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ND students in Chile unharmed in earthquake

University faculty, ACE graduate students, Congregation of Holy Cross members also safe after 8.8-magnitude quake strikes Saturday morning

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Junior Cari Pick was chatting with friends online early Saturday morning in Santiago, Chile, when the Internet cut out and her building began to sway.

"My initial reaction was to stare out the window at nearby buildings to see if any of them were collapsing. Luckily, they were not," Pick said of Saturday's earthquake. "My host mother told me in Spanish that the safest place to stay was inside our building, which had been built to withstand earthquakes."

Pick is one of 19 undergradu-

ate students studying abroad in the South American country for the spring semester. The University confirmed Saturday that all Notre Dame students and faculty in Chile are safe after an 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country.

All the students studying in Chile live with host families, and after the earthquake, Pick said she immediately tried to reach other students.

"I spent the next few hours frantically trying to contact other students to make sure they were alright as well," she said. "The phone systems are unreliable right now."

The University also reported that five graduate students par-

ticipating in the Alliance for Catholic Education program, three staff members and members of the Congregation of Holy Cross working in Chile are safe.

"For the second time this semester, we are immensely grateful that Notre Dame students, faculty and staff are safe in the wake of a devastating natural disaster," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a press release. "As was the case last month for Haitians after an earthquake hit that nation, the prayers of the Notre Dame family now are with the people of Chile."

The University offers most of

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Firefighters work on a collapsed building in Concepcion, Chile, Sunday. No University students were harmed in the quake.

Robinson Center celebrates ninth anniversary



CARLY LANDON/The Observer

Seniors Jarred Carter and Austin Dwyer are recognized for their service during the Robinson Community Learning Center's anniversary celebration Friday.

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

For the past nine years, Notre Dame faculty, staff and students as well as members of the South Bend community have volunteered their time to better their lives of local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

The Center, an off-campus educational initiative sponsored by the University, celebrated its ninth anniversary Friday afternoon and gave thanks to the support of its volunteers.

Speakers at the event included University President Fr. John Jenkins and South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke.

Jay Caponigro, the founding director of the RCLC, was officially appointed to the position

of the Director of Community Engagement for the University, a promotion effective March 1.

No announcements about his replacement at the RCLC have been made yet.

Friday's festivities also included the recognition of various community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty and students who work to further the Center's ventures.

In addition, the James Kapsa Take Ten Award was presented to a local school leader and awards were given to the top 12 schools in the Take Ten poster design contest.

The Take Ten Program is an outreach project of the Robinson Community Learning Center encouraging students to "Talk it out, Walk it out and Wait it Out"

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Registration for Basilica weddings during 2011 year begins

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Today, the first day couples can register for weddings at the Sacred Heart Basilica for the 2011 year, is perhaps one of the reasons the "ring by spring" mentality pervades for many a Notre Dame senior.

According to Amy Huber, Wedding and Baptism Coordinator of the Basilica, current students, alumni, University administrators and Sacred Heart parishioners are all eligible to sign

up for weddings at the Basilica beginning today by calling in.

The process is competitive, as desirable spots fill quickly as the day progresses.

"You just have to be patient and keep redialing until you get through," Huber said. "I probably take about 70-80 reservations [on call day]."

Huber said the Basilica accommodates only a certain number of wedding reservations each year, and that number is limited by certain days on which wedding ceremonies are disallowed.

"There are a little over 100 dates for 2011 to give out and the summer afternoon dates always go first as expected," she said. "[Weddings are not held] on holiday weekends, JPW, Alumni Weekend, final vows weekend, ordination weekend, Freshman Orientation weekend and Commencement weekend."

The fee for use of the Basilica is \$750, and Huber said that figure includes not just the ceremony itself.

"It also provides a wedding

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Photo Courtesy of Samantha Mainieri Roth

Samantha Mainieri Roth and husband Andrew Roth, both Notre Dame graduates, exchange vows at the Basilica in the fall of 2009.

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CEO discusses changes in media

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

As expansion of the Internet over the past decade continues to revolutionize American lives, the ramifications for the news and communication business are especially profound.

This changing media landscape was the main focus of a lecture Friday by Harris Diamond, CEO of Weber Shandwick and the Constituency Management Group.

The lecture, titled "The Evolving Media and Its Consequences for American Society," was held in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

The lecture and discussion, part of Mendoza's "Ten Years Hence" speaker series, provided an insider's perspective on objective news, television and print media.

Objective news, Diamond said, is again turning to partisan and biased news sources both online and in television.

"Objective journalism is a reality that has only existed since the latter part of the 20th century," he said.

"[Prior to that], newspapers were very much partisan organs," he said. "They gave their readers what they wanted to hear."

The emergence of polarized media outlets again in recent years, Diamond said, is "in many respects nothing more than a back to the future moment."

Diamond recognized the immense effect the accessibility of the Internet has had on media becoming more biased.

Diamond said the media has "democratized the news" and now have "increased quantity, decreased quality."

"In the age of information it's hard to say too much information is a bad thing," Diamond said.

He said this "democratization" can be beneficial, but also has adverse effects on the way people inform themselves.

"In this world of high-speed technology, lies are refuted immediately," Diamond said.

However, he said, the tendency of "slivers of truth" to spread rapidly is problematic.

"We manufacture controversies just so we can fill up an hour of news," he said.

These slivers of truth, Diamond said, can spread at the detriment of businesses especially.

"An accusation made against a company ... is given full publicity ... without a full understanding or context," he said.

Companies today, he said, must put more resources into dealing with media issues.

"The world right now is fascinated by transparency," Diamond said. "What most people really want is a free flow of information and answers to their questions."

In the face of corporate controversy, Diamond said three issues companies face are whether the problem has been fixed,

how the company initially reacted and what the company did for the people affected.

The massive expansion of the Internet also poses a major threat to television networks and broadcasters, especially with regards to news.

"The mainstream media is going to struggle," he said. "In 10 years I don't believe there will be a 30-minute news at night. It's not the end of the world — it's just the end of an era."

The outlook for print media, he said, is even grimmer.

"The traditional sources [of information] are going to slowly disappear," Diamond said. "I'm a pessimist — I don't see newspapers long-term surviving."

The problem, he said, is being fueled in part by newspapers themselves.

"There is no business model right now ... for newspapers to stay in their current form," he said. "They're putting their content on the Web for free. ... Newspapers are destroying themselves."

Despite the grim message, Diamond insisted that media itself is not on the decline.

He said students, especially seniors, should not be discouraged by the changing state of the media industry.

"Obviously this year is going to be tough. ... Companies are still going to be looking for people who understand the digital world — those opportunities are only going to increase," he said. "I wouldn't confuse short term difficulties with long-term opportunities. They're still there."

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SMC hall director Shea receives award

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Responsible for supervising 10 resident advisors (RAs) and about 264 residents, McCandless Hall and Opus Hall director Kady Shea received the Advisor of the Year award for her work with the College Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Shea has not only managed to keep order in the residence halls, but has helped make some vast improvements to the quality of life on Saint Mary's campus.

"[I really enjoy] getting to interact with students on a regular basis, and getting to know them personally, what's going on in their lives and just being able to help them as best I can with whatever is going on," Shea said.

The award was presented at the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference on Feb. 6.

Shea and LeMans Hall director Leslie Robinson co-advise RHA at the College.

Shea was nominated by the members of RHA and was chosen by the directors of the Indiana Residence Hall Organization (IRHO).

"The advisor of the year was pretty cool just because advising RHA is part of my job but its just one small piece of my job," Shea said. "They nominated me for this award and the directorship of IRHO recognized my accomplishment. That was pretty cool to receive that."

Shea began working at the College in August 2008. Since that time she has not only acted as a co-advisor for RHA, but as advisor for McCandless Hall Council as well. Additionally, she

has worked to help improve RA training as well as the room selection process.

Shea is also responsible for keeping the Residence Life Web site up to date.

"It's a challenge, but I also find it very entertaining," Shea said. "I try to have a positive look at it. Working with Residence Life and being a hall director, you come into work every day not knowing what to expect. It's not the type of thing where you log onto a computer and start entering numbers all day."

Shea decided to become a hall director during her undergraduate studies at Simmons College in Boston. Shea said she originally wanted to be a teacher.

"I always knew that I wanted to help people in some capacity," she said. "I had a first-year

experience class where I had a college administrator who facilitated the class and she actually worked in Residence Life and kind of opened my eyes to Residence Life. That's when I discovered that

you can make a career out of this and you can do everything you love, work with students and get paid for it."

Shea said she enjoyed working as a hall director at Saint Mary's. She has had a positive experience with the RAs as well as the other residents in her halls.

"I really enjoy working with first year students just because transitioning into college is not always easy and being able to help them with that transition is pretty awesome, and being able to see them grow through out the year," Shea said.

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College bookstore holds fashion show

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Shaheen Bookstore held a fashion show Friday in the student center atrium to promote the College's new spring clothing line, featuring different types of apparel including sweatpants, T-shirts and shorts.

"We hold the fashion show to promote all the new clothes and get the student body involved," freshman Katie Gutrich, merchandise and fashion show director, said.

Gutrich, junior Sarah Schuchman and senior Lillian Reeves all served as merchandise and fashion show directors for the event.

The three students were responsible for designing the line, finding models and advertising the event to students around campus.

Gutrich said organizing the event was an undertaking for all involved.

"We've been working on the line since fall semester," Gutrich said. "We've advertised around campus using flyers and television."

Reeves said the new line features many bright colors for the spring and the clothes were chosen with the student body in mind.

Around 100 new items of clothing were shown in the show, and organizers estimated around 100 members of the College community were in attendance.

There were 60 models in the show, including Saint Mary's students, faculty and College President Carol Mooney.

Onlookers appreciated the exhibition of the new College apparel.

"The show was really fun," freshman Dani Haydell, a student model, said. "All the girls were friendly and outgoing. I had a blast."

Models were able to keep the merchandise they modeled.

The clothing items went on sale right after the show. All of the new clothing was 25 percent off over the weekend.

"We hold the show to promote all of the new clothes and get the student body involved," Gutrich said. "We just hope our efforts were rewarded."

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Weddings

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coordinator who will attend the rehearsal and wedding and will assist in all the details of the wedding liturgy," she said.

Couples who choose to marry in the Basilica tend to do so because of a sentimental bond with the University.

"Most of the couples met here, fell in love here and want to have the sacrament of marriage here," Huber said. "The Basilica is one of the most beautiful places on campus and our staff at the Basilica and Campus Ministry are wonderful in supporting these couples in all aspects of their preparation and liturgy."

Samantha Mainieri Roth, a 2009 graduate, married her husband Andrew Roth, a 2008 graduate, in the Basilica on Oct. 10, 2009.

"The number one reason I wanted to get married at the basilica is because Andrew and I met at ND and it just symbolizes tradition in every sense to us," she said. "Just knowing how many previous ND grads got married there made it that much more special."

A former Notre Dame



Photo Courtesy of Samantha Mainieri Roth
Samantha Mainieri Roth and Andrew Roth walk down the aisle at the Basilica after being married there in fall 2009.

cheerleader, Mainieri Roth said the date of her wedding was especially difficult to come by.

"I knew I wanted the by-weekend of the football season in October to be my wedding date because none of my cheerleader teammates would be out of town then since there wasn't an away game and there are no weddings on weekends of home games," she said.

"By the time Andrew

made it through the phone line, after about 500 attempts, we were given the 9 a.m. slot because that's all there was left for that day."

According to the Basilica's Web site, available weddings times are Fridays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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the abroad program's classes at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica, a Catholic university in Santiago. The students arrived in the Chilean capital Thursday after completing a three-week program in the rural Chilean town of Linares. They were originally scheduled to start classes in the city Wednesday.

Pick said the students have been told, however, they will start classes March 8, and the academic facilities are relatively undamaged.

Junior Alex Barker, an Observer Sports writer participating in the Chile study abroad program, said the students were lucky they arrived in Santiago when they did.

"The pre-program took place in a less developed area that was much closer to the epicenter [of the earthquake]. It took a great deal more damage," he said. "Buildings we were in just last

week now lay flattened and destroyed."

Barker said most students are fortunate to be living in buildings meant to withstand earthquakes.

"Most of us live in some of the nicest parts of Santiago so the houses are much sturdier, and from what I've heard thus far, did not take any significant damage," he said.

"One of the main reasons many of us chose the Chile program is for its Chilean Poverty and Development service class, and once we find out what we can do to help, we will try to do whatever we can to get involved."

Cari Pick
junior

The Associated Press is reporting the death toll to be more than 700 with nearly two million displaced by the earthquake.

With unreliable communication, Pick said many students are not sure how the next few weeks will go, but many will try to get involved in the relief efforts if possible.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australians bare all for photo shoot

SYDNEY — About 5,200 naked people have embraced each other on the steps of Sydney's iconic Opera House for a photo shoot by Spencer Tunick.

