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Dayne sticks to charity

By VICTORIA MORENO
News Writer

Activities at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center were in full force Friday, but Center Court One was temporarily out of commission. Irish quarterback Dayne Crist was taped to the east wall with purple, pink, blue and even cheetah tape.

"Donate to Duct Tape Dayne" was the hook that drew Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to Rolfs Sports Recreation Center to a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. RecSports partnered with Relay for Life to raise both awareness and funding for the event.

"I wanted to do something truly different," Lana

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Students dance to raise funds

By BRIDGET MEADE
News Writer

Dedicated students spent 12 hours on their feet to benefit Riley's Children's Hospital Saturday at the Saint Mary's College-Notre Dame Dance Marathon, held from noon to midnight at the Angela Athletic Facility.

Dance Marathon President Katie Fadden said more than 500 Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students and community members attended the event. Families of children who are treated by Riley's Children's Hospital also attended and were invited to speak about their experiences with Riley's.

"We had eight different families speak throughout the night," she said. "Hearing the families' stories is a great way to inspire the participants and also to

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Student competition to aid camp

Bookstore Basketball Tournament to benefit the Jumpball Basketball Programme in Jamaica



Photo courtesy of Chad Sutcliffe



Photo courtesy of Chad Sutcliffe

Top: A young jumpball participant takes part in the warm up drills.

Bottom: Melissa Lechlitner, former Notre Dame women's basketball captain, shows off her dribbling skills.

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Soon the sound of bouncing basketballs and cheers will sound around campus with the annual Bookstore Basketball Tournament during the month of April, but organizers wanted participants to know the event is about much more than the 5-on-5 games on the court.

The annual tournament benefits the Jumpball Basketball Programme, a free basketball day camp for children held in Jamaica, Programme co-director and co-founder Chad Sutcliffe said. Sutcliffe and the other founder, Bill Maloney, are 1995 graduates of Notre Dame.

"[Kingston, Jamaica, where the main camp is held,] is very different from what you think of when you think of Jamaica," Sutcliffe said. "It's a very large third-world city. It's very poor with extremely high crime rates. Many kids come from these backgrounds. When school is out, many kids don't have anything to do. This camp gives them an activity. Parents and kids can come by and know they can have a great time."

The Programme was founded in the summer of 1995 from funds collected by the Alumni Club of Jamaica, and it had a little more than 100 children participate, Sutcliffe said. He was volunteering in Kingston as a teacher when

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Bouts documentary hits silver screen

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

After nearly three years of production, the final cut of "Strong Bodies Fight" made its Midwest premiere at Notre Dame Saturday.

The documentary film, which highlights the relationship between Notre Dame's storied Bengal Bouts and the Holy Cross missions they support in Bangladesh, originally premiered in its "rough cut" form in November 2009. Since then, its creators have edited and perfected the film into the final product that was

shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, said Pat Ryan, a 2008 graduate and associate producer of the film.

"In any project you work on, you look at it closer and find things to focus on," Ryan said. "In two hours of footage and interviews, the overall message sometimes gets out of context, so we had to think about that."

Ryan said the bulk of the film has not changed, but such elements as color and sound have been improved.

"Mark [Weber, producer and editor of the film] did a

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Bengal Bouts captains at the end of the finals Friday evening hold a trophy. The Bouts support the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

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CORRECTIONS

A Feb. 23 article, "Week analyzes college 'hook-up culture,'" misidentified the number of sexual assaults reported on campus this year. Five assaults have been reported during the 2010-2011 academic year. The Observer regrets this error.

Random Word Association:

Q: Egypt: "Sand castles"

Q: Mass: "Gravity"

Q: Fork: "Spork"

Questions

Q: If you could found the first frat/sorority on campus, what would you call it?

Carolyn: "GEEK", but with the Es as sigmas."

Q:What's the worst thing you've ever gotten in the mail?

Carolyn: "A facetious death threat."

Q: What do you hate.

Carolyn: "Being put on the spot. And when people crack their joints."

ICE BREAKER

Monday Meltdown



Carolyn Hassett

freshman
Lewis

Know someone chill for Monday's Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

The finals of the 81st annual Bengal Bouts tournament was held Friday night in the Purcell Pavillion. All proceeds from the boxing tournament benefit the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

OFFBEAT

Sleepy Malaysian burlger caught in act

MALAYSIA — A Malaysian court has slapped a five-year prison sentence on a burglar who was found sleeping in a house he broke into.

Prosecutor Muhammad Ashraff Diah says the 35-year-old man broke into a house in southern Malaysia last week and spent the night sleeping there. The homeowner returned in the morning and called the authorities before the man woke up.

The unemployed man tried to run away when the police arrived. They caught him and recovered several hundred ringgit (dollars) he had taken from the house.

Muhammad Ashraff said Wednesday that the man pleaded guilty to a burglary charge this week.

