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Recovering Sr. Garcia discharged

Observer Staff Report

After making an impressive recovery, the Notre Dame senior who fell from his third-floor apartment window only two weeks ago was released from Memorial Hospital on Thursday.

Marcus Garcia, 21, fell about 25 feet from his apartment window in the Foundry Lofts & Apartments at Eddy Street Commons on Aug. 25 around 4:30 a.m. An employee at a local bar saw him fall as she was leaving work for the evening and called 911. He was then transported to Memorial Hospital.

Garcia's parents, Juan and Kimberly, arrived in South Bend from their home in Turlock, Calif., on the evening of Aug. 25. His mother regularly posted Facebook updates for Garcia's friends and family members to track his progress. Kimberly Garcia up-

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Students network with employers

By VICTORIA MORENO
News Writer

Over 2,000 determined students dressed in business formal attire braved the rain to attend the Career Center's Fall Career Expo on Thursday.

The event allowed 149 participants in the Expo to offer business advice to current students interested in internships and future career options.

"We expect the students who come talk to us to have done some research on the company so they can tell us why they would be a good fit," UHY representative Rina Madias said. "It simply shows initiative."

Enterprise Rent-A-Car representatives said confidence and quality conversation skills are the key to a successful first impression.

"More than anything we want the student to show that they are confident because that's what you need in sales," Enterprise representative Rick Willis said.

Enterprise representative Nikki Secrest said the students should primarily direct the informal interview process.

"We will guide the conversation but ultimately we want to see if a student has the ability to keep the conversation



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Senior Elizabeth Douville talks to potential employers at the Career Expo on Thursday. Over 2,000 students attended the event in the hopes of securing a summer internship or full-time job.

going," Secrest said.

Junior management and consulting major Michael Barnett said it would have been beneficial to know these tips before attending the fair.

"I wish I knew what they wanted me to say," he said. "It's

difficult balancing that line between showing them you know what you're talking about and telling them something that they don't really want to hear."

Students in fields outside of business said they were discouraged by the event.

"When I approached my first company they told me they were only looking for finance majors," senior psychology and design major Jenna Spizzirri said. "When I approached another

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Edison Lecture recognizes engineers as artists

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Engineers aren't just scientists, they are also artists, a former NASA administrator said in a lecture Thursday.

Dr. Michael Griffin, who is also the incoming president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, talked about the dynamic role of engineers at the Edison Lecture.

"Engineers and systems engineers are not just scientists," he said. "They are designers who

synthesize knowledge to create new artifacts."

In his speech, "System Engineering: What it is; What it is not," Griffin said undergraduate engineers do not receive much vital background in design. Rather, the focus is solely on engineering science.

"The world we live in is designed, and we as engineers are helping to design it," Griffin said.

Although he said art is the basis of the engineering field, Griffin said science has helped

it accelerate as a discipline.

Griffin also said the roots of what is now modern system engineering are planted in the Cold War era. The 1950s were a time of large engineering projects, including the creation of new weapons.

"If the Cold War was a tax on humanity, it has had at least a few consequences that involved good," Griffin said.

Griffin said the aftermath of the Cold War wasn't completely

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JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Former NASA administrator Dr. Michael Griffin delivers a speech at the Edison Lecture concerning the history of engineering.



Photo courtesy of NBC Sports

Lightning lights up the dusky sky at Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday during the first weather delay in program history.

New club HANDS promotes service

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

When 2008 Notre Dame graduate Mariana Diaz, a native of Guatemala, was looking for a way to help her country and involve the Notre Dame community at the same time, she co-founded the HANDS organization.

"Instead of creating new projects, we aimed to maximize the impact of existing ones by channeling human resources in existing initiatives," Diaz said.

HANDS, a student-run organization, specializes in finding volunteer placements for club members.

"Our most popular programs are during the summer,

however this year we will offer alternative fall and spring break service trips," she said. "For fall break, we partnered with a local organization Construcciones Casa, which builds new homes for low-income people in Guatemala." Diaz said volunteers spend one week help-

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF I GAVE YOU \$100 RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND IT ON?

Mary de Groot

freshman
McGlinn

"A ticket to the Michigan game."

Sam Jones

sophomore
Carroll

"Lots of Cheerios and strawberry bars."

Michelle Rotondo

freshman
Lyons

"A bike."

Laura Shute

freshman
Lyons

"Notre Dame apparel."

Ian Garrahy

junior
Fisher


"The 1-B Quad."

Marie Cole

freshman
Howard

"A decent artificial Christmas tree."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



SARAH O'CONNOR/ The Observer

Sophomore Meghan Hudak gets blood taken at the Red Cross and ROTC Blood Drive in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom on Thursday. Donors were entered into a drawing to win free gas for a year (\$3,000 gift card).

OFFBEAT

Carjacker gets ride to jail
KANSAS CITY — When a man with a gun jumped on the hood of her car in Kansas City and demanded she drive, Rayna Garrett obliged — all the way to the police station. Prosecutors charged Dionette L. Price Wednesday with unlawful use of a weapon and felonious restraint. Garrett said Price, 26, was standing in the middle of U.S. Highway 71 in Kansas City Tuesday. When she tried to go around him he leaped onto the car hood. She sped up to try to knock him off, to no avail, and then headed to the Kansas City police station, a 2-mile drive. Garrett pulled up to the police garage and honked several times. Finally, she rammed into the garage door and he jumped off the hood and fled. Moments later, after she alerted police, Price was arrested at a bus stop without incident. Questioned by police, Price admitted jumping on the vehicle but not to having a handgun. No motive was given for the incident.

Supernova dazzles scientists
LOS ANGELES — Astronomers have found the closest, brightest supernova of its kind in 25 years, catching the glimmer of a tiny self-destructing star a mere 21 million light years from Earth and soon visible to amateur skywatchers. The discovery was made in what was believed to be the first hours of the rare cosmic explosion using a special telescope at the Palomar Observatory near San Diego and powerful supercomputers at a government laboratory in Berkeley. Scientists behind the discovery say the phenomenon — labelled by the rather obscure designation PTF 11kly — will likely become the most-studied supernova in history. "It is an instant cosmic classic," said Peter Nugent, the senior scientist at UC Berkeley who first spotted it. It is expected to reach its peak sometime between September 9 and 12, when it will become visible to stargazers using binoculars or a small telescope.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The second lecture in the **Boardroom InSights Executive Speaker Series** will be today from 10:40 a.m. to 12 p.m. in **Jordan Auditorium** of the **Mendoza College of Business**. The speaker will be **Daniel Akerson**, CEO of **General Motors**.

There will be a **roundtable discussion** entitled "**Caderno de Memórias Coloniais**" in **C104/105** of the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies** today from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop in Portuguese and Spanish is cosponsored with the **Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)** and the **Department of Romance Languages and Literatures**.

Today at 4 p.m. in the **Hesburgh Center Auditorium** there will be a **panel discussion** entitled "**Strategies of Peace after the 'War on Terror': A New Era in Global Politics? A New Role for the U.S.?**" The panel will feature **Andrew Bacevich**, professor of **International Relations and History at Boston University**; **Robin Wright**, **Middle East journalist**; and **Waleed El-Ansary**, **Chair of Islamic Studies at Xavier University**.


The **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center** will be showing the film "**The Tree of Life**" today at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

Today from 8 to 9:30 p.m., come see **short plays** written, directed and acted all within 24 hours. The performances will occur in the **Washington Hall Lab Theatre**.

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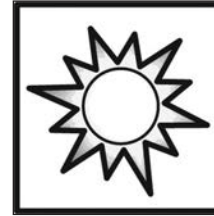
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DPAC faculty aim to inspire

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

This year, faculty at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center chose a schedule of events aimed at not only enhancing student's education outside the classroom, but also inspiring audience members to develop a different view on life.

"The majority of things we're presenting are things that are designed to educate, inform, enlighten and inspire people to think about the world in a new perspective," Senior Associate Director Ted Barron said. "And that's always the best feedback that I get."

Barron said DPAC works in conjunction with campus offices and faculty to provide music, theater, dance and cinematography that reflect the University's mission.

"We've been doing a lot to make connections with courses, faculty interests, general campus interests so we know that our program isn't just a program for its own sake but connected to other interests on campus," Barron said.

Barron said he periodically reviews course listings and considers whether DPAC's projects might be

relevant to any of the classes. If they are relevant, he contacts faculty directly, or faculty contact him.

"I got a call today from the folks at the Medieval Institute because they're really excited that we're going to be showing 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' at midnight [the evening of Oct. 1], so we're trying to figure out a way to work together on that," he said.

This semester, the Center will also screen several films that relate to the University's liberal arts courses.

"We have our sci-fi series, which is actually a course that's taught by [Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters] Paulette Curtis and [it] kind of builds [on] things she's showing in her class," Barron said. "There's [also] a history class that's looking at the actor Daniel Day Lewis because he has all these films that are American historical films."

The Center also shows films that follow in the faith of the University.

"We do events that have a very obvious Catholic element to them," Barron said. "We have the 'Films and

Faith' series that we present every year with FTT [Film, Television and Theatre] and Theology. Those are films that specifically deal with religious issues."

Barron said the University's Catholic character also influences which non-religious movies DPAC screens.

"It also extends to thinking about how film can espouse certain values and particularly issues of public service," he said. "The 'Screen Peace' series (organized in conjunction with the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies) is a really good example of that. It's not specifically about Catholicism, but I think it's in line with Catholic teaching in terms of providing service to those in need."