Tunick, who is known for his nude group photos in public spaces, posed participants for more than an hour in a variety of positions Monday.

"It was difficult to get the straight participants to embrace the gay participants and vice versa," Tunick said. "So I was very happy that that last set up finally got done and everyone came together (in a) united, friendly kiss, a loving kiss in front of this great structure."

Dead fish stink up Rio lagoon

RIO DE JANEIRO — Thousands of dead fish washed up on the shores of a popular beachside lagoon in Rio over the weekend, offending joggers' olfactory senses and leading the city to fight the stench with disinfectant.

The official state news service Agencia Brasil said about 100 city employees working full-time cleared nearly 80 tons of fish as of Sunday. There was no immediate estimate of how many died, but several species were involved.

Rio's environmental secretary speculated that increased levels of a harmful algae may be the immediate cause of the sudden die-off Friday. She told Globo's G1 Web site that authorities were still investigating, but the problem was not affecting the fish anymore.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ebert partially regains voice

CHICAGO — Film critic Roger Ebert says computer programmers have captured his voice from movie commentary tracks so he can type what he wants to say and listeners hear a voice that sounds like him.

Ebert lost his ability to speak after surgery for cancer. He writes in Sunday's Chicago Sun-Times that a Scottish company has helped him regain a voice his grandchildren can recognize.

Ebert recorded commentaries for DVD movies before he lost his voice. A Scottish company called CereProc blended digital recordings of Ebert speaking to make his text-to-audio voice.

Ebert writes that the voice will be heard predicting Oscar winners on a segment of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" airing Tuesday.

He says he may be able to use the voice for radio and Webcasts.

Man shot to death in mall

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Anchorage police say a man taken into custody following a fatal shooting at a busy mall has been released, and they're now looking for a man who may have been wearing a wig and fake mustache.

Police just before 6:30 p.m. Saturday took a call that shots had been fired at the Dimond Center mall. They found 29-year-old Edwing Matos wounded outside a barber shop. He had been shot multiple times.

Matos was rushed to a hospital, where he died.

An off-duty Alaska State Trooper tackled a man fleeing the scene. Police say the man was brought to Anchorage Police headquarters for questioning and released.

LOCAL NEWS

Man caught using shoe camera

INDIANAPOLIS — Police arrested a Fort Wayne man after he allegedly used a camera in a shoe to look up women's dresses at a shopping mall.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department says 40-year-old David Delagrance approached several women at Castleton Square Mall on Saturday and placed his foot under their dresses.

Police say an off-duty officer found that Delagrance had a sophisticated recording system with a camera attached to his right shoe and video and audio controls in his pockets.

Clinton heads to Latin America

Secretary of State to visit post-quake Chile, four other countries in weeklong tour

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's weeklong, five-nation tour of Latin America is certain to focus on the earthquake in Chile while she also tries to build support for fresh penalties against Iran.

Clinton will briefly visit Santiago, Chile's capital, Tuesday morning. She had been scheduled to go to Chile late Monday for talks with Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and President-elect Sebastian Pinera, who takes office March 11. But that meeting has been canceled as Chile struggles to recover from the quake.

Before Clinton left Washington on Sunday evening, she made clear she would show U.S. support for disaster rescue and recovery operations in Chile.

"Our hemisphere comes together in times of crisis, and we will stand side-by-side with the people of Chile in this emergency," Clinton said Saturday after President Barack Obama called Bachelet to offer assistance.

The State Department issued a travel alert Sunday urging U.S. citizens to avoid nonessential travel to Chile.

Clinton starts her trip in Uruguay at Monday's inauguration of the country's new president, ex-guerrilla Jose Mujica. Mujica's election in November won praise from other left-leaning populist leaders in the region, including Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, a perennial thorn in the side of the U.S. who is cultivating closer ties with Iran.

In the Uruguayan capital of Montevideo, Clinton will see Mujica and Argentine President Cristina Fernandez. U.S. officials say she has no plans for separate meetings with other inauguration guests — for example, Chavez or other like-minded leaders such as Ecuador's Rafael Correa or Bolivia's Evo Morales.

The Obama administration has been pleased by Uruguay's contributions to U.N. peacekeeping forces and



AP

People walk near a destroyed building in Concepcion, Chile, Saturday. The epicenter of Saturday's 8.8-magnitude was just 70 miles from Concepcion and 200 miles from Santiago.

Argentina's stance on Iran's nuclear program, and Clinton will encourage Mujica and Fernandez to continue those policies, U.S. officials said.

Fernandez may raise Argentina's dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands, but Clinton is not expected to bring it up. "This is a matter for Argentina and for Britain and it's not a matter for the United States to make a judgment on," the top U.S. diplomat for the Americas, Arturo Valenzuela, said Friday.

After her brief stop in Santiago on Tuesday morning, she heads to Brasilia, Brazil, for talks with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whose support the U.S. is seeking for a new round of U.N. Security Council penalties against Iran over its

nuclear program.

Brazil, a voting member of the Security Council, has been reluctant to additional penalties. Its leaders have expressed a desire to improve relations with Iran, and Lula plans to visit Tehran in May.

Clinton hopes to win Brazil's backing for sanctions as well as a commitment to press Iran to comply with international demands to prove that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

"We will be telling our Brazilian counterparts that we encourage them to encourage Iran to regain the trust of the international community by fulfilling its international obligations, which we feel that they have not fulfilled," Valenzuela said before Clinton's trip.

Clinton also will attend a meeting in Costa Rica of regional foreign ministers that will focus on improving economic conditions in the hemisphere. She expects to see outgoing President Oscar Arias, who brokered an accord that ended the political crisis in Honduras last year.

Clinton will also meet with incoming Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla before wrapping up her tour in Guatemala on Friday.

In Guatemala, Clinton will meet a group of Central American leaders, including Honduran President Porfirio Lobo, who took over in late January from an interim government that had ousted leader Manuel Zelaya in a coup last June, leading to a political crisis.

Storm leaves 200,000 without power

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Nearly 200,000 homes and businesses were still without power Sunday as restoration efforts continued days after a slow-moving storm battered the Northeast with heavy snow, rain and high winds.

More than 83,000 utility customers still lacked electricity late Sunday afternoon in New Hampshire, the hardest-hit state. New York had about 87,000 outages and Maine 23,000.

At the peak of the storm, more than a million utility customers throughout the region had lost power.

Hundreds of utility crews from as far away as Michigan and Maryland continued removing trees that knocked down power lines and replacing utility

poles that snapped during last week's storm.

Dozens of shelters provided warmth and food at fire departments, schools and other places.

Even after spending three nights at a shelter in New Paltz, N.Y., 28-year-old Keith Crum of Marlboro, N.Y., said he was understanding of the ongoing power outage. He recently moved back to the area from South Carolina, where he worked cutting trees away from power lines.

"They're trying to do the best they can with the power," he said. "You got to take into account there are a lot of lines down."

Bryan Bush lost electricity Thursday, but he used a power generator he owns to turn the lights back on in his home in

Kittery, Maine. Neighbors without that option have been stopping in for showers, warmth and cups of coffee.

But with three utility poles still down in front of his house and wires crossing his driveway, he wasn't too confident about getting power back anytime soon.

"I wouldn't expect much before the middle or the end of the week," he said.

Deep snow in New York has made it hard for people to get around.

"A lot of people cannot honestly get out of their house and get to the shelters," said John-Anthony Bruno, executive director of the Ulster County, N.Y., chapter of the American Red Cross.

"A lot of people are resourceful," he added. "If their neighbor has power, they go down the street rather than shelter with us."

Colleges enlist parents to stop drinking

Associated Press

At Virginia Tech, where tailgating and raucous apartment complex parties are time-honored rituals, university officials are turning increasingly to Mom and Dad to curb problem underage drinking.

This semester, the school in Blacksburg, Va., began notifying parents when their under-21 students are found guilty of even minor alcohol violations such as getting caught with a beer in a dorm room.

Although it's common for colleges to alert parents of major alcohol offenses — or when a student faces suspension — Virginia Tech is part of a small but growing number sending letters home on minor ones.

The debate about how much to involve parents in such cases is a balancing act for colleges and universities. Officials want to hold young adults accountable as they venture out on their own, are well aware that drinking is part of the college experience, and also recognize potential allies in a generation of hands-on parents who can help when things go too far.

"I think it helps students open up to parents," said Steven Clarke, director of Virginia Tech's College Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center. "And parents can be helpful in setting boundaries students might need."

The beefed-up parental notification policy is part of a broader strategy that includes alcohol-education classes and a "party positive" program that encourages responsible drinking.

The student reaction to the

policy change, not surprisingly, has been less than enthusiastic.

"If you have one beer in the dorm and you get caught, I don't feel like parents should be notified," said Erik Pryslak, a junior engineering major. "Now that we're all in college, we're all adults. It's kind of your responsibility to take care of yourself. If you want to make your parents aware you're about to be kicked out of school, then it's on you."

Studies show that students who say their parents would disapprove of them drinking are less likely to drink heavily once they get to college, said Toben Nelson, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health who has studied campus drinking.

At Virginia Tech, the school has operated on a "three strikes" system for years: Students get one strike for a minor alcohol violation and two for a major one — things like getting a DUI or vomiting all over a residence hall bathroom. Three strikes and a student is suspended for at least one semester.

After a spate of alcohol-related deaths on college campuses, Congress in the late 1990s changed student privacy laws to lower barriers to parental notification in cases involving students under 21.

Schools took a wide array of approaches in response. Virginia Tech started notifying parents of under-21 students after major alcohol offenses or when a student had accumulated two strikes with two minor ones.

But some parents complained that because they had not been notified of minor offenses, they were in the dark until a student was suddenly facing suspension, said Edward Spencer, Virginia Tech's vice president for student affairs. Hence the change this semester — a move Spencer says also reflects changing times.

Parents of Generation X students were often reluctant to get involved when the school invoked an emergency clause in privacy laws and alerted them of alcohol problems, he said.

"The response would be, 'You know, I'm leaving on a cruise. I'm going to a class reunion.'"

But today, parents of millennials tend to be tethered by cell phone to children who studies show often idolize their parents — so it makes sense to go a step further in parental involvement, he said.

"We'd like to strike a happy medium," Spencer said.

Center

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before taking action.

The Center lists the mission statement of its Take Ten Program as one working "to promote choices and strategies that cultivate nonviolent communities."

Two Notre Dame seniors, Jarred Carter and Austin Dwyer, were recognized for their service within the center at the celebration.

"We pretty much have an occupation where we are able to help kids, play with them, tutor them and also give them advice about the world and guide them in their future endeavors," Carter said about his two and a half years of vol-

unteer service at the Center.

Members of the John Adams High School Jazz Band provided musical entertainment to guests, mainly consisting of parents of the students and elderly members of the community, Carter said.

Each semester over 250 Notre Dame students volunteer at the Center.

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**Jarred Carter
senior**

In a recent press release about his new promotion, Caponigro said he would continue to work to improve Notre Dame's presence in South Bend and build relationships with both community leaders and ordinary citizens. He also expressed hope that these partnerships

would last, sustain, and grow because they are the "foundation of the Robinson Center."

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Virginia Tech resident advisor David Dorsett, left, chats with fellow dorm resident Matt Londrey about college drinking behavior Monday.

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the **Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism**

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IN BRIEF

EU finance chief travels to Athens

BRUSSELS — The EU's financial affairs chief is traveling to Athens to hold discussions with Greek officials on their country's debt crisis and efforts to enact painful austerity measures to curb public spending.

EU Monetary Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn will have talks Monday in the Greek capital with, among others, Deputy Premier Theodoros Pangalos, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou and George Provopoulos, the governor of the Bank of Greece, the European Commission said Saturday.

His visit follows days of hectic international negotiations.

On Friday, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou held talks with the head of Germany's biggest bank and President Barack Obama discussed Greece with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown via video conference.

Greece's EU partners have said they will not toss Greece a financial lifeline.

Rehn's visit is designed to impress upon Athens that its partners want to see quick, credible steps to put Greece's finances in order. The country's budget deficit has ballooned to almost 13 percent of gross domestic product, more than four times the ceiling set by the euro's sound finances rules.

Topeka aims to be Google test site

TOPEKA, Kan. — A campaign to make Topeka a test site for a new, ultrafast Internet service is gathering speed.

Google Inc. announced plans Feb. 10 to build and test new high-speed broadband networks in one or more places around the country. The company says the system of fiber-optic cables would deliver Internet connections 100 times faster than most systems now available.

Over the past week, Topeka city officials have announced they're completing Google's request for information from potential trial communities. The City Council has indicated that it's behind the effort.

And a group called "Think Big Topeka" is campaigning to build community and government support.

Google has given communities a March 26 deadline to submit the completed requests for information.

JFK runway closed for repairs

Repavement of airport's largest landing strip will cause delays, higher ticket prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One runway, a whole lot of problems.