Woman impersonates mother in pension fraud

FERNDALE, Wash.— Authorities say a Washington state woman suspected of pension fraud was arrested when she tried to open a bank account in her dead mother's name while disguised as her mother.

Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo says 59-year-old Loewen B. Craft was wearing a gray wig and makeup to make her look older when she arrived this week at a credit union branch in Ferndale, Wash.

The sheriff alleges Craft fraudulently collected more than \$145,000 in pension benefits since her mother, Betty Becker, died in 2007.

Detective John Allgire was waiting at the credit union. He arrested Craft for investigation of first-degree identity theft, criminal impersonation and multiple counts of forgery.

The sheriff says the scheme began to unravel when the detective started investigating an unrelated arson case. He learned that Becker had been admitted to St. Joseph hospital in 2007 and died on April 23, 2007.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The 2010- 2011 Annual Ward-Phillips lecture series featuring Wai Chee Dimock, the William Lampson Professor of English and American Studies at Yale University starts tomorrow. Professor Dimock will be giving the lecture "Who's Irish : Henry James, Colm Toibin, James Joyce, Gish Jin" at 5 p.m. in the Eck Center Auditorium.

Karen Ainsley, the Executive Director of Near Northwest Neighborhood Inc. will be giving the lecture "Exploring the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.: The impact of a local Community Development Corporation" today at 5 p.m. in Bond Hall.

Alexander Nemerov, the Chair of the Department of the History of Art at Yale University, will be giving the lecture "The Flame of Place: Abraham Lincoln." The lecture will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Anneberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art.

Today in Hammes Mowbrary Hall starting at 6 p.m. R.A.D Women's Self Defense courses taught by Notre Dame Security Police will be held. The course is taught in 4 sessions and \$5 is due at the beginning of the first session. Preregister at <http://ndsp.nd.edu>.

Registration for Family FIRST Yoga session 2 will be held all day today in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Sign up in RSRC activity room 1. Registration is required due to space limitations. For questions contact Tim Novak at (575) 631-0584 or at tnovak@nd.edu.

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'Donate to Duct Tape Dayne' drew Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to Rolfs Sport Recreation Center for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event Friday.

Relay

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Wright, Relay for Life committee member and event coordinator, said. "Think outside the box. That's my motto."

The idea for the event was a product of an online search for a unique and innovative fundraising idea, she said.

Wright said she needed a duct-tape victim who was not only willing, but that would draw attention. She aimed high and sought out Crist.

"I was more than happy to be a part of such a great cause," Crist said. "One way or another we have all been affected by cancer, and I am glad that I can be a part of something that is so personal for so many people."

Although he did not know exactly what he would be doing for the fundraiser, Crist said he did not try to scramble out of the commitment when he learned he was going to be duct-taped.

"It didn't change my mind," he said. "It's for such a great cause."

Crist smiled, laughed and shouted at friends who were playing basketball or running around the track in an effort to get more participants. Friends, students and others gathered to immobilize Crist.

RecSports was an active participant in the fundraiser. Not only did its staff coordinate the event in conjunction with the Relay for Life Committee, but RecSports interns remained still as donors threw pies at their faces.

Wright said their official goal was to raise \$1,000. Donations ranged according to what each participant wanted to do, with \$3 to duct-tape Crist and \$1 to pie an intern. In addition to these interactive donation activities, participants were also encouraged to purchase luminaries, Peyton Pops or the iconic wristbands. Each donor was then asked to sign a commemorative board that will be donated to Relay for its silent auction.

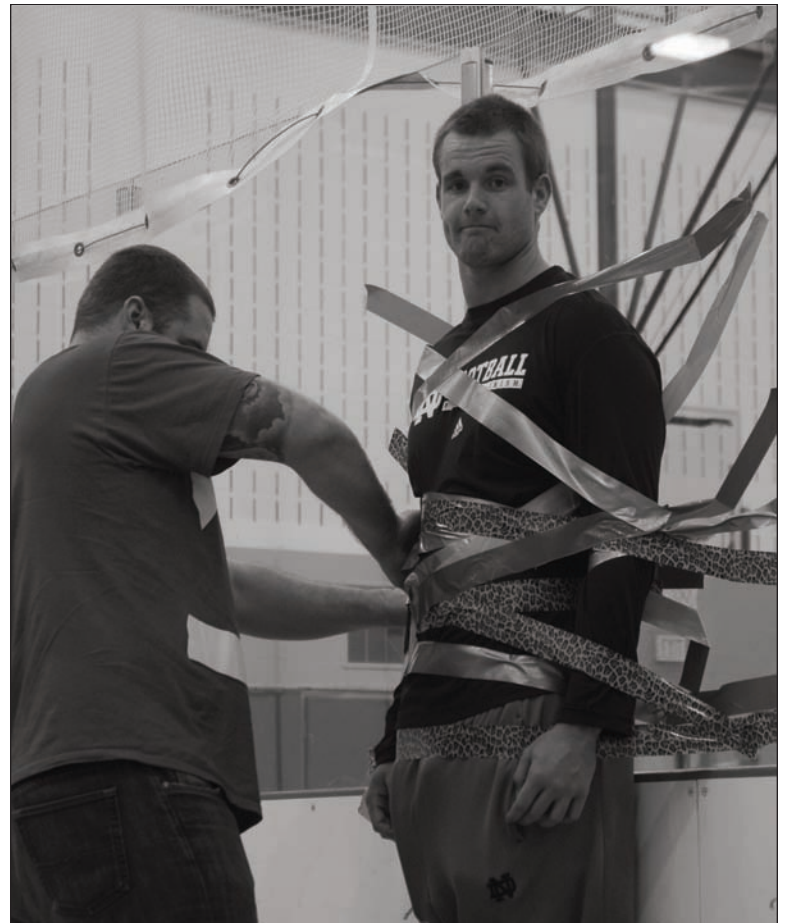
The Notre Dame Relay for Life Committee recognizes the growing relevance of cancer in the lives of its students, faculty, staff and community, Wright said. The members are proud to participate and hope that,

