love is in the stars. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your money into something with growth potential. Spending on friends, travel or items that you think are going to make you feel better will only lead to a letdown. You have to have a plan if you want to get ahead. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You've got everything going for you personally, professionally and financially if you make the right move now. Contracts are looking good and partnerships even better. Rid yourself of any negative people, projects or pastimes and put all your effort into positive ideas and plans. 5 stars

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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 Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LAWTZ
 ○ ○ ○ ○

GOOLIG
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

DRIVEF
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Answer: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

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'It's an opportunity to honor Declan'

Swarbrick: 'We care about winning and losing here, but it doesn't matter right now'

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will honor junior Declan Sullivan with helmet decals and a pregame moment of silence before its game Saturday against Tulsa, Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick said in a press conference Thursday.

Sullivan, a videographer for the football team, died Wednesday after the tower he was filming practice from collapsed.

The University canceled its usual Friday football luncheon and pep rally.

Swarbrick said the athletic department's primary focus was the emotional well-being of the students and staff involved with the football program.

"It's the nature of this place and being part of the team," he said. "Their response was emotional, and our focus is them and Declan. I'm not focused on ... our performance on the field."

He said the University considered postponing Saturday's game.

"Certainly we talked about it," Swarbrick said. "You don't just move forward without considering all of that, and we had a discussion about whether we thought it appropriate to play the game as scheduled. We concluded that it was. We concluded that it was because it's an opportunity to honor Declan."

While the game will continue as planned Saturday, Swarbrick said it would be dedicated to Sullivan's memory.

"In the extraordinary emotions that sort of overwhelmed me in the past almost 24 hours, thinking about how we're going to do on Saturday is not one of them," he said. "We care about winning and losing here, but it doesn't matter right now."

Irish coach Brian Kelly and Notre Dame players will not be available to the media until after Saturday's game. The University called off Kelly's Thursday press conference and radio show.

"[Kelly] is the head of that group of student-athletes and students," Swarbrick said. "And we want him focused on them."

"We're going to leave the team and coaching staff to deal with this in a private manner through Saturday."

Swarbrick said he met with Kelly and the entire Irish coaching staff shortly after he received word of Sullivan's death. In what he called an "emotional evening," he tried to provide support to Kelly and the coaches.

As a videographer, Sullivan was an important part of the Irish football program, Swarbrick said.

"There is an intensity that attaches to the experience of being part of a team, part of an athletic program, and Declan was part of that program," Swarbrick said. "So the sorrow is felt in many ways even



Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick addresses junior Declan Sullivan's death during a press conference Thursday in the Eck Visitors Center. University President Fr. John Jenkins spoke before Swarbrick.

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greater."

Swarbrick said the team would practice inside the Loftus Sports Center Thursday and Friday as the University's investigation of the cause of the accident gets underway.

"We'll do our best under these circumstances just to prepare our football team," Swarbrick said. "But this isn't about the game so much as it is about the young man and making sure that we take care of

him and we honor him."

Notre Dame plays Tulsa at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

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HOCKEY

Irish face Broncos in pair

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The No. 11/13 Irish will tackle the challenge of refocusing after taking down No. 1 Boston College a week ago when they face a home-and-home series against CCHA opponent Western Michigan this weekend.

The Broncos (4-1-1, 0-0-0 CCHA) will visit the Joyce Center on Friday night and will host Notre Dame (4-1-0, 2-0-0) in Kalamazoo, Mich. on Saturday night. Irish senior captain Joe Lavin said he believed that his team has moved on from the high of taking down the top-ranked Eagles.

"Everything's pretty much in the rearview already," he said. "Obviously you're going to try and reflect on a win like [Boston College] and take the positives and turn them into something that's going to be consistent through every weekend."

Western Michigan will serve as a difficult measuring stick for those consis-



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Irish freshman Kevin Lind and junior Sean Lorenz, both defenders, corral the puck Oct. 13 versus Lake Superior State.

tent positives, as the Broncos are off to a hot start, including three road wins in the past two weekends.

"They're playing very, very well," Lavin said. "They're a great team and we just need to go into it knowing we can beat any-

body." Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he saw the Broncos' style of play as a threat that his squad will have to counter with consistency.

"They play a real up-tempo, up-pressure style,

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Big East tournament begins with Huskies

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Having run the Big East regular-season slate without suffering a single loss, No. 3 Notre Dame will host Connecticut Sunday in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals.

The Irish (15-2-2, 9-0-2 Big East) had a bye into the quarterfinals, having earned the top seed in the tournament by virtue of their National Division title, while the Huskies (9-8-3, 4-5-2) defeated Louisville 3-0 Thursday night in the tournament's first round.

The two schools last met on Oct. 15, when Notre Dame traveled to Storrs, Conn. and gave up a late goal on a free kick that allowed Connecticut to tie the match, which ended 1-1. A similar late breakdown in a recent game Georgetown had Irish coach Randy Waldrum concerned.

"That was really a lack of concentration," he said. "We switched off instead of keeping the switch on for the last four

minutes."

Notre Dame struggled to convert attacks into shots on goal, something that Waldrum said the Irish cannot repeat if they are to advance in the tournament.

"We just didn't score enough goals with the chances we created," he said. "I don't think we really tested their goalkeeper enough."

Husky senior midfielder Elise Fugowski will again be the primary challenge for the Irish, as she created a number of problems for Notre Dame in the teams' last meeting.

"[She] really created some problems running the ball out of midfield into the attack," Waldrum said. "We're going to have to do a much better job of handling her."

Because the Irish did not know who they were going to face until Thursday evening, they spent the week working on their own strengths and weaknesses rather than on the specific tactical challenges

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