The main runway at New York's John F. Kennedy International will be closed for four months starting March 1. Millions of travelers will experience delays — including some not flying anywhere near the Big Apple.

With about one-third of JFK's traffic and half of its departures being diverted to three smaller runways, planes will wait on longer lines on the ground for take-offs and in the air for landings. Delays at one of the nation's largest airports will ripple to cities across the U.S., including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orlando.

Passengers using JFK also face another headache — higher ticket prices. JetBlue, American, Delta and other airlines have cut their schedules by about 10 percent for the shutdown period. They can raise prices because there will be a smaller number of seats to meet demand.

JFK's Bay Runway, at 14,572 feet, is one of the longest commercial runways in the world. It's a backup landing spot for the space shuttle, which has its next mission in April. The runway is being repaved with concrete instead of less-durable asphalt and widened to accommodate today's bigger planes.

The project will affect at least the first month of the peak travel season, which officially starts on Memorial Day. But the chosen four-month period was picked because it's the driest in the New York area, making weather-related construction delays less likely. Of course, prompt completion isn't certain. A similar runway repair in Minneapolis last year created thousands of delays when it was slowed by unseasonably wet weather.

JFK is already one of the nation's most delay-plagued airports. It ranked 28th out of 31 major airports in 2009



AP

A JetBlue Airbus A320 taxis past another JetBlue plane at JFK International Airport in New York on Feb. 18, 2007. The main runway at JFK will be closed for four months starting today.

in on-time performance, according to the Department of Transportation. A delay at JFK, especially one early in the morning, can push back flights across the U.S.

The longest delays occur at peak hours — from about 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. ET and between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The airlines and the airport are making adjustments. Besides cutting flights, airlines are adding time into their schedules. So although flights may take longer, more won't necessarily be considered late. Still, Mike Sammartino of the Federal Aviation Administration expects delays at JFK will be about 50 minutes during peak times and 29 minutes on average — similar to busy summer days.

Sammartino also says JFK officials have added new taxi ways at angles that allow planes to go from terminal to takeoff more quickly. He noted that the FAA and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which are financing the \$376 million project, began planning the shutdown in early 2009.

JetBlue, the biggest carrier at the airport, said it expects some "operational challenges," but that its reduced flight schedule should help alleviate congestion.

However, for passengers on network carriers like Delta and American the delays will likely be worse, said Lance Sherry, executive director for the Center for Air Transportation Systems Research at George Mason University. JetBlue already

tends to avoid the rush hours at JFK. And it has fewer connecting flights, which push delays across the country.

Even if you avoid big delays, you could face higher fares. George Hobica of Airfarewatchdog.com said some fares are up significantly for the March-June period. For example, the lowest published fares for flights between JFK and Los Angeles International Airport through June 20 range between \$278 and \$298 roundtrip. That's up from \$198 to \$218 recently. Delays and higher fares will affect Los Angeles travelers the most because the city is the most popular domestic destination from JFK, followed by San Francisco and Orlando.

Maple syrup hobby grows into business

Associated Press

IRA, Vt. — Eric May wasn't too keen on the taste of real maple syrup when he first moved to Vermont but he tapped some trees anyway, borrowing buckets from neighboring farmers. After boiling the sap for 18 hours in a pot over an outside fire, he produced his first quart. Then he was hooked.

"I thought it was the cat's meow," said May, 45. "Because it boiled. You take this liquid coming out of a tree that you think is just water but you can taste the sweetness in it, you just boil it down then all of a sudden after hours, you've got maple syrup."

Since that first year, his backyard sugaring operation has grown from 20 taps 13 years ago, to 50 the next, then 300 and 800 this year on the hillside behind

his house. He's added vacuum-packed lines that carry the sap from the trees to a holding tank and he's built a wooden sugar shack where he and his teenage son spend long late winter nights boiling. He's invested several thousand dollars, sells the syrup by word of mouth and hopes to make a little profit this year.

May is one of a growing number of hobby sugarmakers scattered around the hills and muddy dirt roads of northern New England, where clouds of steam rise from sugar shacks each February and March.

"We've just seen a tremendous increase in people with a few maples that want to produce," said Henry Marckres, a maple specialist with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, who estimates the state has 2,000 small maple producers.

The number of backyard producers has been growing every year for the last decade but in the last two years — since a shortage of syrup caused a spike in prices — more and more are getting into it for the first time, he said.

"It appears there's no lack of market for the syrup and the bulk price is high so you don't even have to worry about marketing it yourself. ... there is some money there and of course with the economy what it is, people, if they have a resource for it, they are going to use it to try to make some money," he said.

The average retail price is about \$48 a gallon, Marckres said.

Syrup produced for sale must be graded for color, clarity, density and flavor — and be labeled. State inspectors can visit any sugar shack that sells syrup to test the product.

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Is democracy liberal?

George W. Bush liked to talk about democracy and its many virtues. He even went so far as to make promoting democracy a central component of American foreign policy. I mention this because on March 7, Iraq will finally hold the elections that had originally been scheduled for Jan. 15.

James Napier

*Demarcating
Democracy*

Contemplating the many issues at stake in this election, I began to wonder if democracy is actually all that great. This is not to say Iraq's nascent democracy is hopeless — if anything, the past few months have shown Iraq has and will have rough patches but can work through its issues in a legal and productive manner (though there are many problems still to work out). Rather, my question should be seen more simply as investigating whether there are virtues inherent in democracy.

Often, we attach high-minded ideals of freedom of speech, human rights and other liberal ideas with democracy. In reality, these are concepts that are not integral to democracy but to liberal democracies like the United States and Great Britain. A democracy does not fundamentally ensure any rights, as a democratic government is merely one which is elected by the general populace — or perhaps a portion of the populace. Democracy can encourage political awareness amongst the populace which in turn can encourage freedom of speech and other liberal ideas. However, there is

no guarantee that this will happen.

History abounds with ill-liberal democracies and democratically-elected governments destroying the very constitutions which allowed them to be elected in the first place. The most famous case occurred in Germany in 1932 and we all know how that turned out. Though Hitler never gained a majority vote, his rise to power illustrates how a democratic government can be manipulated into a dictatorship. Other, more recent cases are Russia and Venezuela. Neither country is overtly authoritarian nor threatening to become so. However, neither country is exactly full of liberalism and free ideas. In Russia, there is little question Vladimir Putin is running the show. Also, given the many reporters killed in Russia over the past several years, I would not recommend anyone interested in pursuing a journalism career move to Russia. On the other hand, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez was very much legally elected and also very much abuses his power to strangle any opposition.

The point here is that casting votes does nothing to secure freedoms. If the above cases are unconvincing, just look at Hamas' 2006 election in the Gaza Strip. The group's entire platform is opposed to anything even approaching liberal ideas. And their actions are nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At that time, he was living with family and

going to school Gaza. The reason they tortured him? Money.

Freedom is not secured by casting a vote but by fighting for it. This does not necessarily mean violence — very rarely, in fact. Rather, one fights for his or her rights through education, laws, interest groups and civil disobedience. The most important of these four ways to fight is education because an intelligent public is more difficult to dupe and less likely to easily give up their rights. Essentially, if one desires a liberal democracy, do not support democracy but liberal institutions — places that encourage a person to think for him or herself. Most particularly, this means promoting higher education.

It is easy for an elected official to destroy a country. It is much harder for a government to ignore or subvert a well-educated and politically aware public. And history has shown that education and political awareness often go hand in hand. Of course, whether promoting liberalism or democracy, the United States must make a conscious effort to work with and listen to its friends and allies. Perhaps this is the most important lesson as America's politicians and pundits wait in anticipation for the results of Iraq's March 7 elections.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I dreamed a thousand new paths. I woke and walked my old one."

Chinese proverb

Black History Month: Where do we go from here?

This column was written and approved by the executive board of the Black Student Association. Its members include Marvin Langston, Danielle Keller, Brittany Suggs, Raymond Umipig, Cedric Joint, Courtney Haynes, Christopher Moore and Marques Camp.

Marques Camp
Guest Column

Eighty-four years ago, African American historian Carter G. Woodson founded the initial “Negro History Week,” to be celebrated in the second week of February in remembrance and celebration of the diverse and dynamic history of the African Diaspora in the United States. Until then this history had been sometimes buried, but most often omitted, from the standard tales of American history. Intended to coincide with the birthdays of two prominent figures in this history, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, this one week has since become an entire month in celebration of the black community.

During the past month members of the Black community at Notre Dame came together to create programming celebrating this history — we organized “Black Collar Workers,” a panel on labor and race in the

United States; the Black Cultural Arts Council hosted their annual talent showcase Black Coffeehouse and Shades of Ebony brought acclaimed artist Dawn Okoro and well-known blogger Patrice Yursik to campus for a workshop on beauty and self-image with African American high school students from South Bend, among other events.

We would also like to take the time to mention a display in the Hesburgh Library that we constructed to memorialize the history of Black people in the arts, entitled, “Negros, Coloreds, African Americans and Blacks in the Arts.” We have received quite a few criticisms and concerns about the title, many expressing that such emotionally-charged and culturally-incendiary language conjures up ghosts of slavery, racism and Jim Crow, and that it is not faithful to the kind of identity that future generations of the Black community hopes to build for itself.

We would like to express, however, that we aimed for the title to make a broader point about the history of black citizens in the United States — a commentary on the perseverance and success of the Black community throughout history. It is certainly ironic that racial categories throughout his-

tory have seen dramatic significant linguistic transformations, perhaps as an attempt to reflect politically correct cultural sensibilities. Black citizens in the United States have been Negros, they have been Coloreds, they have been Niggers, they have been Afro-Americans, they have been African Americans, they have been Blacks. Yet throughout this roulette of cultural categorization the internal identity of the Black community has never changed. While the names changed, the community remained exactly the same — fighting for abolition, crusading for women’s suffrage, rewriting history books, redefining science, breaking sporting color lines, becoming President of the United States — this is a community that has been a prominent co-author to American history.

The very idea of Black History Month has been criticized by some, especially within the Black community, of trivializing the importance of the contributions of Black Americans, of making them merely supporting actors in the story of American history by setting aside a mere month for celebration (the shortest one, at that). Without Woodson’s deep passion and concern for history, however, the great and vast accomplishments of the black community may still

be buried in the footnotes of the great American story. Though these contributions from the Black community have risen to the consciousness of most Americans the past 84 years, we need to move far beyond thinking of Blacks as contributors in the abstract. They are as real, and as immediate, as all of the hands of history — all races, all colors, all creeds.

One might wonder why we say all this at the end, rather than the beginning, of Black History Month. We do so because February is only the beginning of the conversation, not the entirety of it. Though we as a nation, and as students of history, are light years ahead in our knowledge of Black history compared to where we were in 1926, we still have chapters upon chapters to brush up on and volumes upon volumes to write. As the question of how we as a nation have got here becomes less of a primary focus, perhaps the most important question of all will come to the forefront: Where do we go from here?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerning just wages

Just a few thoughts on the discussion of just wages and the working poor taking place in The Observer right now. There are those on the one side who emphasize that the Church has no specific teaching on just what the exact figure of a just wage should be, and even that Christ himself doesn’t talk about just wages — His teaching is completely otherworldly. There are those on the other side who seem to think that somehow the Church suddenly woke up in 1891 to talk of economic justice when Leo XIII wrote “Rerum Novarum,” having lived in darkness and ignorance before the industrial revolution. Sometimes it seems that serendipitously that’s when the Church finally started to agree with the author. But let’s just consider a few All Stars of the Catholic tradition.

For those who fixate on Christ not talking about just wages, will any of his disciples do? If not Jesus, might we consider his brother James, a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ? “Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord. You have lived on earth in luxury

and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.” And for those who think the Church was in the dark on all this until 1891, how about St. Basil, “The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry; the coat that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.” St. Bernard says, “The poor cry ‘it is ours that you spend; what you stupidly spend is cruelly taken from us.’” Might St. Thomas Aquinas be relevant, the medieval figure Leo XIII held up for us as the exemplar then and now of Catholic wisdom? “Goods which some have in abundance are owed by natural right to the sustenance of the poor; the Lord commands not only that a tenth part, but all that is superfluous be given to the poor.” Even the bête noir of the Galileo affair, St. Robert Bellarmine wrote, “If one should wish to argue that what is superfluous need not be given to the poor in strict justice, he still cannot deny that it should be done out of charity. However, it matters little whether one goes to hell for lack of justice or from lack of charity.”

None of this settles whether a minimum wage ought to be nine bucks or 10, but it

does establish a setting that ought to animate the thoughts of all people of good will talking about just wages and places the burden of proof upon those who would argue for the minimum, not more.