together with the American Cancer Society, they can help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays, their website said.

Relay for Life will take place from April 29-30 at

Notre Dame, Wright said. The exact campus location of the Relay has yet to be determined.

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Purple, blue, pink and cheetah-print duct tape holds quarterback Dayne Crist up on a wall at the Relay for Life.

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Photos courtesy of Chad Sutcliffe

Top: Participants practice their basketball skills in drills this summer.
Bottom: Participants take a break between drills.

Bookstore

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he became involved.

“The nice thing about summer is you get time off,” he said. “It was an opportunity to get kids to come out. We sort of hodge-podged it together. It just came from there.”

Now more than 300 children attend the Kingston clinic, with 25 to 50 children each attending the six other satellite clinics, adding up to 600 kids in all each summer.

“We’ve had to move locations [to the National Stadium Basketball Courts] because it’s grown,” he said. “We’ve had a lot of repeat kids, and many go on to become volunteer coaches.”

Sutcliffe said the program is continuing to grow, maxing out the number of attendees every year.

“We’re trying to increase the number of boys and girls from orphanages,” he said. “We’re excited to do something in the world to make a difference. It gives a lot of pride to the Notre Dame connection. It’s a name that people in Kingston know.”

For the past four years, two students have made the trip down to Jamaica to help at the main clinic, Sutcliffe said. One of the students who went this summer, junior Bobby Curley, is a member of the Bookstore Basketball Executive team.

“[The experience] was great,” Curley said. “I got to

know the Jamaican coaches really well. You learned a lot about another part of the world.”

He said all the profits from the \$25 entry fee are donated to Jumpball, and around 700 teams participate. Curley said when he came to Notre Dame, he didn’t know what benefited from Bookstore Basketball.

“Knowing the cause made it a much better event to be a part of. It benefits people miles away,” he said. “When you participate, it’s a great time, but it’s also a great cause.”

Sutcliffe said Bookstore Basketball is Jumpball’s largest sponsor.

“We want to get to the point where everyone associates Bookstore with our charity,” he said.

Sutcliffe said the Programme is about more than the sport of basketball.

“The kids are learning life skills through basketball,” he said. “We also give out lunches, which doesn’t seem like much but is a big deal. ... We’ve helped out over 5,000 kids in all.”

Registration for Bookstore Basketball began March 1 and will run until March 11 on www.nd.edu/~bkstr, Curley said.

“One of my favorite parts of Notre Dame is its tradition and tradition of athletics,” he said. “This combines both. It’s one of my favorite parts of the year.”

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Bengal

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great job of going back and looking at the fundamentals of the story we wanted to tell,” Ryan said. “He’s pretty much taken it to its end, so now it’s all about getting the film out there for everyone to see.”

In the filmmakers’ first major attempt to raise awareness of the film, they screened the final edition of “Strong Bodies Fight” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium for Interreligious Dialogue last month, Ryan said. Ryan and his colleagues submitted the film to the symposium after contacting an FSU professor who they had come in contact with through their previous work.

“It’s really cool to get the film out there because this is something we all love, and it’s a huge part of our lives,” Ryan said. “We have no real motive other than wanting people to learn more about the film and to see how great [Bengal Bouts] is.”

Ryan said his team also screened the film in February at its first film festival, the John Paul II Film Festival in Miami, by working with the Notre Dame Club of Miami to promote the film.

“The film was very well-received, and there was a lot of interest in it,” Ryan said. “Things have been going great so far.”

The broad scope of the Notre Dame alumni network has opened doors for the film in spreading the word and raising funds for the Holy Cross missions highlighted in the film, Ryan said.

“We pretty much have an open door policy with the film because we just want to share it with all the alumni clubs and whoever else wants to see it,” Ryan said. “We hope that the more people know about our relationship with Bangladesh and the great things Bengal Bouts does, the more people will donate money and make a bigger impact over there.”