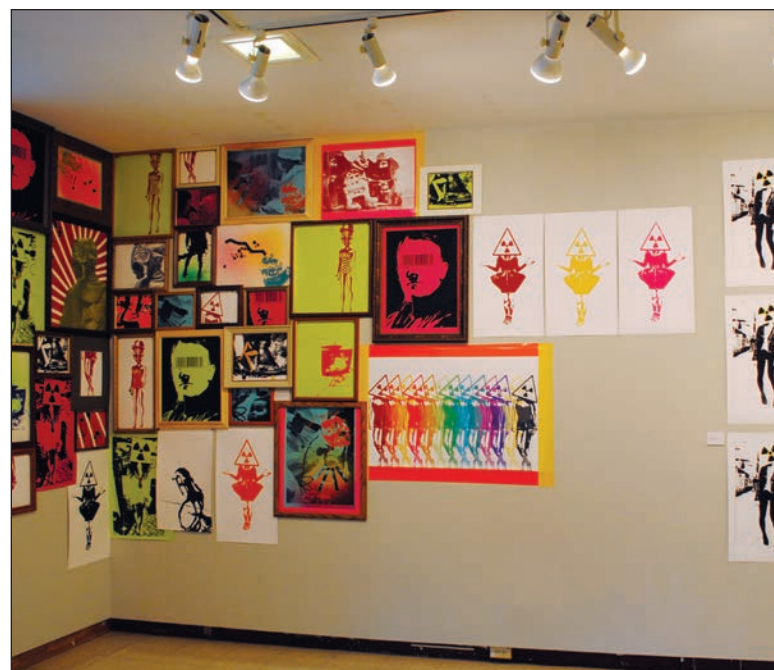
DPAC also hosts the film series "Europe Beyond Borders" with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the "Worldview" series with the Office of the President.

Barron said DPAC also aims to show premier and indie films that are not screened at local cinemas.

"We try to do these things that have obvious academic connections, but we try to do fun things as well," Barron said. "We started our 'Midnight [Movies]' series last year. We kicked off with a screening of '[The] Rocky Horror Picture Show,' which was a lot of fun. People threw things. It was a great night."

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Artwork intrigues, inspires SMC students



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

The "Unknown Atomic" exhibit being featured at the Moreau Galleries of Art has attracted Saint Mary's students.

By ABIGAIL FORNEY
News Writer

Now, until Sept. 16, students visiting the Moreau Galleries of Art at Saint Mary's can view a collaborative art exhibit featuring broken TVs and melting dolls.

The exhibit, "Unknown Atomic," is a collaborative student independent study and research (SISTAR) grant program project between Saint Mary's senior Katie Fisher and art professor Krista Hoefle.

English professor and director of the SISTAR program Laura Haigwood said the exhibit highlights the talent of both artists.

"It gives equal prominence to both, and you can see that they are two mature artists and can hang together after they've collaborated," Haigwood said.

Haigwood said the SISTAR program annually grants Saint Mary's students the opportunity to work with a Saint Mary's professor on a collaborative eight-week project during the summer.

The everyday objects featured in "Unknown Atomic" have been altered to include barcodes and cautionary labels.

Students have mixed reactions regarding the exhibit.

"I honestly don't really understand it, but it's awesome," senior Natalie Burkart said. "[The art] is bright, really in-your-face, and it makes you stop and look at it."

The first time she visited the exhibit, junior Maeva Alexander thought the exhibit was strange.

"The little house with people inside melting [was gross], it was like a destruction of our childhoods."

However, first year Maria Monreal immediately liked the exhibit.

"I wish I was that cool," Monreal said.

According to Fisher's artist statement, this mix of emotions was the goal of her exhibit. She said she wanted to explore the relationship between attraction and repulsion.

Haigwood said she enjoys the uniqueness of the exhibit.

"['Unknown Atomic'] is turning [the SISTAR program] over to more creative approaches to projects and encouraging larger attendance to the presentation," Haigwood said. "[The exhibit is] a

model for how we might do S I S T A R presentations differently, and we have already changed how we're promoting them."

Also on exhibit in the Moreau Gallery is Beth Reimeyer's "Room for

Inspiration" which features walls lined with quilts and clouds and ceiling tiles adorned with hanging flowers.

The exhibit is interactive — visitors can write messages and pin them to the clouds.

An additional exhibit by Jim Hopfensperger features dysfunctional pieces of furniture.

"[The furniture pieces are] modern and minimalist, but with a fantastic twist. I feel like Alice from 'Alice in Wonderland' and Mr. Tumnus from Narnia would fight over that chest of drawers," Monreal said.

The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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negative as it caused systems engineering to become more complex.

To deal with the accomplishment of new and complex systems, engineers working in this field need to be prepared and welcome failure, Griffin said.

“The system engineer must strive to anticipate ways the design will fail,” Griffin said.

When working with these complex systems, failure can occur when something

is not actually wrong. The system can perform a function or action that was not anticipated by the designer,

he said.

“Systems fail because something happens that is unanticipated,” he said.

However, failure is nothing new for systems engineers. Reducing unintended interactions is the goal of a systems engineer, Griffin said, and creating the right design prevents further failures.

Griffin said his position causes him to continually analyze how the field has changed.

“Whatever stature and prominence I have enjoyed as an aerospace engineer, it has caused me to reflect upon engineering as a discipline here in America, particularly in aerospace,” he said.

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representative for a different company they told me they were only interested in students who wanted to be sales associates.”

Other students said the fair was very helpful.

“[The fair] went really well,” junior American studies major Emily Pusateri said. “I now have a better idea about what I want to do this summer and after graduation.”

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ing to build houses while directly interacting with community members.

“This is a great opportunity to serve, while at the same time travel abroad and experience a unique culture,” she said.

Notre Dame law student Sean Ashburn, who serves as chief operating officer for HANDS, said the organization heavily subsidizes the trips to make them more affordable for students.

The organization also has a number of internship positions available for inter-

ested students, Ashburn said.

“HANDS is a great way to give back, but also learn marketable skills and gain real world experience that employers are looking for,” he said.

Ashburn said he would encourage anyone interested in HANDS to contact the organization.

“It’s an exciting group to be a part of,” Ashburn said. “Since we are still a new organization, there is a lot of passion and energy in what we do. We are still learning and shaping what our organization will look like for years to come.”

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A student volunteer works on a project for HANDS, a service organization that assists people at home and abroad.

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SMC to observe 9/11 anniversary

By CLARE MAHER
News Writer

This Sunday, Saint Mary’s College faculty will pay special tribute to the anniversary of Sept. 11 with a ceremonial event entitled “We Remember.”

The event was created by Saint Mary’s faculty, and provides a way for students to remember and reflect on past history through music, dance and poetry.

“If we don’t remember our history, it will cease to be our history,” music professor Laurel Thomas said. “This event allows us to remember, but also offers a way to interpret the event through an artistic media that has the power to heal.”

The recital was planned years in advance, but when

faculty realized the event would fall on Sept. 11, they decided to alter the content of the recital to honor the event.

“When we realized that this year’s [recital] would fall on the 10th anniversary of September 11, we were left with two options: cancel or somehow commemorate the anniversary,”

Thomas said. “We hope the art will speak for itself.”

Students said they are happy the College is hosting a recital to commemorate the event.

“It is a hard

thing to talk about,” sophomore Jackie Rivera said, “But so much emotion can be captured through art. It gives you a different way to look at things. I think this is a great way to remember what happened ten years ago and still hold on to that.”

First year McKenna Schuster reflected on the nation’s

ability to come together following the tragedy.

“As hard as that day was, I think it helped bring out the best in people, too,” Schuster said. “You started to see flags again and hear all the heroic stories, and this program seems to capture that as well as the gravity of the day.”

Thomas said she hopes students will gain emotional understanding through the event.

“Art helps us come to new emotional understanding,” Thomas said. “We [want] this event [to be] one of hope, while being sensitive to all that 9/11 stands for.”

Performers at the event include Eva Hooker, Dr. Jeffrey Jacob, Dr. Daniel Party and Indi Dieckgrafe, who will be performing an original dance for the event.

Students are encouraged to attend at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Little Theatre. The performance is free and open to the public.

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dated a public page titled “Pray for Marcus Garcia” on Wednesday to announce her son would be well enough to leave the hospital.

“Plans are to be released sometime tomorrow,” the post stated. “We will need to stay close here to the hospital rehabilitation center as he will have daily rehab work-

outs along with the many scheduled doctor’s appointments.”

Garcia will need another jaw surgery in the next week, her post stated.

“INCREDIBLE that here we are just two short weeks later with him being released, and yes, all in one piece (maybe screwed and wired and stapled together) but in one piece,” her post stated.

“Hopefully the next few weeks will go by quickly, and Marcus’ strength and progress will continue to amaze us all and his body will be ready for the trip

back home. Please keep us in your prayers, God close to your heart and your faith stronger than ever.”

In an email interview earlier in the week, Garcia thanked his friends and family for their support during his recover.

“As I get ready to begin my rehabilitation, I want to extend my deepest heartfelt and emotional thanks to every single one of you — my family, my friends, many who I have yet to meet and the entire Notre Dame family — for lifting me in prayer and support,” he said.

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New U.S. terror threat detected

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said Thursday they were investigating a detailed al-Qaida car bomb plot aimed at bridges or tunnels in New York City or Washington to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the first tip of an “active plot” targeting that date.

The Homeland Security Department said the threat is credible and specific, but unconfirmed. The nation’s terror alert level has not changed, but it was under consideration Thursday night.

Security has been enhanced around the country in the weeks leading up to the 10th anniversary. Law enforcement officials have been wary, particularly after information gleaned from Osama bin Laden’s compound in May indicated that al-Qaida had considered attacking the U.S. on the anniversary and other important dates.