Perhaps the difficulty experienced by one and all in working together to address the issue of a just wage at Notre Dame for the working poor who clean our toilets, wash our halls and offices, cook our food and make our places of worship and study so beautiful, is that both antagonists argue in terms of what the minimum we must do is, like the rich young man of the Gospel who seemed to want to know the minimum he had to do to be good. Maybe we need to change the terms of the discussion and ask whether we are doing as much as we can, or whether in our desire for lower tuition and nicer dorms, or higher salaries and benefits for ourselves, we aren’t fattening ourselves up for the slaughter, denying the natural right of the poor and rushing headlong into Hell for want of justice or charity. Few of us will take the counsel of perfection that Christ gives the rich young man, to sell all that we have and give it to the poor in order to follow Him. I complain as

much as anyone, perhaps more, that I’m not being paid enough; and I’m not. Then I laugh, and make it to confession if I can.

But perhaps you and I could do just a little bit more than the minimum, whatever it is. Whenever we do the minimum for the least of our brethren, we do the minimum for Him. So, whenever we think we have determined the minimum, let’s do more. With James, let’s give thanks for all good gifts around us sent from Heaven above; but let’s also ask whether there isn’t just a little bit of excess in those gifts that we could give to others in their wages, wages where justice and charity might meet and embrace. In that way perhaps we will give greater thanks for the working poor among us in whom we find the image of God absent in all these other gifts.

The rich young man went away and wept, for he had many fine things. Does Notre Dame weep for the poor? Our Lady does. But do we?

John O’Callaghan
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Feb. 25

Use resources

What saddens me about the current “conversation” in the Viewpoint section on poverty, wages and Notre Dame is not that many people don’t seem to understand the experience of living in poverty, but that they don’t realize that there are resources right here to help educate them on the issues.

We don’t need to hear the stories of vulnerable people working on campus for evidence (although they have, in the past, written in — see Prudence Dorsey’s “Living wage now,” April 28, 2008). Journalists have interviewed the working poor, social scientists have studied them.

If you’re interested in learning more about the working poor, the problems they face or how poverty affects everyone, check out books like Shipler’s “The Working Poor,” Shulman’s “The Betrayal of Work” or Rank’s “One Nation, Underprivileged.” Or take a course offered by Poverty Studies (see www.nd.edu/~poverty).

We have more than Catholic doctrine or living examples to offer the debate. Use your resources to make informed calls for social change and justice (or to argue against them).

Jessica L. Collett
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Feb. 25

Catholic Social Teaching and economics

Having read the Feb. 24 cluster of essays in support of Catholic Social Doctrine, I feel obliged to respond in some way.

Let me clarify: I am not Catholic and nothing I am about to say is rooted in Catholic Doctrine. Actually, Catholic Social Doctrine is one of the noblest and most idealistic pieces of writing on economics. However, it is also one of the most ill-considered and unrealistic.

I believe this not out of any sentimental attachment to the capitalist system, but out of the wholehearted belief that, in the long run, the incentives created by a free market serving well-educated and informed people create more general prosperity, and spread it more widely, than any other system ever conceived.

I am not saying this out of selfishness, as I intend to enter the military, not the private sector. I say this because every scrap of my intellect and compassion forces me to the realization that trying to pay people more than their

productivity warrants only encourages them to work below their potential. This certainly makes them and us all worse off. Our educational system needs reform to make this truly possible, but that is no excuse to enact vast entitlements and destroy untold wealth.

Notre Dame may pay its workers however it much it feels is warranted by its faith. I am willing to accept the small increase in tuition to do this. However, noble or no, CST is not designed to deal with real human beings and shows no understanding of what makes our societies work. Its broad application would be so utterly irresponsible as to risk all material progress humanity has made in the past thousand years.

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Feb. 25

Glenn Beck's *Path to Power*

President Obama's meteoric rise to Commander in Chief of the United States was a unique moment in American politics. His calm demeanor, level-headed oration, willingness to compromise and intellectual heft were combined in a campaign promising change. In the 15 months since his election,

Nick Anderson

Scene Writer

change has proven elusive, bipartisanship scarce and progressivism negligible.

In a climate where only 25 percent of the voting population approves of the work being done by Congress, there will be a natural backlash against the party in power. The man leading the dissent is Fox News pundit Glenn Beck. He's a near perfect foil for Obama; he's emotional to the point of crying on national television, has less than a semester of college education and isn't afraid to speak impulsively. For a politician, his trait set would be a death sentence, but as he has said himself, he's an entertainer. More important than any other personal attribute, Beck is very smart.

By the age of 13, Beck already had a job as a radio DJ. Immediately following high school, he went to work in radio. He was a natural as a morning shock jock in the same vein as Howard Stern. He found success in Houston and Baltimore and also found a wife with whom he started a family. As his Web site, GlennBeck.com, says, "at the age of 30, Beck lost his passion for radio – and everything else." Drinking and drug abuse took their toll, destroying his marriage and radio career, leaving him with a divorce and job in New Haven, Conn., a long way down from many of his earlier stations.

Having hit rock bottom, Beck began

recovery. Alcoholics Anonymous helped him to quit both smoking marijuana and drinking and his second wife helped him find God through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Beck started over as a talk radio host in Tampa, Fla. On the radio waves, Beck experienced the beginning of a dramatic climb, taking his station from 18th to first in the course of a year.

Soon afterwards, Beck's show went national and led to a talk show on CNN. Beck's libertarian-flavored conservative views managed to mesh well with CNN's typically liberal viewers, giving him the second highest-rated show on the network. Beck jumped ship and left to Fox News in late 2008, where his show has enjoyed even greater ratings, soundly beating the combined ratings of competitors CNN, MSNBC and HLN combined.

Settled in at Fox News, Beck has quickly become one of the most despised men on cable. His tactics, whether motivated by ratings or principles, often leave much to be desired. He's no stranger to slinging ludicrous accusations under the guise of "just asking questions" nor is he afraid to question Obama's birth, religion, racism or love of country. These underhanded methods have brought personal attacks against Beck, a boycott of his show by advertisers and roughly three million viewers every night.

Beck comes off as a far right jester, pointing out the flaws of power but concerned with becoming a joke himself. While his detractors may wish for that fate, he's become an increasingly powerful force with each passing scandal. Beck has been instrumental in the public exposure of ACORN and just recently played a large role in the resignation of Van Jones, Obama's director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Beck's attacks on Jones are particularly insightful. While his public and political motives centered on Jones' involvement with STORM, a far-left political group, his underlying personal reasons concerned Jones' suggested boycott of Beck's program through Color of Change. This mixture of political savvy with personal vendetta has become hallmark of Beck's style.

For the past year, as Beck's opponents grew, so did his following. In the infancy of his fame, Beck seemed destined to be a carbon copy of Rush Limbaugh, a classification Beck would no doubt take with

a bit of pride. Instead, it seems Beck has a newfound appreciation of his power. Although he's abrasive, partisan and flat out wrong at times, Beck may be taking his role quite seriously.

The first hint of this occurred early this year when Beck was asked to speak as headliner at the CPAC. Beck spoke directly to the disillusioned Republican and independent voter, candidly stating, "I don't even know what they (Republicans) stand for anymore. And they've got to realize that they have a problem: 'Hello, my name is the Republican Party, and I've got a problem. I'm addicted to spending and big government.'"

It's statements like these that have gained Beck both his audience and enemies, and statements like those from his CPAC speech may mark a dangerous step towards converting the former to the latter. Beck has also recently stepped off the party platform with respect to President Reagan ("I don't think Reagan was a real Republican. He just maintained some shared values.") and global warming ("You'd be an idiot not to notice the temperature change" and its origins with man).

This moment may end up being a watershed for Beck. It may be yet another dead end for the nomadic entertainer. More likely, this will transform Beck into a serious political player. He's already proven his ability to grab and hold an audience, and now he may be proving he has something to say.

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? GENIUS ? or ENTERTAINER



Music Rewind:**Empire of the Sun's
'Walking on a Dream'**

By SHANE STEINBERG

Scene Writer

It seems rather odd to call this a music "rewind;" Empire of the Sun's album "Walking on a Dream" was only released in 2009. While the album was by no means overlooked or forgotten, it was an album that should have garnered much more attention than it actually did, given its quality and the timing of the album's release in the wake of MGMT's massive success with a similar synth-pop sound. It is an album that at first will seem foreign to most but with just one listen will have anyone smiling and taking to the dance floor.

Hailing from Sydney, Australia, and armed with a style of music that makes them awesome for the same reasons that MGMT are awesome, Empire of the Sun has a flare for the "out there" that gives the duo a Lady Gaga-like quality. They created a dance floor dream of a record on their debut album, "Walking on a Dream." There's a daring quality to every bit of the duo, Luke Steele and Nick Littlemore, that more than just creeps into their music. Much of their 10-track LP takes on a "love it or hate it" quality. The first half of the album, until the track "Delta Bay," showcases something real special. Songs like "We are the People" and "Half Mast" play like funk-pop bliss at its best, giving each track that sort of airy, cloud-nine feel that puts the "awe" in "awesome."

Although often compared to MGMT and other new indie-dance ilk, Empire of the Sun is no copycat nor are they a flash in the pan. Yes, the album trails off a bit — just so that there are no secrets here, it trails off more than a bit — but when the duo are actually concentrated on being true to their weird selves and making good, enjoyable

music, that music plays like candy — sweet, blissful and purely irresistible.

Speaking of purely irresistible, Empire of the Sun's second single, the angelic, atmospheric "We Are the People," exemplifies the band's dance-y warmth and ability to turn any subject into something coated with sunshine-y optimism. The song's prelude, "Half Mast," a three-minute tale of longing that foreshadows "We Are the People" and its heightened sense of loss, opens and continues in the most dream-like fashion of any song on the album, with its soaring synthesizer playing in the background.

The album's sole blemish, and a large one at that, is that the latter half of the 10 tracks sound as though they've lost the airiness of the first five tracks. The album shifts gears at "Delta Bay," but never really reverts back to the style that makes you want to put the first five songs on repeat and just listen to them over and over again. And that's probably what you'll do — forgo the last five songs in favor of five (or

maybe four) of the best tracks of any album released in 2009.

There's a journey on this record, one highlighted by seductive melodies, memorable falsettos and monster hooks that get in your head and have you dancing endlessly. That's the great success here, and despite the band's lackluster second half of songs, it's the first half — especially from "Standing on a Shore" to "We Are the People" — that shows that Empire of the Sun is a band you definitely ought to know.

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**'Walking on a Dream'
Empire of the Sun**

Record label: Virgin Records

Best tracks: "Half Mast," "We Are the People,"
"Walking on a Dream"

ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep Georgia, Virginia at Invitational

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish swept Virginia's Cavalier Invitational this weekend with 51 hits in the two-day, four-game series. Notre Dame faced George Washington and Virginia Saturday and Sunday, coming out victorious in all four games.

The Irish (8-4) hit 10 home runs over the course of the weekend and posted a .472 team batting average over the four games to put them at 8-4 for the season and on a seven-game win streak.

Friday saw Notre Dame start off strong with 19 runs on 27 hits, including four players who hit home runs. Freshman utility player Amy Buntin hit her career first homer against George Washington in the first game. Sophomore catcher Kristina Wright also hit her first career home run, as she led the Irish with four RBI over the two games.

Against George Washington, freshman pitcher Brittany O'Donnell struck out nine batters and allowed only one hit in four innings in the 8-0 win. Freshman pitcher Jackie Bowe came in for one inning to give O'Donnell a break and struck out another batter. Notre Dame scored three runs off five hits in the first inning and continued at a steady pace for the rest of the game. Nine players combined for the Irish to have 13 hits to start off their day.

In Friday's second game, against Virginia, the Irish contin-

ued their hot hitting to win 11-3. After trailing 1-0 in the top of the first inning, they came back to score four runs off of five hits. Notre Dame came out of the game with 14 hits to Virginia's four.

Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia struck out six and gave up three earned runs on four hits in five innings. Junior infielder Katie Fleury had a leadoff home run in the bottom of the fourth to put Notre Dame up by six. Senior infielder Christine Lux ended the game with a bases-loaded single to right field that brought in two Irish runs in the fifth of the only Irish hit of the inning.

Success continued Saturday for Notre Dame as the Irish closed out the Invitational with another two-win day. Christine Lux and her sister, freshman infielder Kathryn Lux, each homered on the day. It was the senior's 36th career homer, which tied a school record, and the freshman's first career hit for the Irish. Their efforts led Notre Dame to win 12-0 over George Washington in five innings and 9-0 over Virginia.

In Saturday's second game, Valdivia gave up five hits while striking out four, getting out of bases-loaded dilemmas twice in the seven innings. Fleury led the Irish with three hits, including two doubles and a homer, and senior infielder Heather Johnson had a pair of home runs.

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OLYMPICS

Crosby shines, U.S. falls

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Rest assured, Canada, the national honor is served.

With a flick of the wrist from The Next One, Sidney Crosby, Canadians found Olympic redemption Sunday.

The pall of a luger's death, a series of embarrassing glitches, a first half so dismal the hosts conceded the medals race, a loss to the upstart Americans in a preliminary game.

All but forgotten.