The financial impact of the Bouts on impoverished Bangladesh is especially significant because the exchange rate of Bangladeshi taka to US dollars is about 72 to 1, so last year’s Bengal Bouts fundraising total of more than \$100,000 will make a big difference, Ryan said.

But for Ryan, bringing “Strong Bodies Fight” back to the Notre Dame community has been the most important step in the process of promoting the film after years of hard work.

“It’s a timeless film because the Bouts will still

happen every year and raise money for the missions,” Ryan said. “We want to show how incredible this school is and how great the work of Bengal Bouts and the missions is, so in the scheme of things it doesn’t matter how long it took us to make the film.”

After the filmmakers traveled to Bangladesh in May 2008, Ryan and Weber decided more boxers should have the opportunity they had, so they helped create an International Summer Service Learning Program that would allow four to five men to share their experience.

“The ISSLP is the greatest thing to come out of this,” Ryan said. “It’s not just about us, and the fact that 10 guys have already gone there means it’s changing the program and the understanding of the boxers and what they’re fighting for.”

Besides bringing the film to the Notre Dame community, Ryan said his team has submitted “Strong Bodies Fight” to several film festivals and will find out where it has been accepted within the next few months.

“2011 will be a big year for us,” Ryan said. “We’re really excited to share the film with everyone.”

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Dance

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remind them why they are here.”

In its sixth year, the event raised more than \$63,000 for the hospital.

The marathon’s theme of “Under the Sea” was carried through the event’s decorations, games and prizes. The entertainment for the night included performances from Troop ND, Notre Dame student Zach Dubois, Bellacapella and Notre Dame Alum Pat McKillen, as well as relay races, inflatables and carnival games.

Executive committee member Caitlyn Wonski said the event’s attendance was higher than previous years because of the increased number of families present at the marathon. In previous years, the twelve-hour

marathon was held from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

“The time change allowed for more Riley’s kids and families to attend the event,” she said. “That was really important to us because we do this all for the kids, and we want them to be able to enjoy the marathon as well.”

Wonski explained that holding the marathon at an earlier hour also helped with the morale of the marathon.

“I definitely saw a different in the physical activity levels of the dancers,” she said. “It’s easier to dance for 12 hours when you are dancing in the afternoon and evening rather than the early hours of the morning.”

South Bend restaurants Chipotle, Papa Vinos, Subway, Jimmy John’s, Hot Box Pizza and Geno’s East Pizza donated food to the marathon.

Along with the time change,

this year’s marathon had other improvements. The Notre Dame Pre-Professional Society joined the executive committee, making the event officially shared by Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame.

“The Pre-Professional Society played a huge role in recruiting Notre Dame students,” Wonski said. “We saw an increase in the number of Notre Dame students participating, and we hope to see that number continue to increase in the future.”

A new Dance Marathon fundraising website was also established, which allowed participants to gather donations online from family and friends. Wonski said the website made donating faster and easier and lead to an increase in donations from non-participants.

Fundraising and planning for the event began in the fall. The Dance Marathon committee hosted several fundraising activities throughout the school year, including the Trot for Tots, a bowling night at Strike’s and Spares and numerous giveback nights at local restaurants, among other events. The SMC-ND Dance Marathon committee also oversees various “mini-marathons” at local high schools.

Junior Stephanie Cherpak attended the event as a dancer and was pleased with the marathon’s atmosphere.

“It was upbeat and energetic,” she said. “And it was so great to see so many people coming together for a great cause like Riley’s. You could sense the passion and love in everyone present.”

Fadden said the increased energy, as well as participation and fundraising, are things that the committee plans to continue to improve on in the future.

“We’ve gotten great feedback all around,” she said. “So we really just want to keep building every year and continue to do anything and everything we can to help the Riley’s kids.”

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CAITLIN HOUSLEY/The Observer

Students danced to raise money Saturday for the Riley’s Children’s Hospital at the Saint Mary’s College-Notre Dame Dance Marathon.

EGYPT

Egyptian prime minister names caretaker cabinet

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's prime minister-designate named a caretaker Cabinet on Sunday to help lead the country through reforms and toward free elections after the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak.

The changes include new faces in the key foreign, interior and justice ministries — a decision expected to be met with the approval of the pro-reform groups that led an 18-day uprising that forced Mubarak to step down on Feb. 11.

Meanwhile, a rally outside the Interior Ministry in Cairo, which houses offices of the hated State Security agency, was violently broken up.

Protesters have over the past two days rallied outside some dozen state security offices across the nation. In many cases, protesters stormed the buildings, including the main State Security headquarters in the Cairo suburb of Nasr City. The protests followed reports that agents were burning and shredding documents to destroy evidence that would incriminate them in possible cases of human rights abuses.