Law enforcement officials were investigating three people who recently entered the U.S. The threat came in late Wednesday night and is the first tip the U.S. intelligence community has received about an “active plot” targeting the anniversary, officials said.

The threat came in a single piece of information and was so specific — and came at such



A Capitol Hill police officer patrols the grounds outside the Capitol building Thursday in Washington.

a time of already heightened alert — that it could not be ignored. The officials described the threat to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security matters.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly planned an evening news conference to discuss the threat.

President Barack Obama was briefed on the threat information Thursday morning and directed the counterterrorism community to redouble its efforts in response to the credible but unconfirmed information, a White House official said.

White House officials said there were no plans to change Obama’s travel schedule on Sunday in light of the threat. The president is scheduled to mark the 9/11 anniversary with stops at New York’s ground zero, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa. He will also deliver remarks Sunday night at a memorial concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

“It’s accurate that there is specific, credible but unconfirmed threat information,” Homeland Security Department spokesman Matt Chandler said in a statement. “As we always do before important dates like the anniversary of 9/11, we will undoubtedly get more reporting in the coming days.”

Law enforcement officials are checking out all of the details included in the threat.

“It’s accurate that there is specific, credible but unconfirmed threat information.”

Matt Chandler
spokesman
Department of
Homeland Security

Obama addresses concern over jobs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attacking a deepening jobs crisis, President Barack Obama challenged a reluctant Congress Thursday night to urgently pass a larger-than-expected \$450 billion plan to “jolt an economy that has stalled.” He urged lawmakers to slash Social Security taxes for tens of millions of Americans and for almost every business to encourage hiring.

“Stop the political circus,” an animated Obama told a joint session of Congress in a nationally televised speech. Over and over he implored lawmakers to “pass this jobs bill.”

Open to discussion but making no promises, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Obama’s ideas would be considered but the president should give heed to Republicans’ as well. “It’s my hope that we can work together,” he said.

In announcing a plan heavy on the tax cuts that Republicans traditionally love, Obama sought to achieve multiple goals: offer a plan that could actually get through a deeply divided Congress, speed hiring in a nation where 14 million are out of work, shore up public confidence in his leadership and put Republicans on the spot to take action.

The fate of economy will define Obama’s re-election bid, but he sought to dismiss that element as political fodder that means nothing to hurting Americans.

Obama never estimated how many jobs would be created by his plan, which also includes new federal spending for construction, hiring and an extension of jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed. Despite his promise that it would all be paid for, he has not yet released the details on how.

His message was unmistakable to the point of repetition, as he told Congress more than 15 times in one way or another to act quickly. That was meant as direct challenge by a Democratic president to the Republicans running the House to get behind his plan, especially on tax cuts, or be tarred as standing in the way.

The urgency of the jobs crisis is as pronounced as it’s been since the early days of Obama’s term. Employers added zero jobs last month. A whopping number of Americans — about eight in 10 — think the country is headed in the wrong direction and Obama’s approval ratings are on the decline.

In the House chamber, Obama received a warm response but then the usual political pattern took hold, Republicans often sitting in silence on the applause lines that had Democrats roaring. Boehner had chummy moments with Vice President Joe Biden at his side before the speech but was somber over Obama’s shoulder as the president spoke.

“The people of this country work hard to meet their responsibilities.

Tropical Storm Lee forces evacuations, rolls through Northeast

Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — The remnants of Tropical Storm Lee poured water on top of the already soaked Northeast on Thursday, closing hundreds of roads and forcing evacuation orders for more than 100,000 people from the Susquehanna River’s worst flooding in nearly 40 years.

Most of the evacuations were ordered in and around Wilkes-Barre, where the levee system is just high enough to hold back the river if it crests at the predicted level. Even if the levees hold, 800 to 900

unprotected homes were in danger. If they fail, thousands of buildings could be lost.

“This is a scary situation,” said Stephen Bekanich, Luzerne County’s emergency management director. He and other officials were confident the levees would work but sought volunteers to lay sandbags on both sides of the river.

In Hummelstown, another Pennsylvania community along the river, Donna MacLeod had to be rescued from her home.

“I’m heartsick,” she said. “I know I lost two cars and ev-

everything that was in my basement and everything that was on the first floor. But I have my life and I have my dog, so that’s good.”

Upriver in Binghamton, N.Y., a city of about 45,000, the Susquehanna coursed into the streets and climbed halfway up lampposts at a downtown plaza. Mayor Matt Ryan said it was the city’s worst flooding since the flood walls were built in the 1930s and ‘40s.

Road closures effectively sealed Binghamton off to outside traffic as emergency responders scrambled to evacuate holdouts who didn’t heed warnings to leave. Buses and then boats were used to evacuate residents, and National Guard helicopters were on standby.

“It’s going to get worse,” Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, warning people to leave when they get the order.

Up to nine inches of rain fell in parts of Pennsylvania, and a similar amount fell in Binghamton. Rivers and streams passed or approached flood stage from Maryland to Massachusetts, and experts said more flooding was coming.

The storm compounded the misery for some people still trying to bounce back from Hurricane Irene.

Some of the areas hardest hit by the August storm, such as Vermont, avoided the brunt of the latest bad weather. But in Paterson, N.J., where

the Passaic River was rising, about 75 people were still in a shelter because of Irene.

“We just finished cleaning up after the flood from Irene,” said Edith Rodriguez, who lived in shelters for three days and spent Wednesday night at a high school outside Schenectady, N.Y., because of Lee. “Now we have to start all over again.”

Commuters and other travelers searched for detours as highways and other roads were flooded out, including sections of New York’s Interstate 88, which follows the Susquehanna’s path. In eastern Pennsylvania, where hundreds of roads were closed, flooding and a rock slide partially closed the Schuylkill Expressway, a major artery into Philadelphia.

Amtrak passenger service on New York’s east-west corridor was canceled, as were classes at many colleges and schools across the Northeast.

At least 11 deaths have been blamed on Lee: four in central Pennsylvania, two in northern Virginia and one in Maryland, along with four others killed when it came ashore on the Gulf Coast last week.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett warned of “a public health emergency because sewage treatment plants are underwater and no longer working.”

“Flood water is toxic and polluted,” he said. “If you don’t have to be in it, keep

out.”

Up to 75,000 residents in and around Wilkes-Barre were ordered to leave. The mayor told residents to pack food, clothing and medicine and plan for a three-day evacuation.

The river was projected to crest overnight at 40.8 feet — essentially the same height as the levee system and nearly the level it reached in 1972, when Hurricane Agnes caused massive flooding in the area. Luzerne County officials ordered all communities flooded by Agnes to evacuate for the remnants of Lee.

Rose Simko packed up her car and headed to higher ground to stay with family. She was worried about her house, just 150 feet from a levee, but knew she had to leave.

“Everything is replaceable,” she said, “but my life is not.”

Bekanich said several thousand people left their homes, but he did not yet have a complete total. Shelters prepared to handle close to 5,000 people were beginning to fill up. Luzerne County Commissioner Maryanne Petrilla said.

Some 20,000 evacuations were ordered for the Binghamton area, and another 6,000 to 10,000 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania’s capital. Crews put sandbags around the governor’s mansion, and the first lady moved furnishings from the first floor as the river spilled over its banks.



New Yorkers examine the rising floodwaters outside their homes Thursday. Lee has devastated thousands along the east coast.

INSIDE COLUMN

CrackBerry

I recently joined the hordes of smartphone owners on this campus.

My weapon of choice? The new BlackBerry Torch, with touchscreen and full keyboard.

In related news, I have never been so on top of new email, text and instant messages. For those of you who don't know, the BlackBerry blinks a little red light whenever you have a message waiting. That little red light becomes impossible to resist, even in class or the dining hall.

Addicted users call it a "CrackBerry," and I'm slowly noticing the symptoms everywhere — including me. Smartphones are taking over our daily communication and entertainment. We're slowly growing into a generation that does nothing but check their phones constantly.

Yet, this problem speaks to a much larger and scarier conclusion — what do people give up when they become addicted to handheld technology? Users of all smartphones, not just BlackBerries, always have some attention divided away from the present interaction. The instant the phone flashes, vibrates or dings means they drop what they're doing to respond. To prove my point: while writing this column I received three text messages and three emails, and all of them were responded to before I continued writing.

Beyond stealing our time, smartphones are making us a lazy society. When is the last time you memorized a phone number? The convenience of the Contacts function means you don't have to ... until your phone dies and you need to call someone. The same laziness applies to meeting someone or going out. What did people do before mass text messages of locations or calling a friend that you lost at the mall? People interacted with other people in more personal ways than we do now.

We also lost all attention span once smartphones hit our hands. With hundreds of thousands of Apps and web surfing capabilities, the smartphone has become the ultimate procrastination and distraction device. If something doesn't grab and hold our attention from the very nanosecond of our first encounter, we move on to the next thing. No longer are we forced into watching or reading one item, or, God forbid, playing one game. This conclusion frightens me because it means we will eventually turn away from difficult things. We won't take the time to ask hard questions because we don't want to expend the effort.

Don't forget the expense of smartphones. Phones might be discounted or free, but wireless carriers make money on expensive data plans, apps and accessories. As the smartphones are hitting our hands, they are also hitting our wallets.

Even with all of this considered, I won't give up my BlackBerry. (It is my preciousssssss.) However, I hope these points come back to me when I find myself clicking away mindlessly on the buttons. Perhaps I'll learn to put down the phone to interact with people face-to-face. Isn't the first step of recovery admitting you have a problem?

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Fair share of careers

Stress. High pressure. Competition.

That's the atmosphere on campus right now. Two career fairs were held this week and all eyes are on the prize — an internship or full-time offer. Particularly for seniors, all talk is of resumes and job interviews. Many students have already secured jobs and many more will be interviewing for positions in the coming weeks.