Canada is the Olympic champion in men's hockey, and the whole country can finally celebrate its Winter Games.

Canada survived one of the greatest games in Olympic history to beat the Americans 3-2 in overtime and cap the host country's record gold rush in Vancouver.

Crosby—hockey heir to Canada's own Great One, Wayne Gretzky—won it when he whipped a shot past U.S. goalie Ryan Miller 7:40 into overtime after the U.S. had tied it with 24.4 seconds left in regulation.

"It's a pretty unbelievable thing. You know what? Every kid dreams of that opportunity," Crosby said. "Being in Canada, that's the opportunity of a lifetime. You dream of that a thousand times growing up. For it to come true is amazing.

"Our team worked so unbelievably hard," Crosby said. "Today was really tough, especially when they got a goal late

in regulation. But we came back and got it in overtime. ... To win it in overtime, here in Canada, it doesn't get any better than that."

Canada's collection of all-stars held off a young, desperate U.S. team that had beaten it a week ago and, after staging a furious comeback from down 2-0 on goals by Jonathan Toews and Corey Perry, almost beat the Canadians again.

With Canada less than a minute away from celebrating the gold medal, Zach Parise—the son of a player who figured in Canada's finest hockey moment—tied it with Miller off the ice for an extra attacker.

The moment he scored, the groans of disappointed fans likely were heard from Vancouver to the Maritimes. But

Crosby, scoreless the previous two games, brought back the cheers with his second post-regulation game-winner of the tournament, a shot from the left circle that Miller was helpless to stop. He also beat Switzerland in a shootout during the round robin.

It was close. It was nerve-racking. It was a game worthy of an Olympic hockey final.

"I just tried to shoot it quick," Crosby said. "Iggy (Jarome Iginla) kind of bumped it out from the corner, I tried to get a quick shot on net. I didn't even really see. I barely looked at the net. I just tried to throw it there."

Before the game, Crosby received a brief text message from Penguins owner Mario Lemieux that said: "Good luck."



Canada's Sydney Crosby, left, celebrates with teammates Scott Niedermayer, center, and Drew Doughty after scoring in overtime.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish extend win streak, Louderback notches 600th win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish won their sixth and seventh games in a row this weekend against Georgia Tech and Tennessee, earning coach Jay Louderback his 600th career win in the process.

Notre Dame hosted No. 14 Georgia Tech in a highly competitive match-up in which the Irish finished one crucial point above the Yellow Jackets, 4-3, Saturday.

"The Georgia Tech players are great competitors and the girls are very experienced," Irish assistant coach Julia Scaringe said. "Their No. 1 girl won the

All-American tournament, and they have a lot of talent on their team."

The Irish clinched the doubles point in the first two match-ups of the game as seniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley won the No. 3 doubles competition and sophomore Shannon Mathews and freshman Chrissie McGaffigan beat their Yellow Jacket opponents in the No. 2 doubles position. Sophomore Kristy Frilling and junior Kristen Rafael fell to their No. 1 doubles competitors.

Rafael replaced senior Kali Krisik this weekend after Krisik's injury Friday inhibited her ability to compete this weekend.

On the singles side of the com-

petition, two-game singles victories from Ciobanu, Rafael and Rielley rounded out the four total points in the Nos. 4, 5 and 6 singles positions for the Irish, clinching their sixth straight victory.

Frilling fell for the first time in 2010 Saturday to the No. 1 ranked Irina Falconi of Georgia Tech.

"Falconi is a really talented player. She can do anything, she's got every shot in the book," Scaringe said. "It's easy to get frustrated against her, and Falconi played smart."

Sunday, the Irish hosted No. 13 Tennessee. Tennessee took an early lead against the Irish by winning the doubles point, but in

the end the Irish topped the Volunteers 5-2.

"[The Volunteers] fight no matter what the circumstances," Scaringe said. "They have been pretty beat up with injuries in the last few weeks, but they're still up. They took care of us in doubles."

The Irish No. 1 doubles team, consisting of Frilling and Rafael, fell to Tennessee's Caitlin Whoriskey and Maria Sorbello 8-1. In search of the doubles point, Notre Dame's No. 2 doubles team of McGaffigan and Mathews lost to Tennessee's Rosalia Alda and Zsafia Zubor in the tiebreaker point, 9-8. Notre Dame won the third doubles point by a forfeit from Tennessee.

"Tennessee had us pretty nervous after the doubles matches," Scaringe said.

In singles play, Rielley, Ciobanu, Rafael and Mathews all won, as did Frilling, who upset No. 7 Whoriskey 6-2, 6-0.

"They came out really flat in doubles, not a lot of intensity, played really tentatively," Scaringe said. "They were more energetic and focused in singles play. They knew they needed to win four points and had to turn it up a notch on the court."

The Irish will take on No. 23 Indiana Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m.

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2	Virginia	3
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4	North Carolina	4
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6	Maryland	7
7	Cornell	6
8	Duke	2
9	Princeton	8
10	Loyola (Maryland)	15
11	Hofstra	10
12	Georgetown	13
13	Delaware	NR
14	Massachusetts	17
15	Bucknell	19
16	Navy	11
17	Harvard	14
18	Stony Brook	NR
19	UMBC	11
20	Brown	16
21	Albany	18
22	Binghamton	NR
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9	Duke	2
10	Loyola (Maryland)	16
11	Hofstra	10
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13	Georgetown	13
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15	Bucknell	19
16	Brown	15
17	Delaware	NR
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22	Stony Brook	NR
23	Drexel	NR
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2	Michigan State	50
3	Ferris State	49
4	Northern Michigan	48
5	Alaska	45
6	Nebraska-Omaha	44
7	Michigan	43
8	Ohio State	40
9	NOTRE DAME	36
10	Lake Superior	35

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MLB



New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes met with federal investigators last week to discuss Dr. Anthony Galea, a Canadian doctor who is facing charges related to a banned drug. Galea is also linked to Tiger Woods and Barry Bonds.

Mets’ Reyes meets with federal investigators

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Mets shortstop Jose Reyes said Sunday he met with federal investigators last week regarding a Canadian doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug.

Dr. Anthony Galea is facing four charges in his country related to the drug known as Actovegin, which is extracted from calf’s blood and used for healing. His assistant also has been charged in the U.S. for having HGH and another drug while crossing the border in September.

Galea is known for using a blood-spinning technique — platelet-rich plasma therapy — designed to speed recovery from injuries. Besides Reyes, he also has treated Tiger Woods and several other professional athletes.

“They just asked me basically how I met the guy and stuff like that and what he put in my body,” Reyes said. “I explained to them what he (was) doing. ... I don’t worry about anything. I didn’t do anything wrong.”

SI.com reported Saturday night that federal officials have told several athletes to expect grand jury subpoenas in the case. The Web site cited three anonymous sources familiar with the investigation.

The New York Times reported in December, citing anonymous sources, that the FBI opened an investigation into Galea based in part on medical records found on his computer relating to several professional athletes.

Reyes said he met with investigators from the FBI for about 45 minutes at the Mets’ spring facility after they contacted him Thursday morning. One of his agents, Chris Leible, also was present.

The Daily News of New York was the first to report the meeting.

Reyes, who missed much of last season with right leg problems, said he spent five days in Toronto in September and was treated by Galea three times during the stay. The shortstop was asked by investigators if he used HGH.

“They asked me if he injected me with that. I say ‘No,’” Reyes said. “What we do there, basically, he took my blood out, put it in some machines, spin it out and put it back in my leg. So I explained to them that.”

Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said the team was aware of the situation, and manager Jerry Manuel said he isn’t worried about it becoming a distraction.

Reyes said he felt better for a while after the treatment but his leg still didn’t respond when he tried to run full speed. He had surgery in October to clean up some scar tissue remaining from a torn hamstring tendon behind his right knee.

IN BRIEF

Cable challenges Russell to win back starting QB job

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Tom Cable thinks the best thing for Oakland’s quarterback situation is a competition.

That means former No. 1 pick JaMarcus Russell will have to win back his old job.

“I have not put a lot of thought into this at this point,” Cable said when asked about naming Russell the starter. “JaMarcus is working and doing the things he should be doing right now. He’ll get himself prepared to compete for the job. I think that’s the only way to look at it.”

Cable did not respond to questions alluding to the lawsuit filed by a former assistant coach who claims Cable broke his jaw during a training camp altercation. He said only that he doesn’t have “that many distractions.”

He also acknowledged the team hoped to sign defensive end Richard Seymour to a long-term deal after putting the franchise tag on him earlier this week.

PETA backs off of Tiger Woods ad following outcry

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has nixed a plan to use Tiger Woods’ image on a billboard urging people to spay and neuter their pets.

PETA previously announced it would erect a billboard in Windermere — near Woods’ home — with his picture and the words: “Too much sex can be a bad thing ... Always spay or neuter!”

The group, which is known for edgy campaigns, says it decided to put the Woods billboard on hold after talking with the golfer’s attorneys.

PETA wouldn’t say whether Woods’ attorneys threatened to sue.

Instead of Woods, the ad will feature South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, whose widely known dalliances have also made frequent headlines.

O’Neal to have thumb examined, miss game

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers center Shaquille O’Neal will have his injured right thumb examined Sunday by Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore.

An MRI Saturday confirmed the injury was a significant sprain. O’Neal, who was hurt during a win at Boston on Thursday, will miss Monday’s game against New York.

The team has not provided any timeline for his return.

With O’Neal out of the lineup, Anderson Varejao will continue to start at center. Former backup Zydrunas Ilgauskas, traded to Washington for Antawn Jamison, is now a free agent following a buyout from the Wizards. Ilgauskas is free to sign with any team, but will have to wait until March 21 under NBA rules should he elect to re-sign with the Cavaliers.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame tops Duquesne in season opener

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Junior midfielder Kailene Abt led the No. 8 Irish to a 15-10 victory over Duquesne Saturday in Notre Dame's home opener.

The Irish (2-0) jumped out to an early lead in the game on a goal by junior midfielder Shalyn Blaney and then proceeded to score four more goals in a row after Duquesne (0-3) tied up the game at 1-1. Duquesne, however, answered with four goals of its

own midway through the first period to tie the score at 5-5.

"We built an early lead, but from there we lacked a lot of discipline defensively," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We could have really put them away after our four goals in a row but we didn't finish them."

Coyne said she believed her team lost track of the game plan, and needed to work on that going forward.

"Honestly, as a coaching staff we were pretty disappointed with the team," Coyne said. "The game

was never really in doubt but I feel like we could have really dominated. We need some discipline to stick with the game plan."

After Duquesne pulled even, Abt led the charge as Notre Dame scored six goals in a row to end the quarter with the score 11-6. The Irish then rode two goals from Abt and goals from freshman attack Betsy Mastropieri and sophomore midfielder Megan Sullivan, as well as improved play of freshman goalie Ellie Hilling, to the win.

"I have a lot of confidence in Ellie," Coyne said. "She's going to be a great goalie for us. Just in the short span between this game and the last game she's implemented a lot of the things we've been working on. She regrouped nicely and her play was a lot better in the second half."

The Irish outshot the Dukes 44-17, but Coyne sees the 4-for-23 shooting performance in the second half as a cause for concern that needs to be worked on.

"Shooting will be a focus of

practice this week," Coyne said. "We also weren't happy with the crease defense so we'll do some crease drills. At this point it's about moving forward with the things we've done well and fixing the problem areas. Fitness-wise I think we're in a good place."

The Irish will continue their non-conference schedule with a noon game at Loftus Sports Center against Dartmouth on March 7.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Senior hat trick leads Irish over Penn State

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The Irish struggled at times against an inferior Penn State squad but were able to come away with a 12-8 win Sunday in their home opener.

"We competed well as a team," he said. "[However,] we made the day tougher on ourselves than it needed to be."

No. 3 Notre Dame (2-0) got on the board first when sophomore attack Sean Rogers beat the Nittany Lions (0-2) goalie two minutes into the game, notching his first career goal. Senior attack Grant Krebs and sophomore attack Nicholas Beattie added two more goals in quick succession, giving the Irish a three-goal advantage just five minutes into the opening period. Penn State tallied its first goal seven minutes later before senior attack Neal Hicks scored the first of his three goals just before the end of the first quarter.

Hicks, who leads the Fighting Irish with five goals this season, added another goal early in the second period to stretch the Notre Dame advantage to 5-1, which was answered by a Penn State score. The Irish then reeled off three more scores (two from Krebs and one from sophomore midfielder Grant Pfeifer) to take an 8-2 lead. Each team would add one more before the end of the half — including a goal with three seconds remaining by junior midfielder Zach Brenneman. Notre Dame led 9-3 at intermission.

The Nittany Lions scored the first goal of the second half at the midpoint of the third quarter, which Beattie answered four minutes later. Penn State scored once more before the end of the period to bring the team within five goals.