On Sunday, army soldiers fired in the air and used stun guns to disperse hundreds of protesters who wanted to storm the State Security

offices inside the Interior Ministry in downtown Cairo. The protesters said they wanted to see for themselves whether the building had secret cells and to stop officers from destroying documents.

Thugs armed with rocks, firebombs and machetes also charged at the protesters, but it was not immediately known who had sent them. State TV said 27 arrests were made at the scene.

The State Security agency, which employs about 100,000 of Egypt's 500,000-strong security forces, is blamed for the worst human rights abuses against Mubarak's opponents.

Dismantling the agency has been a key demand of the protest groups that led the uprising.

In a move clearly designed to respond to such demands, Prime Minister-designate Essam Sharaf has named a new interior minister. Maj. Gen. Mansour el-Essawy, a former Cairo security chief, was expected to replace Mahmoud Wagdi, who has held the post for less than a month.

The Interior Ministry is in charge of the security forces.

El-Essawy, according to a report by the state news agency, pledged after meeting Sharaf that he would work to restore security and reduce the role of the State Security



An Egyptian man carries a sign taken from the office of the state security building in Nasr City neighborhood in northern Cairo.

agency.

Sharaf met with 22 other ministerial nominees, including Nabil Elaraby, expected to be Egypt's foreign minister. Elaraby will replace Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, who has held the job since 2004 but has been maligned by the protesters because of his criticism of the uprising in its early days.

Elaraby was Egypt's U.N. representative in the 1990s

and served as a judge in the International Court of Justice between 2001 and 2006. He was critical of the government's crackdown against the uprising and was a member of a committee to advise protest leaders on their reform demands.

The new Cabinet also includes a new justice minister, replacing one who was considered a close Mubarak ally and whose dismissal was

demanding by the opposition groups.

The new Cabinet has to be approved and sworn in by Egypt's military rulers.

Nasser Abdel-Hamid, a protest leader and member of the Youth Coalition, said the new cabinet lineup was acceptable because it did not include Mubarak loyalists.

"Most of them are experts in their field, and have a good history," he said.

LIBYA

Loyalists attack rebel advance on capital city

the juggler
literature, art & design

Associated Press

BIN JAWWAD — Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi, some in helicopter gunships, pounded opposition fighters with artillery, rockets and gunfire Sunday, dramatically escalating their counteroffensive to halt the rebels' rapid advance toward the capital.

They also battled to loosen the grip of rebels on two cities close to Tripoli. But in at least one case, their tactics appeared to lead them into a trap.

Residents said pro-Gadhafi troops punched into the city of Misrata, 120 miles (200 kilometers) east of Tripoli, the capital, with mortars and tanks but were pushed out five hours later by rebel forces. The rebel commanders intentionally opened the way for government tanks to enter the city, then surrounded them and attacked with anti-aircraft guns and mortars, said Abdel Fatah al-Misrati, one of the rebels.

"Our spirits are high," al-Misrati said. "The regime is struggling and what is happening is a desperate attempt to survive and crush the opposition. But the rebels are in control of the city."

As fighting across Libya grew more fierce, the international community appeared to be struggling to put military muscle behind its demands for Gadhafi to give up power.

A small British delegation sent to talk to the rebels head-

quartered in the main eastern city of Benghazi, meanwhile, was arrested by the rebels themselves, who said the group had entered the country without permission. The rebels have set up an interim governing council that is urging international airstrikes on Gadhafi's strongholds and forces, though they strongly oppose foreign intervention on the ground.

Sunday's fighting appeared to signal the start of a new phase in the conflict, with Gadhafi's regime unleashing its air power on the rebel force trying to oust the ruler of 41 years. Resorting to heavy use of air attacks signaled the regime's concern that it needed to check the advance of the rebel force toward the city of Sirte — Gadhafi's hometown and stronghold.

Anti-Gadhafi forces would get a massive morale boost if they captured Sirte, and it would clear a major obstacle on the march toward the gates of Tripoli.

The uprising against Gadhafi, which began Feb. 15, is already longer and much bloodier than the relatively quick revolts that overthrew the longtime authoritarian leaders of neighboring Egypt and Tunisia.

Libya appears to be sliding toward a civil war that could drag out for weeks, or even months. Both sides seem to be relatively weak and poorly trained, though Gadhafi's forces have the advantage in numbers and equipment.

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Twister victims focus on cleanup

Associated Press

RAYNE, La. — As the storm roared toward Pauline Patton's apartment, she peered out the window and saw something she wasn't ready for: A funnel cloud. Suddenly, the power went out. Rainwater poured through the ceiling. And as everything went black, she heard what sounded like a bomb exploding overhead.

Still, residents said the tornado that killed a woman the day before and displaced hundreds could have been much worse. Many have turned their attention to taking care of pets and retrieving essentials left behind while evacuating.

Patton, 64, and her husband, Howard, were having lunch Sunday at a fire station-turned-shelter, courtesy of the Red Cross. They weren't sure when — or if — they'd be able to return to their apartment. About two dozen people were also at the shelter, with nowhere else to go.