But for those still looking, the focus on landing that job right now, as many of our peers are doing, only makes the task seem more daunting.

Of the 12 members of the Observer Editorial Board, only one currently has a job offer for after graduation. We are comprised of one graduate student, seven seniors, including one from Saint Mary's, three juniors and one sophomore and represent 18 different majors, ranging from Arts & Letters to Business to pre-med.

Of these 12 people, only three even considered going to yesterday's Career Fair. The prevailing thought amongst us, and amongst a large population of the Notre Dame student body, is that there is no point in going to the career fair.

Even with so many companies attending, there are few that hold career prospects or interest for students with interests outside of business or engineering. While large groups of students in business attire wandered through the Joyce Center Fieldhouse handing out resumes and meeting company representatives, many sat at home, discouraged at their lack of job prospects.

Engineers had their career fair Tuesday, architecture students will have theirs in March and last night served much of the business school and a selection of Arts & Letters majors.

The Fall Career Fair offered fantastic opportunities for students interested in industries such as finance, banking and technology. However, for students hoping to pursue careers outside of these fields, the night offered few draws.

Unfortunately, the Fall Career Fair has always held more opportunities for business majors. While Arts & Letters students can look forward to a service fair and the Winter Career and Internship Fair, the pressure and prevailing attitude on campus to find a job now is overwhelming. And with employment rates still running low, especially for recent college graduates, it's no wonder students who don't have a business major feel the pressure to choose something more "practical."

For students following career paths outside of those represented at the Fair, the Career Center is a fantastic

resource for those willing to seek out its assistance.

The Center's advisors have helped countless students to find jobs outside of the Career Fair and will continue to do so.

It is easy to be stressed as those around you secure their post-graduation plans, but jobs exist beyond the month of October.

But many students do not know how to begin seeking out those opportunities.

While the Mendoza College of Business does a fantastic job preparing its students for future careers both inside and out of the classroom, Arts & Letters students gain little of this insight during their course work.

Even for those seeking a post-graduate degree, little help is offered.

The Career Center does offer resources for those applying to graduate schools, but with the multitude of fields that make up the College of Arts & Letters, it would be difficult for the Career Center to have a good handle on each one.

Currently the best way for a Notre Dame student applying to graduate programs to find help is to contact a professor directly, someone who has gone through the process before.

The Career Center, the College itself or the individual departments should be making more of an effort to facilitate this mentoring.

The College of Arts & Letters, as well as the departments under its umbrella, should consider taking a page from Mendoza's book — tell your students a career exists for them outside the classroom and how the skills they have developed within their major are beneficial across many industries.

Encourage students to explore the countless jobs available and cultivate more resources and connections to aid them as the business, engineering and architecture schools do.

Similarly, offer more assistance and resources for those applying to graduate programs or preparing for other post-graduate opportunities.

Arts & Letters majors often feel intimidated when preparing for graduation and incompetent compared to their peers who secure jobs so early in the year.

These students are capable and the opportunities exist, but without the same degree of assistance offered to so many other majors and career focuses, Arts & Letters majors, or any student unsure of their future career, often feel stuck.

With more resources, better contacts and a greater emphasis on career exploration, the many campus departments and institutions could relieve some of this burden and lead their students to greater success and reduced stress in their search for a job.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Tina

The world lost an amazing woman Wednesday night. She wasn't a current student, or a former professor or former college president but that doesn't mean she is any less deserving of inches dedicated to her in The Observer.

Tina Durski has been employed at Notre Dame in various positions since the 90s, but most recently she was the administrative assistant for the Band of the Fighting Irish.

I've known Tina and her family for the past six years after meeting her daughter, Krista, in Spanish class during my first year at Saint Mary's. She quickly became my Mom away from home letting us do our laundry at her house and making sure we were well fed.

Sophomore year, my best friend joined the band and I got to know Tina on a different level. She loved every single person who carried those instruments, no matter if they were band members, band managers or band best friends. I never once walked into her office when she didn't say hello and genuinely ask how my day was. She always managed to make me laugh and never hesitated to tell me when I was being a little crazy.

My college experience was what it was because she was

a part of it — so many experiences wouldn't have happened without her.

Tina was one of the strongest women I know and she fought hard through the end. I feel blessed to have been given time to see her one last time and say goodbye as she pushed herself to attend the infamous Durski tailgate before the USF game. She raised three great children, had an awesome husband and a job where she got to see a ton of students who she loved and who loved her each day. If that isn't the definition of a good life that we should celebrate, I don't know what is.

Tina was a mother away from home to all of us, and I'm sure I speak for a lot of people when I say that she will be missed greatly and her loss will be felt immensely.

Rest in Peace, Tina. Thank you for touching my life and helping make my time at Saint Mary's great.

Liz Harter

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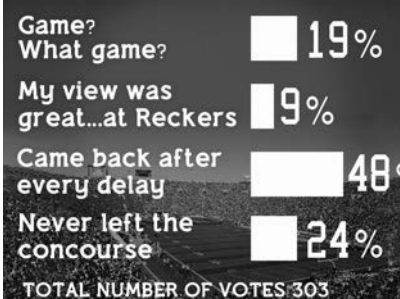
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it."

Al Batt
U.S. writer and speaker

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HOW LONG DID YOU STAY
AT THE ND VS. USF GAME?

War weary America

Love me or hate me, but don't call me a liar. One of my critics recently attacked the truthfulness of my last piece. I do believe in and practice journalistic integrity even though I am not a journalist. I am an editorialist, and in my opinion columns I don't have enough space to stick in a source. It ruins the flow.

But this time I will make an exception so I can curb stomp these vile allegations against my good name. According to icasultie.org, which mirrors closely Department of Defense official numbers, the following are combat deaths in Operation Enduring Freedom. 2008: 155. 2009: 317. 2010: 499. 2011: 310. A summation of these numbers gives you a total of 1,281 KIAs in Afghanistan. In Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008-present the number is 576 KIAs.

So actually, I was being quite conservative with President Obama about his total body count. If even one American life is valuable, then these Obama wars have been very costly.

Now I do this not just to clear my name and put egg on the face of another liberal know-nothing, but also to illustrate a bigger point I have.

America is tired of wars without a mission. We want swift and decisive engagements if we must have them. These aren't just numbers, these are people we are talking about. When you graduate, some of your classmates will go off to fight for us overseas. They will be put in danger and their lives and their friend's lives will be at risk. People we know now, people we eat with at the dining hall and go to class with, could potentially be slain in some hell hole far away from home.

But they signed up to do it anyway because they have a higher calling to service. I don't want to see their sacrifice wasted, and I certainly don't want their lives cut short with a one way ticket home in a casket. We have a duty to use our military to promote freedom abroad and protect it at home, but we also have a duty to our countrymen to not waste their commitment to our shared defense with pointless engagements.

I am the biggest war hawk I know. Not only do I believe the United States should intervene abroad to promote freedom and democracy, but we are obligated to do so. Soldiers don't sign up for the military so they can sit around the base and drink beers and blow stuff up once in a while. They sign up to fight and eliminate the enemies of America and free people of the world, and to protect our citizens and our peace-loving and rarely committed allies. We spend the most out of anyone

in the world on military technology.

Why? If we are not going to use it to rid the world of tyranny and oppression, then what is the point? What is the point of having an all-volunteer military that can fight three wars plus pirates plus drug cartels, while the rest of us go about our business? Is America going to take advantage of its blessings to share peace and wealth with other nations, or will America greedily hoard its blessings and hope others follow suit on their own terms?

The fact is there is still trouble and injustice in the world that I believe the United States can defeat single-handedly, if we only had the courage to try. However, we won't do that if we engage and get bogged down in conflicts that eat up resources and don't show significant results. We've tried our hardest in Afghanistan, but nothing can save that god-forsaken place at this point in time. One day, Afghanistan will be rich with the valuable ore locked away in its mountains, and our liberation of its people from the Taliban will be a bright spot in its history, but today they are so far behind the rest of the world it doesn't matter how much money we pour into it.

We have to leave now. Not a gradual drawdown, but an instant pack up, like Saigon in 1975. Last chopper out. I commend Bush for his compassionate effort to try and turn the country around instead of cratering it with a nuclear response, and he made a good run, but it was setup for failure from the beginning. I guess no one clued Obama in to that fact, and unfortunately many American families have paid the price since.

There are new battlefronts opening up where the United States is needed. We must reconsolidate our forces to be able to fully engage in these new locations. The "Arab Spring" was a great opportunity for us to topple many of the enemies of freedom in the Middle East, but I fear that opportunity may have passed us by. We must prepare for the next time, where we can make a real difference in the course of human history.

These wars are no longer Bush's wars. Obama has had three years to end the conflicts (like everyone thought he would) and instead he has either escalated them or has been extremely timid in drawing down our troop strength. It is a fantasy to believe that he deserves his Nobel peace prize after what we have witnessed over the course of his term. The takeaway from this: If you inherited a war you don't agree with, don't keep fighting it. American blood is too precious to waste on combat without a mission.

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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

Go green, earn green

At last night's career fair, did you find that perfect match — an exciting and inspiring company that will launch your career? While I hope many of you did, I'm also sure there is a large group of you wondering, "What do I do now?"

Rachel Novick

The GreenMan

Maybe the companies sounded dull, maybe you didn't make a great connection with the representative or maybe you just felt like something was missing. Notre Dame students are known for their commitment to service and active involvement in the community. We want to feel that our work has a purpose, that we are doing some good for those around us. Domers are also known for being high achievers, with a tremendous drive to succeed professionally.

Now this could be a bit bold for me to say, but maybe, just maybe, a focus on sustainability was what was missing from your night at the Career Fair.