Hicks completed his hat trick less than a minute into the fourth quarter before the Nittany Lions threatened to make it a game by scoring three goals in quick succession. However, with the Penn State goalie pulled, senior attack Colin Igoe closed the scoring with a goal near the end of the game.

Krebs' and Hicks' three-goal performances led the Fighting Irish, and Krebs added one assist to give him a game-best four points. Despite the victo-

ry, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan saw much to improve in his team's play for much of the game, especially on the defensive end.

"We played too much defense. We did a terrible job clearing the ball," he said. "We were erratic in most phases of the game."

Corrigan said he was pleased with the fact that Notre Dame was able to get stops at the end of the game when Penn State was threatening but felt that the team wasted possessions and did not value the ball enough. He views the win as a learning experience in the process of discovering the team's identity and what they must do to win games and hopes that his players took a step in that direction. Though he saw much to improve, he said he did see one thing he liked.

The Irish look to continue their winning ways with a three-game road trip over Spring Break to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Fairfield.

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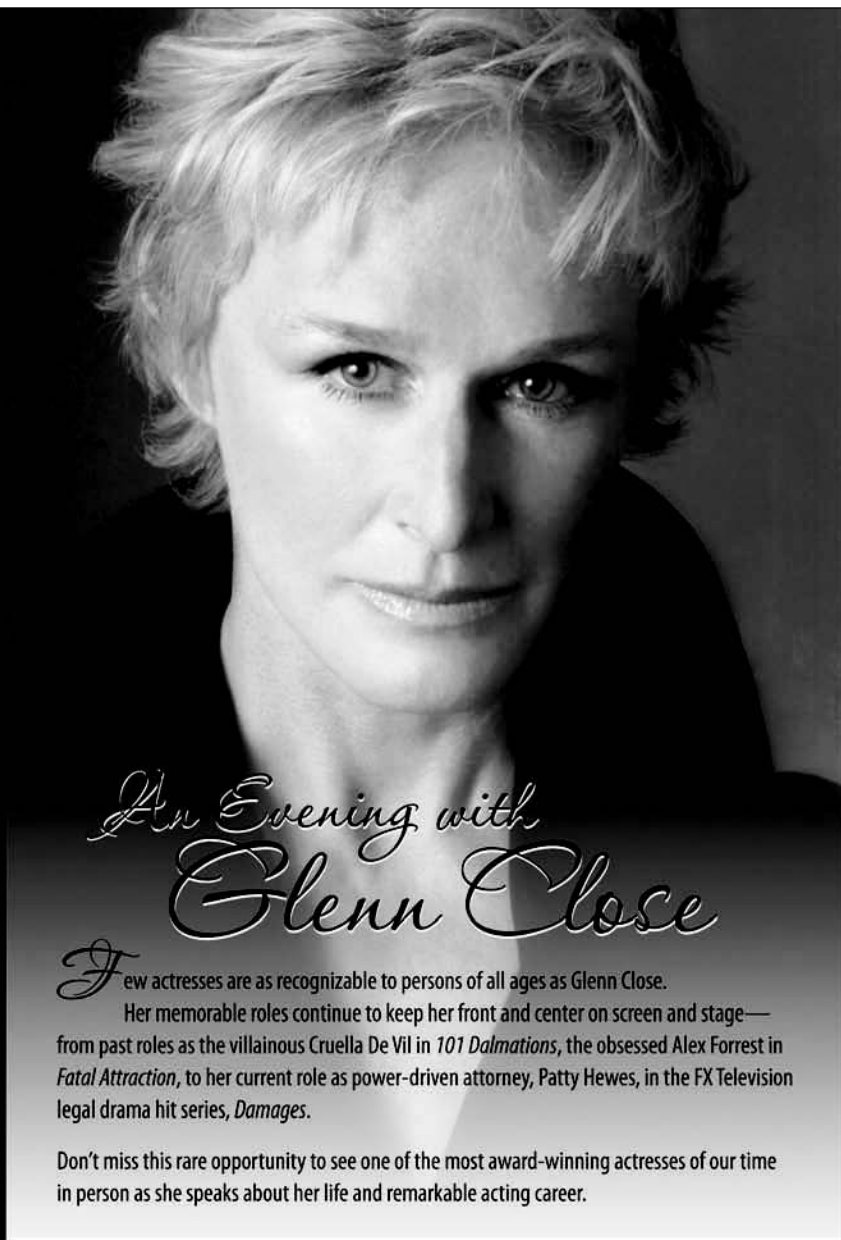
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NBA

Odom, Lakers top Nuggets

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — So much for all that confidence the Denver Nuggets had built up during their two impressive wins against the Los Angeles Lakers earlier this season.

The defending NBA champions picked up on the playoff vibe inside Staples Center on Sunday and got things back to normal, despite a poor-shooting effort from Kobe Bryant.

Lamar Odom scored nine of his 20 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 12 rebounds, helping the Lakers overcame an 11-point third-quarter deficit and pull out a 95-89 victory against the team they knocked off in last year's

Western Conference finals. Pau Gasol added 15 points and 14 rebounds.

"It was nice to be in somewhat of a pressure-cooker," Bryant said. "It's been two years now where we've beaten them in the postseason, so I'm sure they're fed up. They played with a lot of energy and intensity, and we had to step up against them. It was a playoff type of intensity."

Ron Artest added 17 points and tied a season high with six steals for the Lakers, who trail the Cavaliers by one game for the league's best record. They lead Denver by 5 1/2 games for the Western Conference lead.

"They slowed our offense down," Nuggets coach George

Karl said. "They picked up the pressure on us in the second half and we didn't have the perseverance to pass the ball or penetrate before the pressure came. Our whole thing with Kobe was to try to plug him and keep him away from the rim and off the free throw line. We got that done pretty much the whole game."

Bryant was just 3 for 17 from the field, finishing with 14 points and 12 assists. He was 1 for 9 during the first three quarters - the only field goal coming on a layup with 5:37 left in the opening period.

"God knows I love the triangle (offense), but I kind of had to get into a playoff mode a little bit today - just put the ball in my hands and let me make the decisions. But I missed a lot of shots," Bryant said. "My jumper was off. So I've got to get back in and work on it so it's consistent again, after being off for a long time."

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for Denver before fouling out for the second time this season with 2:13 to play and the Nuggets down by four.

"They did a great job of trying to keep the ball out of my hands and denied me every chance they got," Anthony said. "They were much more aggressive in the second half and made adjustments to what we were doing."

Lakers guard Derek Fisher, who picked up two fouls 57 seconds apart during the first 2 minutes and went to the bench, didn't get his third until he fouled Chauncey Billups behind the 3-point line with 5 1/2 minutes to play. Billups made all three free throws to tie the score at 82. But the Nuggets did not make a field goal over the final 4:10, ending their three-game winning streak.

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND ends losing skid behind Watt's efforts

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended its three-match losing streak in style this weekend.

The No. 41 Irish defeated Michigan State 6-1 Saturday and No. 31 Wisconsin 4-3 and Toledo 6-1 Sunday.

"It was a great weekend for Notre Dame tennis at the Eck Pavilion," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Sunday proved to be our best match of the season as we outguttled a talented Wisconsin team that had earlier beaten No.14 Florida State in Tallahassee. It was sweet revenge for our guys who lost twice to Wisconsin by identical 4-3 score in matches that could not have been closer."

Notre Dame swept the doubles and sophomore Casey Watt's win at No. 1 singles clinched the win over the Spartans. It was Notre Dame's 21st consecutive win over Michigan State.

The Irish won the doubles point to jump ahead with a 1-0 lead. At No. 3, junior David Anderson and freshman Spencer Talmadge defeated the 45th-ranked Spartan duo of Denis Bogatov and Clark Richardson 8-2. Watt and junior Stephen Havens battled their way through a tough match to win 8-7 (7-2) over Austin Brooks and John Stratton.

Sophomore Samuel Keeton broke ahead for Notre Dame when he defeated the Spartans' Will Davis 6-0, 6-4 in straight sets at No. 6 singles. The only Irish loss of the day came in the form of freshman Blas Moros' fall to Stratton 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 loss at No. 5 singles.

Against Wisconsin, the Badgers commenced the day by securing the crucial doubles point away from the Irish to begin a very tough match.

Watt and Havens won 8-5 at

No. 1 doubles over the Wisconsin duo of Moritz Baumann and Patrick Pohlmann but were followed by Davis and Fitzgerald falling 8-4 to Marek Michalicka and Luke Rassow-Kantor at No. 2. Anderson and Talmadge closed out the doubles play with an 8-3 loss to Ricardo Martin and Michael Dierberger.

The Irish were true to their name as the fought back with wins in Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 singles. Watt defeated Baumann again 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a back-and-forth match at the No. 1 position. Bayliss said Watts' win was the highlight of the day for Notre Dame.

"Casey changed his tactics and began to counterpunch more to turn things around," Bayliss said.

Stahl, Anderson and Keeton all also contributed to Notre Dame's success.

"Anderson was aggressive from the baseline and Keeton was able to pass with precision," Bayliss said.

The Irish again swept the doubles division over the Rockets as they mixed up the pairs. Fitzgerald and Davis won 8-6 over Nutthavit Likitkumchorn and Aleksandar Elezovic at No.1. At No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge won 9-7 over Bryant Dudzik and Terence Weigan while Toledo's Leonardo Henriques and Leo Sarria lost 8-3 to freshman Michael Moore and junior Matt Johnson.

Notre Dame won the match with wins everywhere except at No. 2, where Anderson lost to Elezovic, 4-6, 7-6, 0-1. Helping to secure the win were Watt, Keeton, Davis, Fitzgerald and Moros to move Notre Dame to 6-5.

The Irish will next travel to Champaign, Ill., to take on the Illini on March 2 for a dual match at 5 p.m. CST.

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SMC TENNIS

Senior Gerbert leads Belles to first road win

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Belles' season is off to a promising start as they took home their first road win Sunday over North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Saint Mary's (2-1) ended up dominating the singles competitions after initially falling behind by a score of 1-2. Senior Camille Gerbert got the rally started by winning 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles spot. Juniors Franca Peluso, Jessica Kosinski and Jillian Hurley followed suit winning their matches to bring the overall score to 4-2.

Hurley returned with junior Mary Therese Lee to secure the team victory with a decisive 8-4 win in the doubles, the team's only win in that competition.

"Our coach is telling us that we were dead even on paper, we

had to get at least one win out of the three," Lee said. "[Hurley] hit a lot of good balls and was a very consistent, really good player, it was a really good match."

The Belles next head to Orlando for a week-long tournament over spring break. They will face some of the toughest competition of the season in Wesleyan and Wheaton.

"We are really proud that we came back, this was a really good match for us to win," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "It's good to have a little more experience going into the spring trip. We will definitely have some good opponents."

The veteran Belles squad will have the rest of the week to rest and fine-tune their skills before they take on Ursinus in their first game of the Orlando tournament.

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Miller

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The second round was back-and-forth, with each fighter landing punches. The fighters sparred without either gaining a significant advantage, and this time Bennett was the one who played the role of late-round attacker. He could not gain momentum, and everyone in the Purcell Pavilion knew that the fight would be decided in the last round.

Before the start of the third round, Bennett motioned to a large contingent of supporters from Zahm, getting a loud response and an almost tangible energy boost. He fed off the energy, going on the offensive and landing more punches, including some very hard jabs to Miller's head. Miller realized that he was falling behind and began frantically attacking. He landed more punches, but got overaggressive, allowing Bennett to evade and land more punches. The fight ended with a flurry of punches, but Bennett's energetic third round gave him the victory by unanimous decision. He credited his supporters with giving him the late kick he needed.

"Jason's a real tough fight, [but] Zahm is an unbelievable dorm and an unbelievable atmosphere," he said. "My best friends live there and they didn't let me down this entire tournament."

173 pounds

Matthew "Cool and Tough" Paletta def. Alex Kissinger

Paletta and Kissinger met in one of the best fights of the night, an all-out slugfest that brought the crowd to its feet.

From the first bell, the fighters attacked each other. Both seniors were throwing and landing hard punches at an unbelievable pace. As the first round continued, Kissinger relied on his volume of punches, while Paletta preferred to block and throw fewer but harder punches.

The second round was just as energetic as the first one. The fight was stopped three times in the second round when Kissinger's nose began bleeding. Each was throwing punches that bordered on wild, and connecting on many of them. At one point, Kissinger went low and landed a combination on his opponent's body, ignoring the fact that Paletta was connecting on multiple punches to his head at the same time.

The third round was even more intense. Each fighter preferred to take and throw punches rather than attempt to dodge punches. The bout went back and forth, and though no one could predict the winner, the whole Purcell Pavilion rose to its feet in appreciation of the fight they had just witnessed. The two embraced and later exchanged numbers in the locker room, having bonded through their competition.

"That was the gnarliest fight I've ever been in, in three years by far," Paletta said. "I'm sure he feels the same way; it was a hell of a fight."