"It just happened so fast," she said. "You couldn't hardly see nothing. Everything was dark."

Many of the 1,500 residents were being allowed to return to their homes in this community about 70 miles west of Baton Rouge, said Rayne Police Chief Carroll Stelly.

"If they have power and they have no barricade tape, they can sleep the night away," Stelly said.

However, about 100 damaged homes were still barricaded off. Forty were uninhabitable and 60 hadn't been inspected yet, Stelly said.

Some 150 homes had been damaged or destroyed as winds

topped out at 135 mph, leaving at least 12 with injuries that were not life-threatening.

On Sunday, a cat curled in the sun on top of the demolished home where 21-year-old Jalisa Granger was killed. Granger had been protecting her 15-month-old son, Tyrek, when part of an oak tree crashed onto the home. Her mother and brother were also inside, her cousin said. An uncle had to cut a hole in the wreckage to pull out the three survivors, said Granger's cousin, 35-year-old Donita Wilridge.

"My aunt said that within 30 seconds it was over," Wilridge said.

Granger's son is too young to understand what happened, but is missing his mother, who was studying nursing at LSU at Eunice.

"He just keeps hollering for her," Wilridge said.

Elsewhere, mud-soaked belongings were strewn about the yards. Emergency workers spray-painted symbols on homes that they had checked. Splintered wood, glass shards and metal littered yards, while aluminum siding was wrapped around trees. Chainsaws hummed in the distance as crews cut down tree limbs from power lines.

In the evening, residents allowed back into their neighborhood used flashlights to look at the damage.

Harold Mouton, 67, was stunned to find yellow tape cordoning off his house, meaning he couldn't stay there. The twister ripped through the front of the house and it had shifted off its foundation.

"I feel like crying, man," the

shaken Mouton said. "That was my daddy's house, my grandmother's house."

Gov. Bobby Jindal was meeting with officials and survey the damage. He said more would be known about federal assistance when teams from the state and federal government assess the damage.

"These are a strong people. We are going to rebuild back better and stronger than we were before," Jindal said.

Marla Andrew, 50, was waiting at the police department hoping someone could get her back to her home so she could check on her terrier Keosha, who had gone a full day without food and water. Andrew had been giving her elderly mother a bath when the storm hit.

"I was so worried about getting my mom out of there I completely forgot about the dog," said Andrew, whose home was not significantly damaged but was located in the evacuation area.

In that same waiting room, 50-year-old Reginald Mouton was hoping he could at least retrieve an essential piece of medical equipment and avoid a second sleepless night. Mouton uses a machine to help control his sleep apnea, a disorder that causes pauses in breathing while people sleep.

Police had given him about 15 to 20 minutes to pack a bag when his neighborhood was evacuated, and he forgot the device. Nonetheless, he was grateful his home did not have serious damage.

"I'm very fortunate. We as a community are very fortunate," he said. "It could have been a lot worse."

Official discusses Muslim mosques

Associated Press

STERLING, Va. — Muslim Americans are not part of the terrorism problem facing the U.S. — they are part of the solution, a top White House official said Sunday at a Washington-area mosque.

Deputy National Security Adviser Denis McDonough

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hearings on Islamic radicalization. The hearings, chaired by New York Republican Peter King, will focus on the level of cooperation from the Muslim community to help law enforcement combat radicalization.

The majority of the recent terror plots and attempts against the U.S. have involved people espousing a radical and violent view of Islam. Just a few weeks ago a college student from Saudi Arabia who studied chemical engineering in Texas was arrested after he bought explosive chemicals online. It was part of a plan to hide bomb materials inside dolls and baby carriages and blow up dams, nuclear plants or the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush.

King said the Muslim community could and should do more to work with law enforcement to stop its members from radicalizing and recruiting others to commit violence.

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my dealings with the police in New York and FBI and others say they do not believe they get the same — they do not give the level of cooperation that they need."

In New York City on Sunday, about 300 protestors gathered in Times Square to speak out against King's hearing, criticizing it as xenophobic and saying that singling out Muslims, rather than extremists, is unfair.

McDonough said that instead of condemning whole communities, the U.S. needs to protect them from intimidation.

McDonough spoke to an interfaith forum at a Northern Virginia mosque known for its longtime relationship and cooperation with the FBI. The executive director of the center, Imam Mohamed Magid, also spoke, as did speakers from a local synagogue and a

Presbyterian church.

After McDonough's remarks, King told The Associated Press he agreed with what the deputy national security adviser said.

"I think it's a validation of everything I've been trying to do," King said, adding that he and McDonough spoke Friday evening. "There is a real threat, it's a serious threat."

The White House has said it welcomes congressional oversight.

The administration has tried to strike a bal-

ance on the thorny issue, working to go after home-grown Islamic extremists without appearing to be at war with the Muslim world. There has been an effort to build stronger relationships with Muslims — internationally and in the United States.