Making sustainability part of your work clearly would give you an opportunity to contribute to the common good, but did you know that companies with an emphasis on sustainability also tend to outperform the market? Companies focused on identifying ways to reduce their reliability on limited resources are truly at an advantage.

Many American companies have claimed a seat in the Global 100, the Global Responsible Investment Network's list of the most sustainable corporations in the world. Some of the better-known ones include: Johnson and Johnson (2nd worldwide), Intel (6th worldwide), GE (11th worldwide), Procter and Gamble, Kraft Foods, PG&E.

Some of these companies were present last night, but maybe you didn't even give them a thought. I can't really blame you, after all, who knew that Johnson and Johnson was so much more than baby shampoo? There are some of you, however, who are looking for more than a corporation with a strong sustainability policy. You may want to consider working for a company that is solely focused on promoting practical sustainable products or services. You don't necessarily need a background in sustainability per se to realize this dream.

No matter what your skills, you can usually find a way to apply them in this field. You could be a web developer or

project manager for a green company, work as an architect to design efficient buildings, get into socially responsible investing, design eco-friendly furniture, be a copywriter for a green brand, or my personal favorite, be a baker at an eco-friendly bakery! Go online and search for sustainable companies and job positions and you'll be surprised at all of the possibilities that will pop up.

And for those of you who are even more awesome, I should mention that there are many jobs out there that focus exclusively on sustainability as their main practice. Many companies have developed a corporate social responsibility position which encompasses sustainability, while others have a sustainability manager responsible for greening all aspects of operations.

Starbucks is one such company. The CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) team at Starbucks is largely responsible for maintaining the company's emphasis on Fair Trade coffee, and ethical means of procurement are a critical component of sustainability. In addition, Starbucks has committed to making their cups recyclable, using more post-consumer materials, and designing all new stores up to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. (I realize I may have just justified your second Starbucks run of the day. Sorry for feeding the habit!) The upshot is, if you're faced with looming career choices and looking for a way to make a difference, consider sustainability.

Whether you get a job at a company with sustainability as a business strategy, or with a green-minded company or non-profit, or even as a CSR consultant that helps other corporations make more eco-friendly choices, you can make a huge contribution to improving our world for the next generation.

Maybe this was a shameless plug, maybe not. Maybe those four shots of espresso this morning were a bad idea. A large majority of you probably didn't even go to the Career Fair ... Oh well. Until next time, stay green, stay Irish.

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Email your predicaments to the GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Caution appreciated

Dear Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students,

Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy as you exited the stands and waited patiently for the game to resume last Saturday.

Your safety is a foundational concern for us. While you may occasionally feel that our abundance of caution is overly paternal, it is important that you recognize that there are occasions or patterns of danger that you cannot see.

It took approximately 17 minutes to evacuate (most) of the stadium. The dramatic bolt of lightning west of the stadium (that precipitated its total evacuation) was the visual and auditory evidence of our officials' concerns. What you couldn't have seen were the other 334 lightning strikes within a 10-mile radius of Notre Dame during the two game delays. The closest strike was 7/10ths of a mile from the stadium and carried an electric current of about 20,000 amps — some 100,000 times the lethal dose.

I bring this to your attention to affirm

the importance of your cooperation with emergency warnings. Equally critical is your respect for occasions when we simulate emergencies and practice life-saving responses. When University safety officials issue an alert about any emergency — via text, phone, e-mail, the Web, or the campus-wide public address system — you can be sure that the danger is real or the practiced response is essential to your safety. We ask you to continue responding in the general manner you did on Saturday.

Please be perpetually conscious of your own well-being, and in the spirit of Notre Dame, be equally concerned for the safety of those around you.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL
Scene Writer

Football Saturdays are some of the best days at Notre Dame, without a doubt. But even that doesn't mean the weekends we don't have home turf advantage can't be just as epic. Whether you are watching the game in South Bend, the Big House or any other venue, here are some tips to make your weekend memorable and amazing.

What to Eat

Sustenance is a hugely important part of any day, but especially game days, when you might be tailgating in triple-digit temperatures or sitting through a rainy game. The right food will help keep your energy up during the whole game and help avert rough Sunday mornings. And don't you want your strength for the pushups we will all hopefully be doing in excess tomorrow? For those of you staying home and watching the game, chili is a great option. This delicious stew is a great crowd-pleaser and easy to make for all the friends gathered in your living or common room.

If you are heading to an opposing stadium, pack your grill and brats. Tailgating is a fantastic way to meet rival fans and engage in friendly competitions to prove the worth of

your team. Furthermore, the proximity to enemy fans provides excellent opportunities for heckling them — in a friendly manner, of course — for their poor taste in sports teams. Food inside the stadium or at nearby restaurants may be expensive or subject to long lines, so tailgating is the way to go.

Where to Watch

If you are headed up to the Big House with a ticket this weekend, or to any away game this season, you are one of the chosen few. Enjoy your time in enemy territory and keep up the spirit even amidst rabid opposing fans. For those without a ticket, going to a local bar is a great alternative. This option may only be for those 21+, depending on the rules of the pub. However if that is you, going to bars is a great way to enjoy all the fun an away game has to offer. You can meet the locals, still engage in some friendly taunting and watch the game from inside if the weather goes foul.

If you are staying in South Bend for the away game, don't fret; you can still have a fantastic Saturday. Gather your friends in your apartment or dorm room, if space allows. If it doesn't, rally the troops in one of the lounges in your dorm. Assign different people different snack items to bring, from chips to salsa, soda to brownies. As long as your friends and delicious snacks surround you, you will have a

great time — sure to be even better if the Irish do well.

How to Watch

If you are headed to the game, make all of us proud with your cheers, jeers and Irish pride. Wear The Shirt into the stadium. Fly your ND flag from your car. Sing along to the band. Whatever you do, just make sure the opposing team knows the Fighting Irish faithful are there en masse. And if you are in enemy territory but not necessarily inside the stadium, make sure your fellow bar-occupants are fully aware of your allegiances. Do push-ups inside the establishment if necessary.

If you are at home watching the game on TV, don't let your enthusiasm wane even though the team can't see it. Wear your favorite memorabilia to show your Irish pride. Decorate your dorm room or apartment with Irish-themed ornaments from the local Dollar Store or Christmas Tree Shop. The team may not be able to see your fanaticism, but they can feel it. Keep up the spirit in and outside your domicile. Don't let it fade even if they Irish suffer a rough half.

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Scene Writer

Some movies move us. Some movies make us think. Some movies make us question what it means to be human. "Wet Hot American Summer" is not one of those movies.

The film earned the ire of critics and failed to make an impact at the box office upon its release in 2001, but has since become a cult classic. Written by Michael Showalter and David Wain, directed by Wain and featuring an all-star comedy cast, "Wet Hot American Summer" is a satiric homage to summer camp movies in the tradition of the classic Bill Murray film "Meatballs."

"Wet Hot American Summer" follows the events of August 18, 1981—the last day at Camp Firewood for the many kids and counselors. The camp's inhabitants seek to end their summer on a high note.

Wain and Showalter, both alums of the early '90s MTV sketch comedy show "The State" and the Com-

edy Central series "Stella," made the movie a family affair. They brought in Michael Ian Black, a fellow veteran from both series to play McKinley, and Ken Marino from "The State" to play Victor. Marino is perhaps best known for his starring turn as Ron in the Starz original series "Party Down."

The film is chocked full of current-day big names. "Wet Hot American Summer" features Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks, who reunited with director David Wain for 2008's "Role Models." The cast also includes alternative comedian Janeane Garafalo,

David Hyde Pierce of "Frasier" fame, "SNL" cast member Molly Shannon, Judah Friedlander from "30 Rock," the immensely talented Amy Poehler, and the recently-minted star Bradley Cooper.

"Wet Hot" is a very polarizing movie. According to movie-re-viewing website Rotten Tomatoes, the film currently holds a 19% Fresh rating with the Top Critics, while 83% of audience members liked it. Tom Maurstad of the "Dallas Morning News" deemed the movie, "an almost laughless bomb," while

Sean Axmaker of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" called it "harmless, amiably entertaining and completely pointless." Although even the film's good reviews were not especially flattering, any audience can enjoy a pointless, funny movie.

While "Wet Hot American Summer" is not the best work of any of its actors, the ensemble cast turns in admirable performances in this summer camp farce that does anything but take itself seriously. For moviegoers who enjoy recognizing people from other things, hearing camp stories or taking a lighthearted comedic trek down memory lane, "Wet Hot American Summer" is a movie you might want to check out.

"Wet Hot American Summer" is playing at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday at 11:59 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and are available online at performingarts.nd.edu.

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Scene Staff Report

“Moneyball”
Premiering Sept. 28

Based on the best-selling 2003 nonfiction book of the same name by Michael Lewis, “Moneyball” follows the journey of Billy Beane, general manager of the Oakland A’s, and the revolution he started in Major League Baseball in the early 2000’s. The trailer gives glimpses of the mathematical approach that Beane and his assistant general manager, Paul De Podesta, pioneered — a feature of the film that any baseball fan should find fascinating. Equally interesting is the human story that the trailer presents. In real life, Beane is a man known for his incredible charm and dedication to his team, but also for his uncontrollable rage and struggles with his emotions. Much like “The Blind Side” a few years ago, this film has a chance to be a great sports film that appeals to more than the typical fan.

“The Rum Diary”
Premiering Oct. 28

Johnny Depp returns to the work of Hunter S. Thomson in this fictional account of Thomson’s time in Puerto Rico as a journalist. Thomson wrote the book that inspired “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas,” which also stars Depp. Thompson is known for his off the wall, drug-ridden and wildly entertaining stories. The trailer for “The Rum Diary” seems to promise more of the same. With Depp starring and a talented supporting cast, the film looks to deal with issues of justice and morality, while maintaining Thomson’s trippy and whacked-out spirit.

“Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy”
Premiering Sept. 16

This film features enough “Harry Potter” cast members to make an HP8. “Tinker, Tailor Soldier, Spy” looks to be an intense cold war thriller devoid of helpful house elves, but instead filled with refined British accents. From the trailer, we know that a former spy, George Smiley (Gary Oldman) comes out of retirement to search for a Soviet mole within the ranks of MI6 (the British version of the CIA). The movie is based on a novel by John le Carré, who was actually a spy himself for MI5 and MI6 in the ‘50s and ‘60s. This trailer promises everything from suspense and betrayal to romance and Collin Firth. It’s a must see.

“Abduction”
Premiering Sept. 23

Taylor Lautner’s new thriller, “Abduction,” is a teenybopper’s version of “The Bourne Identity.” Look out Matt Damon — Taylor Lautner is stealing your mojo, and breaking “tween”-age hearts in the process. In the trailer, Lautner and his female companion (Lily Collins) discover that Lautner’s character is on a missing person’s website. This sends the soon-to-be couple off on a whirlwind, action-packed adventure to find out who Lautner really is. In this self-discovery process, the pair also has to avoid being caught by the sophisticated intelligence service that begins hunting them. Now that Lautner’s covered the bases of a romance movie with the “Twilight” saga, he is starring in a new film that can be classified as action, drama and mystery. For explosions, fight scenes and teenage identity crises, mark your calendars for Sept. 23.

“The Artist”
Premiering Nov. 23

You probably think you don’t ever want to watch a silent film. But the trailer for “The Artist” might just prove you wrong. The film, which has been racking up awards since it hit the festival circuit earlier this year, is in black-and-white and features no dialogue. But festival audiences have fallen in love with the film. The trailer gives a glimpse as to why. Despite its lack of dialogue, the trailer draws you into it and takes you along an emotional ride, complete with a jazz-age soundtrack full of emotional depth and some stunning physical performances by the film’s stars. Mainstream audiences might be put off by the concept of the film, but the trailer is simply enchanting.

“The Hunger Games”
Premiering March 23, 2012

It may only be a minute-long teaser trailer, but the first peek at the hotly anticipated “The Hunger Games” does not disappoint. The teaser shows only heroine Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) racing through the woods, encountering some dangerous obstacles and proving her marksmanship with her famous bow and arrow. But she looks good doing it. The teaser should prove to doubters that Lawrence has the chops to play the beloved Katniss and that director Gary Ross is intensely focused on a world that feels real and dangerous, despite its futuristic setting.

“Drive”
Premiering Sept. 16

Given that this film is all about a stunt driver with a seedy side job, the trailer portrays exactly the kind of confusion found in all action thrillers. With a starring cast of Carey Mulligan and Ryan Gosling, it showcases beautiful people in some seriously sticky situations. The trailer also features a brief cameo by Christina Hendricks of “Mad Men” fame, which leaves the audience questioning, where does she even fit into this? The best part of the trailer, however, is a slow motion montage of Gosling kicking some serious butt, set to classical music.

“Ides of March”
Premiering Oct. 7

In the lead up to the 2012 election, this movie has just enough intrigue to make politics sexy again. Ryan Gosling is a political analyst who is being poached by the enemy because of his talent, but his idealism is what drew him to his candidate in the first place. Oh right, his candidate is none other than the gorgeous George Clooney — who wouldn’t want Clooney as president? At the same time the trailer reveals his relationship with an intern from his own camp, played by Evan Rachel Wood. Near the end of the trailer, Gosling betrays Clooney (Et tu Brute?) and a montage of dramatic moments ensues.

“Footloose”
Premiering Oct. 14

Director Craig Brewer is making a bold move remaking the 1984 Kevin Bacon classic. “Footloose” follows the story of city boy Ren McCormack, who loves rock and roll, yet moves to a small town that bans the music and all associated dancing. Very little can ever match up to Bacon’s fantastic dance moves, but this remake takes a valiant stab, especially with such a star-studded cast. Unfortunately, one place where this new movie really misses the beat is in the dancing. Ren’s dance moves seem to be taken right out of “Step Up”—or one of the affiliated sequels—which is not very rock and roll. Overall, though this remake does not seem to egregiously offend Bacon and his classic movie, it may not be worth the \$10 in theatres.

“Like Crazy”
Premiering Oct. 28

No one can blame you if you watch the “Like Crazy” trailer over and over and over. To be honest, it’s kind of impossible not to. With the gorgeous and simplistic Ingrid Michaelson cover of “Can’t Help Falling in Love” floating in the background, we get glimpses of the naturalistic love story acted out by Felicity Jones and the vastly underrated Anton Yelchin. A hit at Sundance, many college students will surely relate to the complications of the long distance relationship the characters face after graduating from college. Bonus points if you spot Katniss Everdeen herself (Jennifer Lawrence), who is now more famous than both stars.

SPORTS AUTHORITY

Obsession with ranks

This is the fifth of a new Observer feature. A series of 10 Observer sportswriters will have columns appear in this space on a bi-weekly rotation. Hopefully some of these writers will grab your attention, and you'll know when and where to find more of their thoughts.

Sports fans, analysts and commentators today are obsessed with rankings. In an age of the ESPYs and Top Plays, of Web Gems and the BCS, all teams, all players, all plays and all achievements are ranked.



Eric Prister

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ESPN makes a ranking of not only college football teams, which while subjective still matters to some degree, but the teams in each of the 'Big Four' professional sports on a weekly basis, which are purely subjective and speculative, and which play no role whatsoever in the leagues themselves. Today's sports fan is obsessed with trying to answer the question of "who/what/where is the best?"

Never was this more clear than during the 2011 NBA Playoffs. Yes, the LeBron-choked-Wade-is-the-best-player-of-the-Big-Three-or-is-it-Big-Two 2011 NBA Playoffs. But the ranking didn't have anything to do with LeBron or the Big Three — analysts, and by proxy fans, were obsessed with finding Dirk Nowitzki's rank in the history of the NBA.

I heard Nowitzki called one of the top-50 players of all-time, one of the top-20, one of the top-15 and even one of the top-10. On the surface, some of these claims seem quite reasonable. Certainly he is one of the top-50, and even top-20 is possible. But the claim that Dirk Nowitzki and his now one NBA title is one of the top-10 basketball players of all-time is ludicrous.

This column is not meant to bash Dirk. He is an incredible player who had a post-season for the ages. The problem is

the obsession with ranking, not that Dirk was one of many players subjected to it.

If I were to ask if Michael Jordan was one of the top-5 basketball players of all-time, the answer would undoubtedly be resoundingly affirmative. What about Wilt Chamberlain? Of course. Bill Russell? Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Naturally. Larry Bird? Magic Johnson? That's six players already. So, though the answer to the question "Is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar among the top-five players of all-time?" seems obvious, it isn't. He's one of the top-six, but that's as much as can be said.

It is easy to haphazardly assign ranks to players or teams without putting much thought into it. But by this point, professional sports have a long history and it is very tempting to rank current events higher than older ones — they're more fresh in our minds.

But too often claims are made with no real basis and with very little actual thought behind them.

Why does it matter who is the greatest quarterback of all-time (clearly it's John Elway)? Who cares which team is the best dynasty of the 2000s (it has to be the Patriots and their three rings)? The Mt. Rushmore of Sports (Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky, Babe Ruth and Muhammad Ali)? What are we doing?

Sports are by nature objective. One team wins and one

team loses, based on how many points they score. But it is also incredibly subjective. The strike

zone in baseball, charges in basketball and pass interference calls in football all rely on the subjective judgment of an official. Sports analysis relies almost entirely on the subjective opinion of so-called experts. Subjectivity is not something that can be, nor should be, removed from the world of sports. Just take a minute to think about something before you claim it to be true.

The views expressed in this Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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MLB

Braves inch closer to wild card

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chipper Jones earned himself another turn in the two-hole.

Jones looked real comfortable starting as the No. 2 batter for the first time since 1996, hitting a double and homer and helping the Atlanta Braves snap a three-game skid with a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets on Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader made necessary by the threat of Hurricane Irene.

The Braves were forced to make a quick stop in New York to play two games postponed Aug. 27-28 after being handed their first three-game sweep of the season, by the Phillies. They next head to St. Louis for a crucial set against the team trailing them in the wild-card race. Only several hundred fans were on hand to see the start of the twinbill at 4:10 p.m.

Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez tried shaking up his scuffling club, losers of five of six over all coming in, by stacking his top on-base percentage guys up front.

"We got some productivity up there, we got some people getting on base," Gonzalez said. "It was a good three-run first."

Jones and his teammates responded with their biggest offensive output in six games. Cleanup hitter Freddie Freeman hit a two-run double and Martin Prado had an RBI single in the first. Jason Heyward had the go-ahead hit, an RBI single in the third off Chris Schwinden, making his major league debut. Jones tied it with his 48th homer against the Mets leading off the third, his most against any opponent.

Jose Reyes led off the ninth with a pinch-hit single off Craig Kimbrel, but the closer extended his rookie record by retiring the next three for his 43rd save.

Jason Bay hit a grand slam for New York, which had won 10 of 13.

After two days of continuous rain in New York, members of the Citi Field grounds



AP

Atlanta second baseman Dan Uggla attempts to turn a double play after making a force out at second base in the third inning.

crew, holding propane tanks, dried areas of the infield using portable heat torches while others applied a drying agent to the dirt.

Not long after, a matchup of young starters got off to a rough start. Mike Minor (5-2) settled down first, though.