Paletta, though bruised and battered, took a moment to reflect on what his championship meant to him.

"It feels great, it's a lot of time and a lot of sacrifices, getting out of bed when you don't want to," he said. "But [the win] makes it all worth it."

180 pounds

Mike Doran def. Dominic "Warsaw War Hammer" Golab

Doran defeated Golab in a hard-hitting bout that went back and forth for the entire match and

left the good friends exhausted. From the beginning of what Doran called a "friendly rivalry," the two fighters went at it hard and with energy.

Doran, a junior, used his length to land punches early. However, he often got overaggressive and his fellow junior Golab was able to evade and return punches during the first round, keeping the fight even.

During the second round, Doran was able to dictate the pace of the fight using his footwork, but Golab preferred to take a few punches and then break out and land a combination of his own. Doran continued to use aggressive footwork even while taking punches from Golab, minimizing the effect of Golab's combinations.

The third round began with Golab on the offensive, but Doran quickly regained control and refused to relinquish it for the rest of the bout. He seemed to have more energy than Golab and started throwing significantly more punches. Near the middle and end of the third round, Doran forced Golab into a mostly defensive mindset and laid on a late extended combination at the end of the fight that decided the fight in his favor by a split decision that, when announced, left Golab collapsing.

"It was a really close fight; it could have gone either way," Doran said. "I just had a tiny bit more left in the tank in that round, but seriously a great fight, for sure my toughest so far."

Both competitors were left reflecting on their Bengal Bouts experience and looking forward to next year.

"It's sad to be done, with the guys and the atmosphere," Doran said. "Some guys think boxing is an individual sport, but it's a real brotherhood down here that's amazing every year."

Doran and Golab are both making the trip to Bangladesh over the summer to visit the Holy Cross missions that the Bouts benefit.

189 pounds

Bernardo "Blue" Garcia def. Timothy Wallace

When Wallace's corner could not clean up his bloody nose fast enough, the referee stopped the fight and Garcia earned his second consecutive title.

The fight began with flurries of punches from both Garcia and Wallace. Though Garcia was the one coming at Wallace, Wallace would stand his ground and return the punches.

In the middle of the round, Wallace began to fight more aggressively and gained momentum before the bell rung, giving Garcia a respite to catch his breath.

The second round began with lots of energy, but Wallace controlled the tempo of the fight. The fight was stopped, however, when Wallace began bleeding for the first time. This did not stop him, however, as he came out of the stoppage with an aggressive mentality and attacked so hard that he knocked Garcia down and almost out of the ring.

The fight was stopped repeatedly for blood throughout the second round, which exacted a heavy toll on Wallace's momentum. If he had been given a chance to build his momentum, he may have been very tough to beat, but the stop-and-start nature of the round favored Garcia.

In the third round, Wallace unleashed a high volume of punches, and though Garcia fought back, Wallace landed many of them. The match continued to be stopped for blood, and Garcia was declared the winner when the referee stopped the match for the final time with one minute and seven seconds

remaining.

"His style matches up real tough against the style I try to fight," Garcia said. "I got kind of lucky because he started bleeding in the second round and they just couldn't get the blood to stop."

Garcia now gets to savor his unlikely victory, but he is also relieved that the time-consuming Bouts process is coming to an end.

"I'm relieved, I really am, to be done," he said. "It's a lot of pressure and a lot to think about."

205 pounds

John "Papi" Tchoula def. Pat "Tigers Love Pepper, They Hate Cinnamon" Burns

The fight began tentatively until the junior Tchoula initiated the furious boxing with a series of body blows. He would continue to play the role of aggressor, but the senior co-president Burns also landed quite a few punches on Tchoula early. The first round was even, with Tchoula landing a few more combinations but also missing on more punches.

The second round saw a display of athleticism, especially at the beginning. Tchoula moved with unbelievable quickness, but Burns utilized his agility to evade many of Tchoula's bigger swings. Tchoula, however, often negated this by forcing Burns to the ropes and landing some hard punches when he cornered Burns. Burns refused to back down, even moving into more of an aggressive role and providing a spirited end to the second round.

The third round began with both fighters attempting to go for a knockout blow, and Tchoula came close when he moved Burns to the ropes and knocked him down. This seemed to really faze Burns, who from that point on could not throw nearly enough punches to counter the never-tiring Tchoula. Burns continued to fight his hardest, however, until the final bell, which saw the announcement of Tchoula as winner by unanimous decision.

"It was a great fight," Tchoula said. "I had to go out there and box the best that I could against a guy like Pat Burns."

Though he landed some vicious punches, Tchoula did not seem to relish it, explaining that he and Burns are very good friends and that he's glad the season is over.

"I'm looking forward to next year," he said. "But it's time to take some rest."

Heavyweight

Will "at the Edge of Darkness" Burroughs def. Kevin "The Long Beach Lumberjack" Crepeau

Law student Burroughs and junior Crepeau provided a spirited end to the Bengal Bouts season in a match that saw Burroughs, one of the faces of the program, come away with yet another heavyweight championship in his last appearance and his third against Crepeau in the finals.

The match began with each fighter testing the other, as was the strategy, explained Burroughs.

"He [Crepeau] always had a strategy and he sticks to it and it's effective," Burroughs said.

Crepeau landed more punches early, though Burroughs landed harder ones. The junior was much more of an active fighter, moving around the ring and making Burroughs come to him. The first round was very even, with each fighter landing a combination in response to the other.

The second round saw much

more energy from both fighters, especially Crepeau. He began gaining momentum and landed multiple consecutive combinations before Burroughs abruptly switched the nature of the bout by knocking Crepeau to his knees. Both fighters landed some hard punches, which pleased the crowd. The first two rounds were even, and if anything, Crepeau may have had the upper hand.

"He caught me with a couple good ones and he moved real well," Burroughs said. "The first couple rounds I was just trying to find a counterpunch or find an opening."

The third round, however, was dominated by Burroughs' power. From the bell, he fought aggressively, ignoring punches he received in a singular focus on overpowering his opponent. He was able to accomplish that goal, at one point pushing Crepeau into the corner and knocking him down. Crepeau still threw flurries of punches, but it was not enough and Burroughs won by unanimous decision. The victory gave him an opportunity to reflect on his time with Bengal Bouts.

"It's been sweet. The guys in this program are amazing," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how they will do not only in boxing but after they leave Notre Dame. They are all amazing guys."

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hit Rivera with a left hook that sent him through the ropes and nearly into the crowd, bringing the fight to an early end in the first round.

133 pounds

Chris “Cougar” Cugliari def. Michael “The Silver City Slugger” Sayles

The two senior captains battled for three rounds, with Cugliari besting Sayles in a unanimous decision.

“I was pleased that I believe the two of us left it all in the ring,” Sayles said. “At the end of the day, it doesn’t matter so much winning or losing as it does going in the ring and doing everything you can and leaving it all out there.”

In the first round, Cugliari’s evident advantage in strength seemed to wear down the defenses of the smaller and speedier Sayles. His strong jabs kept Sayles backpedaling as the senior stayed on the offensive for most of the round. Toward the end of the round, a nice combination by Sayles seemed to shift momentum as he got inside Cugliari’s jab and worked the body of his fellow captain.

Sayles carried a bit of that momentum into the second round when his combos started to hit more frequently. Before the end of the round though, Cugliari hopped back on the offensive, working Sayles into the corner and finishing the round with huge and punishing combos.

In the third round the two fighters emptied their tanks. Cugliari’s powerful blows seemed to take a toll on the smaller Sayles, whose defense weakened as he tired later in the fight. As the round came to a close, the two fighters wrapped each other up constantly, a sign of the obvious physical toll the fight took on them. In the end, Cugliari’s consistent and punishing attack scored him the unanimous decision.

“I feel like a million bucks right now,” Cugliari said. “After four years working for this, this is a dream come true.”

140 pounds

Albert Toscano def. Michael Johnston

This battle of entertaining fighters went the distance, with the sophomore Toscano scoring a unanimous decision over the senior Johnston. The fight was a battle of contrasting styles with the shorter and broader Toscano using his strong base to punish the taller Johnston. The fighters traded blows for the opening portion of the first round as the pace eventually settled down. Toscano’s strong arsenal of punches put Johnston on the defensive, and he punished the senior on the ropes with his uppercut.

Toscano went to the uppercut early and often in the second round, relying on a more careful, defensive style after his strong first round. After Johnston began to use his jab to work his way back into the fight, Toscano immediately reversed the momentum with a thunderous combo that put Johnston on the ropes to end the second round.

With Johnston needing a good round in the third, Toscano immediately put to rest any comeback Johnston had, putting together a strong round ending with a knock-down toward the end of the round. After Johnston fell to the mat at the bell, Toscano let loose with a display of emotion as the sophomore scored a unanimous victory on the strength of nearly flawless boxing.

“I have been training for eight or nine months and all of the hard work really paid off,” Toscano said.

147 pounds

Kieran Bulger def. Kevin “DiGiorno” Ortenzio

The defensive tilt between the senior Bulger and the sophomore Ortenzio resulted in Bulger scoring a split-decision victory over the sophomore.

“I had to take it slow,” Bulger said. “I figured that he is such a workhorse in practice that he would probably have good endurance.”

Early on in the fight both fighters chose to pick their spots and Bulger’s long reach helped him gain the upper hand, as the slow pace suited his careful style.

From the bell in the second round both fighters picked up the intensity as they threw more punches, with Bulger hitting more frequently as he blocked most of Ortenzio’s attacks. Ortenzio momentarily turned the tide with a big uppercut that allowed him to chase Bulger around the ring for the remainder of the round.

In the third round the physical nature of the fight took a toll on both fighters as they were both visibly fatigued. Bulger came out looking to hit as many big punches as he could, but a couple missed hooks opened up his usually excellent defense and Ortenzio landed some nice combinations on him. As the fighters continued to exchange big blows in the third, Bulger’s strong defense and long reach enabled him to preserve a close split decision victory.

“I wanted to keep my space and make my punches count,” Bulger said.

151 pounds

Tim “The Slayer” Thayer def. Bobby Powers

This highly-anticipated fight between the senior captain Thayer and talented junior Powers lived up to its billing and by the final bell the crowd offered a standing ovation to the pair as Thayer squeaked out a split-decision victory.

“It definitely lived up to all the hype,” Thayer said.

Powers tried to use a small height advantage by using his long reach to keep the powerful “Slayer” at bay. This strategy kept Thayer backpedaling, but when Powers left himself open to a punch the powerful senior walloped him with a big hook and forced the referee to check on Powers.

“Thayer is the best boxer I have ever fought against,” Powers said.

The second round saw the pair trade blows from bell to bell as both struggled to take control of the round. Each fighter got in a strong combination, but each rebounded to swing momentum back and forth multiple times. Thayer got the last blow right before the bell, a punch that snapped Powers’ head back and set the tone for the third round.

The third round was a struggle for both fighters as the first two rounds left the pair exhausted. By the latter part of the round, the entire Purcell Pavilion was on its feet for both Powers and Thayer as they struggled to even raise their arms and complete a punch. Ultimately Thayer was able to fight through the pain and complete a few punches that enabled him to win a close split-decision victory.

155 pounds

Ryan “Dayman” Slaney def. Adam “Mad” Cowden “Disease”

The senior Slaney and the sophomore Cowden, nearly mirror images of each other in terms of

body size and height, fought an even fight highlighted by big punches as Slaney scored a split decision victory. Cowden used his long jab to keep Slaney on the run early and get an edge in the first round. The whole first round, Slaney kept to the ropes and seemed content to play a defensive game against the charging Cowden.

In the second round, things turned. Initially, Cowden’s reach seemed impossible to contend with but once Slaney got inside he punished his younger opponent with huge blows. A punishing hook from Slaney that sent Cowden’s mouthpiece flying several rows into the crowd highlighted the round. After fighting resumed, Slaney used the little time left before the bell to keep momentum going with strong punches.

In the third round, Cowden mounted a bit of a comeback, as the round resembled more of a brawl than a boxing match. Both fighters were punching with all they had, but Cowden took control of the fight halfway through the third and didn’t ease up from his onslaught. Ultimately, however, Slaney’s punishing run in the second round and early third proved enough to hand him the championship by split decision.

“After the fight I just wanted to know that I gave it my all, win or lose,” Slaney said.

160 pounds

John “My Body is a Wonderland” Maier def. Alex “Gatito Loco” Oloriz

The senior captain Maier defeated the upstart freshman Oloriz by unanimous decision in a capstone of his long career with the Bengal Bouts.

“As a freshman it’s an uphill battle to begin with,” Maier said. “I helped him through the whole process trying to get him here.”

Maier used his size advantage and boxing expertise to keep the shorter and stockier Oloriz at a distance and land several punches

in the first round. Oloriz tried to generate leverage by using his uppercut to attack Maier, but the senior’s defense was strong.