During his remarks Sunday, McDonough called the mosque a "typically American place" and said it reminded him of his Catholic parish where he grew up in Minnesota.

"Being religious is never un-American. Being religious is quintessentially American," he said.

He commended the mosque's members for taking "an unequivocal stand against terrorism."

"You've sent a message that those who perpetrate such horrific attacks do not represent you or your faith, and that they will not succeed in pitting believers of different faiths against one another," McDonough said.

The White House is close to

finalizing a

strategy for

countering

violent

extremism.

McDonough

leads a

working

group of 13

federal

agencies

and offices

— including

the National

Counterterrorism Center and

the departments of Defense,

Education, Health and

Human Services, Homeland

Security, Justice and State —

focused on finding ways to

confront the problem.

On Sunday, McDonough said the strategy would involve continuing efforts to understand the process of radicalization, as well as further outreach to Islamic communities in the United States. He also promised further efforts to dispel "misperceptions about our fellow Americans who are Muslim."

"No community can be expected to meet a challenge as complex as this alone," McDonough said. "No one community can be expected to become experts in terrorist organizations, how they are evolving, how they are using new tools and technology to reach our young people."

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Denis McDonough
Deputy National Security Adviser

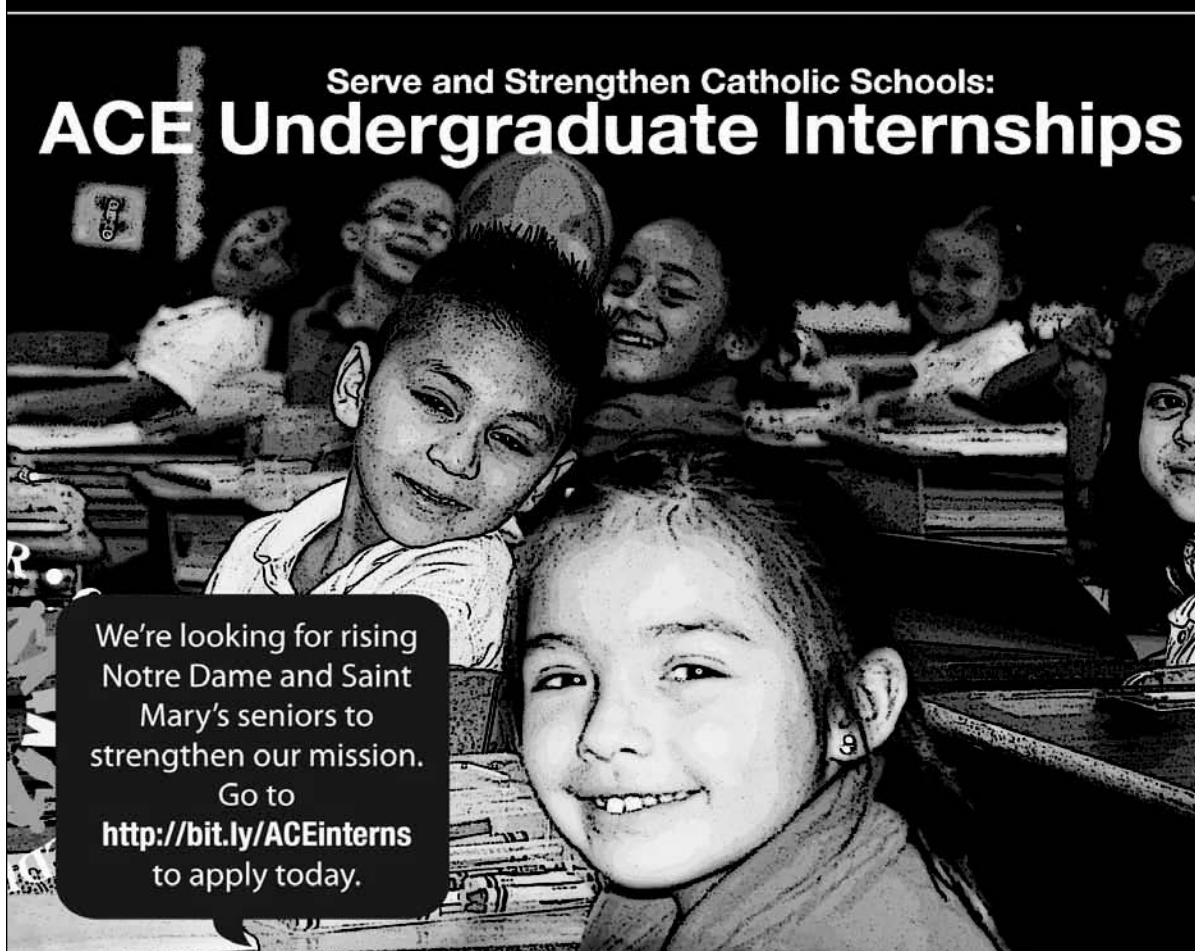
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You define our work

I was required to attend a live showing of the National Theatre's performance of "King Lear" at Browning Cinema Thursday night.