"It was nice to see him not spook — for lack of a better word," Gonzalez said, "and give us a nice outing."

Schwinden (0-1) gave up three runs with two outs in the first. Making his 12th start this year, Minor was tagged for a two-out grand slam in the bottom half. He was nicked for just four more hits in five innings while Schwinden gave up two more runs and left trailing 5-4 after throwing 100 pitched in his five.

"I think it was probably nerves more than anything," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "I've seen him pitch enough to know that his command is always pretty good. I'm sure he was just a little nervous today. He left some balls up in the zone that they hit pretty hard."

The Braves scored a run in the eighth with a single, two walks and a hit batter. Mets reliever Tim Lincecum, who

ran through the clubhouse before the game in a football referee's uniform, blowing a whistle and throwing a yellow flag at teammates, entered with the bases loaded and hit Michael Bourn with a pitch to make it 6-4. Byrdak struck out Jones to end the inning.

The run was needed, because Nick Evans hit a sacrifice fly off Jonny Venters in the bottom half.

Schwinden, a 22nd round draft pick in 2008, went 8-8 with a 3.95 ERA for Triple-A Buffalo this year. He retired his first better then gave up a double to Jones and walked Brian McCann. Dan Uggla grounded out and Freeman doubled in two runs and move to third on the throw home. Martin Prado followed with an RBI single.

"The nerves took over a bit. It kind of messed with my mechanics," said Schwinden, whose dad was at the game.

After Minor got two easy flyouts to start the bottom half, Lucas Duda singled, David Wright doubled and Angel Pagan walked. Bay followed with his second grand slam of the season and fourth of his career.

"Curveball, flipped it in there," Minor said. "Shoulda went after him with a fastball and made him hit it."

The 24-year-old right-hander gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

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Ryan: I don't think-- I don't think you understand how jeopardy works.

Michael Scott: Oh, I'm sorry. What is, 'we're fine'?

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NFL

Tuck's neck is Giants' latest injury concern

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The banged up New York Giants' defense has another injury to worry about, and this involves two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Justin Tuck.

The Giants defensive captain didn't practice Thursday because of a sore neck, and he indicated he would not play in the season opener against the Redskins in Washington unless it improved.

"I am concerned but I am not panicked," Tuck said. "Like I said, it has not healed as fast as I wanted to. I am not panicked by it. It is getting better, just not as fast as I want it to."

Tuck, who was limited in practice on Wednesday, suffered a stinger in a preseason game against the New York Jets on Aug. 29. While the injury feels better, he still has some localized pain.

"I have played through more pain," he said. "It's kind of eerie when you are talking about your neck."

Tuck has talked to Giants linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka about dealing with a neck injury. Kiwanuka missed most of last season with a herniated cervical disk.

Tuck insists his injury is not as bad as Kiwanuka's, but he does

not want to risk his season to play in the opener.

"But if I am ready to play, I am going to strap it on and play," he said.

There are times that the medical personnel will tell a player that he can play because it won't make the injury worse. Tuck said that's not true in his situation.

"I have played through a lot of stuff, hopefully, I can play through this one," said Tuck, who played with a torn labrum against Tampa Bay in 2009.

Kiwanuka advised Tuck to be cautious.

"I tell everybody that has a neck issue, better safe than sorry," Kiwanuka said. "One of the best things that helped me out was that as soon as I felt symptoms, I had it checked out immediately, otherwise I'd be in a very different predicament right now. I think erring on the side of caution is a must in that situation."

Tuck said that he does not need a lot of practice time to be ready to play, noting he has been involved in all the walkthroughs, the team meetings and knows the Redskins well from playing them twice a season throughout his career.

The Giants have already lost cornerback Terrell Thomas and middle linebacker Jonathan Goff to season-ending knee injuries

and defensive tackle Marvin Austin, their second-round draft pick, is out with a torn pectoral muscle.

Fellow two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora is rehabilitating his knee after arthroscopic surgery and will not play in the opener. First-round draft pick Prince Amukamara, a cornerback, is out with a broken foot.

Defensive coordinator Perry Fewell insisted his defense would not be limited by the injuries. He admitted he has modified some things in the Redskins' gameplan because of Goff's injury, but noted the next player on the depth chart has to step up and do the job.

At middle linebacker, that would be rookie Greg Jones. If Tuck can't go, the Giants could either switch Kiwanuka from linebacker to end, start Chris Canty at end instead of tackle or simply go with veteran Dave Tollefson at end.

"We're ready," Fewell said. "We're going down there to win a football game Sunday and we're not crying. We're locked. We're loaded. This is a good challenge for us. We'll be ready to play football."

Fewell said Tuck has been getting better every day.

"If he plays," Fewell said, "it will be a bonus for us."



Giants defensive end Justin Tuck walks off the field after suffering an injury against the Jets on Aug. 29.



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Saint Louis in double overtime. Irish coach Bobby Clark is hoping for more consistency on the defensive end of the field this weekend. “We’ve got to be much more stingy in the back,” Clark said. “We need to get a little bit better at not giving up goals, because in both games we played very well. But when you’ve dominated two games and you’ve given up three goals, that doesn’t make a lot of sense.” Improved defense will be

especially critical against the Pioneers (0-1-1), who utilize an aggressive offensive attack. “I know Denver will be well-organized,” Clark said. “They’ll be quite a physical team and they’re fairly direct. They get the ball forward; they get the ball into your box. And that’s something that we’ll obviously have to take care of.” Though the defense did not play up to Clark’s liking, the Irish offense had an impressive weekend — headlined by the four-goal outburst against the Flyers — something he hopes will continue in the next two contests. “I was obviously pleased with the goal surge against Dayton,” Clark said. “And even

in the game against Saint Louis, we played a man short for most of the second half when [junior forward] Ryan Finley was given a red card, but we still generated 22 shots. So from that perspective, it was positive.” Bucknell (2-1) also poses a potent threat to the Irish, coming into the weekend on a two-game winning streak. Clark, however, is not directly concerned with the Bison at the moment. “We’ll have a look at Bucknell on Friday night when they play Indiana, so we’ll have a better idea on Saturday on them,” Clark said. “But we’re pretty much focused on the Denver game right now, because that’s

the game that comes first.” One advantage the Irish hope to carry into this weekend and the rest of the season is their developed team chemistry, formed largely during summer workouts. “There was about half the team here taking summer school classes and also playing together, so I think that’s really kept a little continuity to it,” junior midfielder Dillon Powers said. “And I think like we feel we’re further along in our ability to play on the field than we have been at this stage in the past few years, so that’s a good sign.” That chemistry, along with strong overall play, has been on display so far this year.

Clark hopes it’s able to translate into more victories. “We’re looking for a good all-around performance,” Clark said. “I thought we got that last weekend, we just didn’t get the two results. We got one result, but we didn’t get the other. I think if we can do the same as we did last week, but actually defend a little bit better as a group, and [make] some of our shots on the goal, we can go home pretty happy.” The Irish square off against Denver at 7:30 p.m. Friday and face Bucknell at 2 p.m. Sunday, with both games taking place in Alumni Stadium.

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their first three matches of the season, coasting to a sweep of the Shamrock Invitational and a 3-0 record. Brown hopes that last weekend’s hiccups against highly-ranked Stanford and St. Mary’s (Calif.) will prove to be just a slight setback over the course of the long season. Though two more weeks of matches separate the Irish from Big East play and the likes of Georgetown and Villanova, Brown is quick to point out that

there is no preseason. “You’ll get into trouble if you ever start looking ahead on your schedule, whether that be to Big East play, the NCAA tournament or anything else,” Brown said. “We have to take it one match at a time. Every one counts.” While every opponent certainly has to be respected, Brown and the Irish are much more concerned with their own play, particularly with an offense that has struggled at times early this season. Asked what to expect out of the opposition this weekend, Brown was content to keep her focus on her own squad. “We’re focusing on us more than on our opponents,” Brown

said. “And that means improving our offense. We have a lot of work to do, but I’ve really liked a lot of what I’ve seen this week.” Any discussion of performance on offense has to start with the duo of sophomore Andrea McHugh and freshman Jeni Houser. McHugh, reigning Big East rookie of the year, and Houser, named to the all-tournament team last weekend at Stanford, have registered 71 and 53 kills respectively this season to lead the team. The team returns to the court this Friday at the Joyce Center against Lipscomb at 7 p.m.

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Sophomore outside hitter Andrea McHugh hits around a pair of blockers during Notre Dame’s 3-1 win over Butler on Aug. 28. The Irish will host the Golden Dome Invitational this weekend.

NASCAR

Bowyer to leave RCR next season

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — It doesn’t sound as if Clint Bowyer will be back with Richard Childress Racing next season. Neither driver or car owner declared talks totally over, but both sounded Thursday as if there’s little chance they’ll come to an agreement to keep Bowyer behind the wheel of the No. 33 Chevrolet after this year. Childress even referred to Bowyer in the past tense several times while talking about the driver in an interview on SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. “You know, we’ve tried and we’ve really worked really hard to put the deal together to keep Clint,” Childress said. “It’s not 100 percent off the table, but it’s getting tougher and tougher as

the day goes by. Clint’s got a couple of really good opportunities there facing him. We just, for us, it just didn’t seem that we could get everything worked out. “Clint’s still a good friend. I want the best for him.” Bowyer has repeatedly said he wants a three-year contract extension to stay with RCR, but talks have seemed strained over the last month. Bowyer two weeks ago even expressed frustration over the free agency process and lashed out at how he was being characterized in the media of late. He called Childress’ Thursday comments “fair” and said there’s no updates in his situation. Bowyer made his Cup debut with Childress in 2005 and has won four races in 206 career starts. “There’s opportunities and

stuff we’re just trying to weigh out and, again, you’ve got to have all the stars line up,” Bowyer said. “You can’t just have one piece of the puzzle or a couple pieces of the puzzle. You have to have the whole puzzle put together and that’s how you do that in today’s world and you’re wasting your time talking about it to any media because you don’t really have anything to deliver to them.” Bowyer’s long-term future uncertain, he seemed to have a good indication of the present: He declared his chances of making the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship over. “Even if we win, it’s still, good God, I think it takes a mathematician to make all the stars lined up, so I’m not really worried about [the Chase],” Bowyer said.