Maier controlled the second round in similar fashion as he kept Oloriz from landing any strong shots to the head or body. Maier’s strong uppercut late in the round snapped Oloriz’s head back, and Maier followed it up with big punches to the bell.

Oloriz sensed the need for a big third round and opened with a furious combination, though at the tail end he left his hands open and the experienced Maier seized the opportunity, beating the freshman back with big punches. When the referee checked on Oloriz shortly before the bell, Maier let loose with a loud display of emotion, the result of four years of training culminating in the unanimous victory over Oloriz.

“I spent four years training,” Maier said. “Four years, and this where I wanted to be. It’s a great way to go out.”

163 pounds

Jordan Bucci def. Matt Hopke

The Bucci-Hopke fight may have been the most interesting stories of the night, because the two opponents are also close friends and housemates.

“We’ve been roommates since freshman year sharing a bunk,” Bucci said. “I don’t remember ever saying ‘good luck’ to a guy who’s about to hit you, so it was kind of weird in that respect.”

The fight began tentatively, with each fighter feeling out the other’s strategy. Bucci and Hopke each threw a few punches, but neither gained the upper hand in the first round. Hopke seemed to be more willing to throw punches, while Bucci was content to dodge his housemate’s punches. Near the end of the first round, the fighters showed a burst of energy and each pummeled the other’s body, but neither could gain an advantage.

The second round was more of

the same. Each fighter would throw two or three punches and then disengage. They had a high energy level and were bouncing around the ring, but for the second consecutive round, neither could gain an advantage.

In the third round, the fighters seemed almost mirror each other; their familiarity was evident, as each could anticipate the other’s moves. Bucci used a burst of energy at the end to land a series of punches that may have broken the tie and given him the unanimous-decision victory.

Throughout the fight, it was evident how close the two were. As soon as the bell ended each round, the fighters would bump fists, and at the end, the two shared a long embrace. Bucci admitted that the two were less aggressive because they were so close.

“It was probably the longest and most boring fight for everybody watching, because neither guy wanted to hit the other,” he said.

In the end, however, Bucci hit Hopke a few more times, and emerged the champion.

166 pounds

Gregory Bennett def. Jason “Pretty Boy” Miller

Bennett defeated Miller in one of the tightest bouts of the night. Though the two tested each other at the first bell, the fight quickly turned energetic, with the sophomore Bennett attacking while Miller was able to dodge many punches and take advantage. Miller, a senior, began to attack late in the first round but could not build up significant momentum before the bell ended the first round. Bennett said the increased round length — two minutes per round — played into the pace of the fight.


“Usually I come out pretty aggressive from the start but because of the long rounds today I wanted to keep it steady,” Bennett said.

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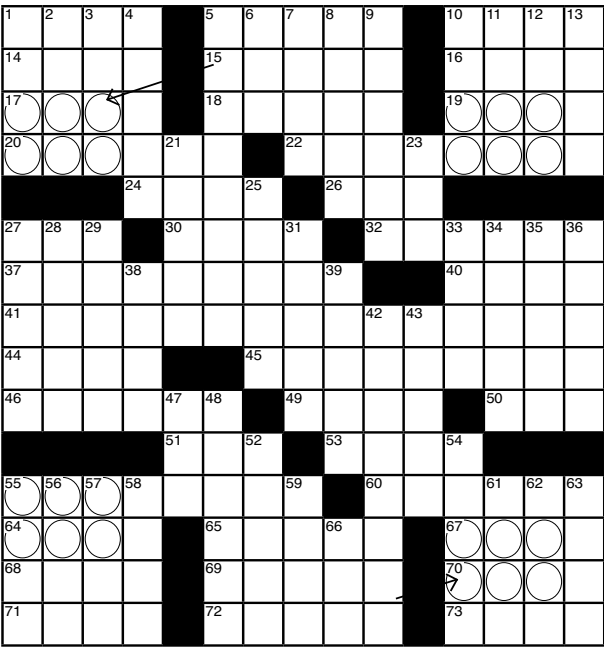
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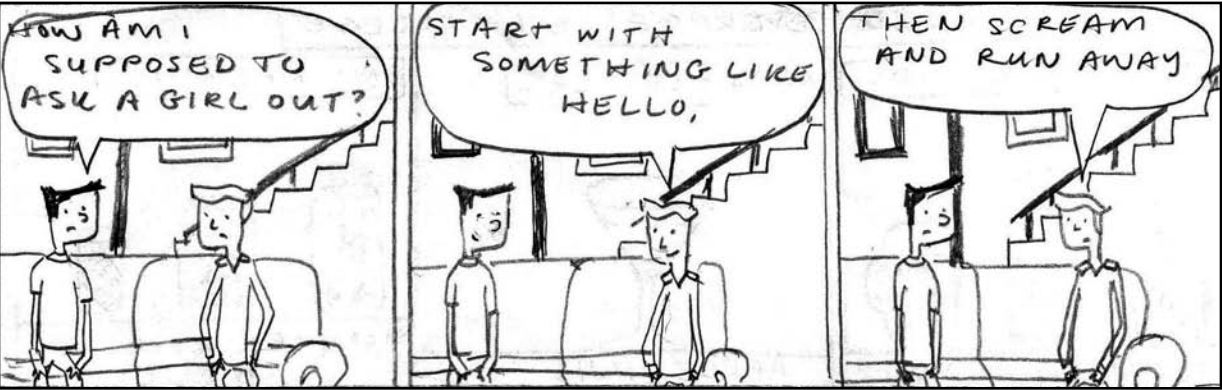
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ali Larter, 34; Eric Lindros, 37; Robert Sean Leonard, 41; Bernadette Peters, 62

Happy Birthday: Opportunities are present that you won't want to miss. Refuse to let anyone limit your chances or hold you back this year. If it means letting go of a personal or professional partner, do so swiftly. Set your goals high and focus your energy on achieving them. Your numbers are 3, 7, 13, 21, 28, 37, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Every ounce of your energy should go into moneymaking deals, fixing up your property or a worthwhile project. Keep the doors of communication open with someone who is looking for an investment idea or project for you to get involved in. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't waste time fighting over nothing. Listen attentively and ask questions politely. Having fun should be your intent, so don't get involved in something you don't believe in. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to what you know and do best. You can find information that will help you make better career choices. Don't be pushy when dealing with loved ones. Someone is likely to take advantage of your good nature. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Things are beginning to go your way, making this the ideal time to try new things. Don't look at changes being made at work or home as a negative when a little effort on your part will lead to interesting opportunities and financial gains in the near future. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't back away from the things you want to do when you need an outlet. Put more time and effort into making things at home more comfortable for yourself. A real estate move or investment looks prosperous. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put love, family, friends and entertainment at the top of your list. Love is in the stars, so make plans to experience something special. Stimulate your mind and you will feel motivated to reach your goals. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep the peace at home. Don't get all worked up over nothing. As long as you are honest and straightforward, you have nothing to worry about. An interesting idea or concept can be turned into a lucrative venture. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can work through any problem if you communicate rationally. Put some effort into your home. Socialize with people who share your interests and you will come up with some great ideas. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel, excitement and adventure will beckon you but, before you go down that path, make sure you can afford the ticket price. You'll be prone to impulse buying, taking on more than you can handle, overindulging and overreacting. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Love is in the stars and, whether you are involved with someone or not, plan to get out and mingle. Old memories will lead to reuniting with people you haven't seen for a long time. An old idea will be a good investment now. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Face facts and be perfectly honest with yourself about what you are doing that might hinder your future. Ask questions: It's likely someone is trying to set you up for a loss, personally, financially or emotionally. Go it alone. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be a bit confused by the mixed signals you are getting from someone you thought you knew quite well. Look back at your past experiences. Don't overreact or let your personal problems interfere with your productivity. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are detached and yet you immerse yourself in whatever interests you most. You are difficult to understand but intuitive enough to see how others feel.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

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RENIL

YONNEA

NIGLAC

Ans: A " " " " " "

Saturday's Jumbles: LOWLY SHOWY JABBER UNLOAD
Answer: The cowboys said the gunslinger was an artist because he knew — HOW TO "DRAW"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

and Uncle Fred built this cottage

WHAT IT TAKES TO RESEARCH A FAMILY'S ROOTS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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BENGAL BOUTS

Champions crowned

14 finals bring end to month-long tourney

By CHRIS ALLEN and ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writers

124 pounds

Jack "Rico Suave" Lally def. Steven "505" Rivera

The freshman Lally came out with energy in his Bengal Bouts debut and the only fight in the 124-pound weight division, crushing the senior Rivera en route to a victory by technical knockout.

"I was able to land some good combinations and just back him off," Lally said. "I thought I was successful at landing some solid punches."

Lally's speed was too much for Rivera and from the opening bell he took control. Early on in the first round the action was stopped twice to protect Rivera after furious combos from Lally to the upper body and face of the senior. After the second stoppage, Lally

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Sophomore Albert Toscano lands a punch against senior Michael Johnston in Saturday night's Bengal Bouts Championship. Toscano won the 140-pound fight in a unanimous decision.

BASEBALL

Irish drop two of three to Big Ten

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After dropping the first two games of the Big Ten/Big East Tournament in blowout fashion, the Irish salvaged a much-needed win over Penn State 9-8 in 10 innings Sunday.

On a day plagued by bad defense, senior right fielder David Mills scored the winning run on a dropped fly ball off the bat of freshman third baseman Adam Norton.

Junior Todd Miller (1-0) picked up the win for Notre Dame (4-2), tossing 1 1-3 scoreless innings of relief. Although disappointed in his team's overall performance in the tournament, Irish coach Dave Schrage said he'd take wins any way he could get them.

"We played three very similar games, we didn't play very good defense," Schrage said. "I know

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame tops Seton Hall, a prelude to Connecticut tilt

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following two consecutive road losses last week, No. 7 Notre Dame turned in a complete performance Saturday, crushing an overmatched Seton Hall team 72-47 in South Orange, N.J.

Although the game was briefly tied at 18, the Irish put together a 12-2 run to close out the first half and put the game to rest.

"We played as well as we've played in a long time," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "The second half was really great, our balance, our depth. I was really pleased with just the overall team effort, which is something that has been lacking in the last couple of games."

In her second game back from an ankle injury, senior guard Lindsay Schrader scored 12 points to lead an Irish offense that shot 56 percent from the floor, its best percentage in con-

ference play all season. Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner added 10 points, as Notre Dame (25-3, 12-3 Big East) appeared to have regained its rhythm on offense with Schrader's return to the lineup.

"We're hard to guard when we have a lot of people contributing," McGraw said. "We rebounded well today, we had a lot of assists. Everybody did what they could do, and I thought we took great shots. We didn't shoot a lot of threes, we really tried to

get inside a little bit more, and we were very successful with it."

Several players approached double figures in scoring for the Irish, who handed the Pirates (9-19, 1-14 Big East) their sixth straight loss and 15th in 16 games. Freshman guard Skylar Diggins and senior guard Ashley Barlow chipped in nine points apiece, and junior forward Devereaux Peters added eight points and eight rebounds.

Barlow's nine points Saturday give her 1,432 in her distin-

guished Irish career as she surpassed Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey for sole possession of 11th on the all-time scoring list. Barlow is just seven points short of breaking the top 10.

"She's had a major impact on our program," McGraw said. "She has done so many different things. She's our most versatile player — she rebounds, she scores, she defends. She makes big plays after big plays each

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Second straight upset for ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Another game without Luke Harangody was no problem for the Irish. Ben Hansbrough made sure of that.

The senior guard scored 21 points and Notre Dame knocked off No. 11 Georgetown 78-64 on the road Saturday, its second straight win against a ranked opponent and another step in its late-season push for the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish (19-10, 8-8 Big East) followed their dominating game against No. 12 Pittsburgh Wednesday with another good offensive performance. The win moved them to eighth place in the Big East, in position — for now —

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VANESSA GEMPSThe Observer

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough takes a shot during Notre Dame's 68-53 victory over Pittsburgh Wednesday.

HOCKEY

Seniors honored with victory over Michigan

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish sent out their senior class with a bang Saturday night, downing rival Michigan in a gutsy 5-3 effort in the CCHA season finale. Five players scored for Notre Dame as the Irish rebounded from an early 2-0 hole in the brawling, bruising rivalry match on senior night.

The win sets up a best-of-three series against Ohio State this weekend in the opening round of the CCHA tournament for Notre Dame.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson, whose team snapped a five-game winless streak, said he hopes the win will provide some

momentum going into the play-offs.

"I hope we can build upon this," Jackson said. "We're going to be on the road in the first round and that's going to be challenging, but, regardless of who we play, we're going to have to get goaltending and play good defensively and play with more discipline than we have been."

The Irish, dressed in Kelly green sweaters for senior night, fell behind only seconds into the game when junior Wolverine forward Louie Caporusso fired a wrist shot over freshman goalkeeper Mike Johnson's shoulder on Michigan's first shot of the game. The Wolverines extended

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