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Gopher Invitational and 15th at the NCAA Championships. The Razorbacks are led by sophomore Sebastian Cappelen, who finished second in individual competition at the Invitational last year. Cappelen was ranked at No. 25 at the end of his freshman year and had a stroke average of slightly under 72 last year, a Razorbacks best for the 2010-2011 season. Joining Arkansas as one of the favorites is No. 19 Iowa, coming off a record-setting season where it finished tied for 10th at the NCAA Championships last year. The Hawkeyes fashion a senior-laden lineup headed by Chris Brant. Brant finished seventh in last year’s Gopher Invitational and posted the second-lowest average score in pro-

gram history. Filling out the field is Houston, one of college golf’s most storied programs with 16 NCAA titles. Yet despite the heightened sense of competition, Kubinski has seen his group progress in training and is optimistic that his unranked squad can steal a win this weekend. “We had a great round today. If we play this weekend like we have been during practice and qualifying, I’m confident that we’ll have a good chance to win this weekend,” he said. “[Our starters] have all been shooting around 70 recently, so we’re feeling great about our top five. We’ve been playing some very difficult courses, but they’ve been playing very well.” The Irish head to the Spring Hill Golf Club in Wayzata, Minn. for the Gopher Invitational on Sunday to start the fall season.

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Irish senior defender Ellen Jantsch makes a tackle during Notre Dame's 7-1 win over Tulsa on Sept. 2.

Waldrum

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for us.”

The Irish defeated Santa Clara (3-0-2) by a score of 1-0 last season with a goal just 3:05 into the game. Santa Clara senior goalkeeper Bianca Henninger recorded six saves in the game and is one of several returning starters on the Broncos’ roster.

Waldrum said he was able to prepare his team for both Stanford and Santa Clara all week in practice because the two teams run a similar system.

“The interesting thing about this weekend is that both teams out west play with the same system and same formation, so there are no surprises there,” he said. “[Santa Clara sophomore midfielder Julie] Johnston played on the under-20 national team. She’s really been a thorn in our side; she came to South Bend [last year] and played really well against us.”

On its last road trip — also against two ranked opponents — Notre Dame came away 0-2 after dropping its first game against top-ranked North Carolina and falling to No. 10 Duke in a Sunday matinee. Waldrum said the key to a successful weekend will be to stay focused and mentally confident.

“It’s so hard to play Friday and Sunday physically, but it’s tough especially against high-level teams,” he said. “Being mentally and physically prepared is huge. We didn’t come out and perform the second day last time, so we are trying to come out and perform the entire weekend.”

Senior forward Melissa Henderson agreed that confidence will play an important role in returning home with two wins.

“Confidence [is key], and I think we need to realize going in that we’re capable of doing it,”

she said. “We need to believe in one another, come together and really play for one another, play for our school.”

The Irish outscored their opponents 11-2 over the weekend, and Henderson alone netted four goals. Waldrum said the Irish will have to continue to be patient near the goal and take advantage of good shot opportunities.

“I was happy offensively [this past weekend] with creating more chances and scoring more goals,” he said. “[Santa Clara] probably [has] the best goalkeeper in the country in Bianca.”

The Irish defense remains on the top of the list of priorities, however, as the team continues to search for a permanent goalkeeper.

“We’ve been working on defense still, and we’ve got to get goalkeeping up,” Waldrum said. “We gave up two goals this weekend, and we’ve got to be better than we are.”

Opponents have scored seven goals on the Irish thus far, five more than the defense had allowed five games into the season last year, when they went on to win their third national championship.

Senior defender Jessica Schuveiller insisted that the defense is ready to work together and play for the entire weekend.

“Just collectively as a team, we need to be better at all-around defense and playing together as a group,” she said. “I think no matter who we have on the field at a time, we just have to have a mentality that no one’s going to get past us. We have to really support each other when we’re on the field together.”

The Irish will face Stanford on Friday at 10:30 p.m., and they will return to action at Santa Clara on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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Calvin

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“Calvin is a very tall, physical team,” Kuschel said. “We will need to hit much better and use their height to our advantage. This will be a great match if we show up and play our game.”

Even though this is the first home game of the year for the Belles, Kuschel says the mental preparation is no different than if it were a road game.


“It’s always about getting better every time we step onto the court,” she said.


Saint Mary’s will rely on strong play from all positions, and will look to players such as junior setter Danie Brink and senior libero/defensive specialist Meghann Rose, who totaled 14 and 20 digs, respectively, to bolster the defense. Freshman outside hitter Kati Schneider and junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien will be looked to for strong offensive play again, as they had 12 and 11 kills Tuesday, respectively.

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Sessions will be held on Sunday, September 11th and Sunday, September 18th, at 7:00pm in Geddes Hall (CSC Building) in B001 Andrews Auditorium.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Westward bound

Irish ready for a pair of California matches

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

An offensive resurgence over the weekend gave No. 8 Notre Dame a refresh as to what is possible before it heads west to face second-ranked Stanford and No. 17 Santa Clara.

Notre Dame (3-2) will open the weekend against a familiar team in Stanford (4-0-1), which fell 1-0 to the Irish in last season's national championship. The Cardinal return six starters, including sophomore goalkeeper Emily Oliver.

"They have a great goalkeeper, and [senior forward] Lindsay Taylor up front is their go-to player," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "From what we've seen of her, she looks really good — [a] really energetic and high-tempo midfielder. They are very good and very professional, like we try to [be] here at Notre Dame.

They will be a good challenge

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Irish senior forward Melissa Henderson keeps a defender at bay in a 7-1 win over Tulsa on Sept. 2. The Irish will take on No. 2 Stanford and No. 17 Santa Clara this weekend.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Team set to return for Invitational

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After a disappointing 0-2 finish at the Stanford Invitational in California last weekend, the Irish will try to rebound this weekend at home in the Golden Dome Invitational.

With her team set to take on Lipscomb, the University of Portland and Valparaiso, Irish coach Debbie Brown believes playing at home will help the Irish in a tournament in which taking anything less than three matches would be a disappointment.

"It's going to be really nice to be back at the Joyce Center," Brown said. "We will never use it as an excuse, but travel does wear on you. When it comes to playing at home, we're on a mission."

That mission would be to regain the winning ways of two weeks ago as the Irish (3-2) took

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MEN'S GOLF

Two seniors bring leadership, experience to Notre Dame

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will kick off its Big East title defense this weekend when it heads to the University of Minnesota for the seventh annual Gopher Invitational to open the season.

The Irish won their seventh Big East title last year when they cruised to victory at the Big East Championship in May, defeating runner-up

Louisville by a margin of six strokes.

And for a team that didn't lose any starters, the squad's expectations go beyond just defending their conference championship, senior Max Scodro said.

"Of course we want to repeat our Big East championship, but we didn't lose anyone from the starting lineup so we are going to push for that national championship," Scodro said.

Scodro leads the strong Irish squad and played this past summer in the U.S. Amateur Championships. Scodro made the cut and qualified in a tightly-contested playoff round after shooting a 67 on the second day. But the senior lost in the next round after he drew the No. 1 amateur golfer in the world, UCLA's Patrick Cantlay.

Scodro is also the reigning Big East Player of the Year and was recently listed in the

top-50 of Golf World's list of the world's best college golfers.

"Max has been great so far this year," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "I think his experience this summer [at the U.S. Amateur Championships] has helped him a lot. I think he's been between 69 and 73 every round this year so far with a lot of sub-seventies. He's going to have a great year."

At the Gopher Invitational,

the Irish will be up against 13 other schools from 10 different conferences, the most in the tourney's seven-year history. This year's lineup includes Kent State, Liberty University, Charlotte, Penn State, Lamar University, Wisconsin and Santa Clara, among others.

Those others are highlighted by No. 10 Arkansas, who finished third in last year's

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish to host memorial tourney

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

Coming off a split in a pair of games at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., the No. 14 Irish will look to better their performance in two home games this weekend.

Notre Dame (1-1-1) hosts the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend, with games against No. 20 Denver on Friday and Bucknell on Sunday.

The Irish got off to a strong start last weekend with a 4-1 win over Dayton, but could not continue the momentum, dropping their next game 2-1 to

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Irish senior midfielder Adam Mena evades an Indiana defender Aug. 27. The Irish and Hoosiers tied 0-0.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to open up with national champions

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

The Belles will take on defending national champions Calvin in their home opener Friday.

Saint Mary's (1-4, 0-1 MIAA) is coming off a 3-1 loss to Kalamazoo on Tuesday. The Belles are looking to rebound from that loss and carry the positive aspects of their performance into Friday's game.

"We had a great start to the match with a seven-point lead," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. "We need to push

and finish the set. We need to eliminate unforced errors."

Eliminating errors and minimizing careless mistakes will be essential in facing a team as talented as the Knights (5-0, 1-0). Not only does Calvin boast a perfect record, but it brings in a team with 12 players at 5'10" or taller, including sophomore setter Megan Rietma, who stands 6'2" and was recently named the MIAA's specialty player of the week for the third time in her career.

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