Instead, I spent the night — close to 10 hours total — fulfilling my new role as Editor-in-Chief for the first time.

The Observer, such as it goes. And none of us on this staff would have it any other way.

We have missed classes, lost sleep, eaten unhealthy food and skipped nights with our friends, even stood up the occasional date, to produce this paper so you can have a distraction over that plate of stuffed shells.

Yes, for some in our newsroom, these teeth-grinding mishaps provide meaningful experience for potential journalism careers. Yet even more of our staff is smart enough to avoid the downward-spiraling path of journalism: pre-med, philosophy and business majors. After just one night as Editor-in-Chief, I concluded these are the members of staff that will carry me through my yearlong term, and you, our readers, are the ones that will define it.

When the pre-med major tanks an orgo exam, we trust him to forget about it long enough to write a hockey feature — even though it was a night in the office that stole away his precious studying time. When the philosophy major finishes his cryptic thesis, we relax with him — largely because we know they will finally return to their regular work in the basement of South Dining Hall. When the business majors land lucrative internships, or even jobs, we plan to celebrate with them — as now they have the money to spend that us journalists will likely never see ourselves.

And when someone in this room actually pursuing journalism catches an unexpected break, it is the pre-med, philosophy and business majors who appreciate it the most, as they see the daily effort that turned into that stroke of luck.

Without these staffers, The Observer would not come out twice a week, yet alone daily.

Without our readers, The Observer would not exist at all.

By reading The Observer in class, during lunch or while Villanova's starting lineup is announced, you give us — all of us, both the journalism minors and the pre-med majors — reason to miss those classes, lose sleep, eat unhealthily and even skip a few nights at Kildare's.

Over the next year, it is our goal to improve our content, expand our coverage and facilitate your access to it. All too often we only think of what trip we can go on next or what clip will look good in our portfolio.

What we need to think of, and I assure you will think of, is you, our readers. Without you, The Observer would not exist at all.

Feel free to remind any one of us of that anytime. It'll motivate us further, because we'll know you're still reading.

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Editor-in-Chief

The topic of all topics

In pondering the next Notre Dame issue I would tackle for this week's column, I could not help but realize that I had yet to enlighten the campus on my thoughts concerning the ultimate topic at Notre Dame — gender relations. Now, there are several facets of this topic that I could touch upon — freshman-year relationships, the supposed hookup culture, long-distance relationships, the incorrect definition many have of a feminist, the incessant need for a relationship versus the incessant need to avoid relationships, the hypocrisy with which many men treat women and so on. But if I have learned one thing from my professors here, it is to be concise and narrowly focused when writing.

I believe the area of concern that is the greatest in the gender relations category is the awkwardness which numerous Notre Dame students exhibit when communicating with the opposite sex; granted, there are those who display the same awkwardness communicating with just about anyone, but let's work in baby steps here.

I had always believed that a situation is only as awkward as you make it; boy, was I mistaken. Maybe I am just expecting too much from 18- to 22-year-olds, but I feel like the ability to communicate is something every college student should be decent at. There is no better place to start than Frosh-O to find these moments. I was amazed at the inability of many females to carry a simple conversation upon meeting me



Kevin Kimberly

Bursting the Bubble

during some forced interaction event. Is it really that difficult to maintain a 10-minute, if that, talk with someone with whom you already have one huge thing in common? The answer is no. Likewise, I found it as amazing the amount of nonsense my male counterparts would spew about the females on campus and about how great they were at x or how much game they had, yet around females, the walk did not line up with the talk. Even as a senior, I still witness these moments today. I legitimately think I am in high school at times; it is absolutely crazy.

The reason I focus on this topic of awkwardness is that it permeates and advances every other gender issue on campus. Freshman-year relationships are born out of awkwardness. Awkward person meets awkward person (or those who somehow find awkwardness attractive), which then births a relationship where the two only hang out with each other and no one else. Two problems — restrictive relationship and freshman-year relationship period — summed up by the major issue at hand. The hookup culture is a prime example of awkwardness being a problem, for I could never soberly do the things I suddenly have the power (i.e. liquid courage) to do now! The list goes on and on.

As you can see and probably have noticed already, this is a great area of concern for future (and present) generations of Notre Dame students. That is why the proposition I am about to make must be taken seriously on the account that it will seek to fix three problems. That proposition is to replace the ill-advised Contemporary Topics with a semester-long course on Gender Relations and Social Awkwardness. Instead of a thick binder, most of which is never read, real-life scenarios and learning would be more effective. We

all come to Notre Dame to make the world a better place, right? How in the world are we supposed to do that when we graduate the same social being as we were when we entered? And besides, think of the hilarity that would ensue during these classes. Problems with attendance would be minimal during these sessions of P.E.

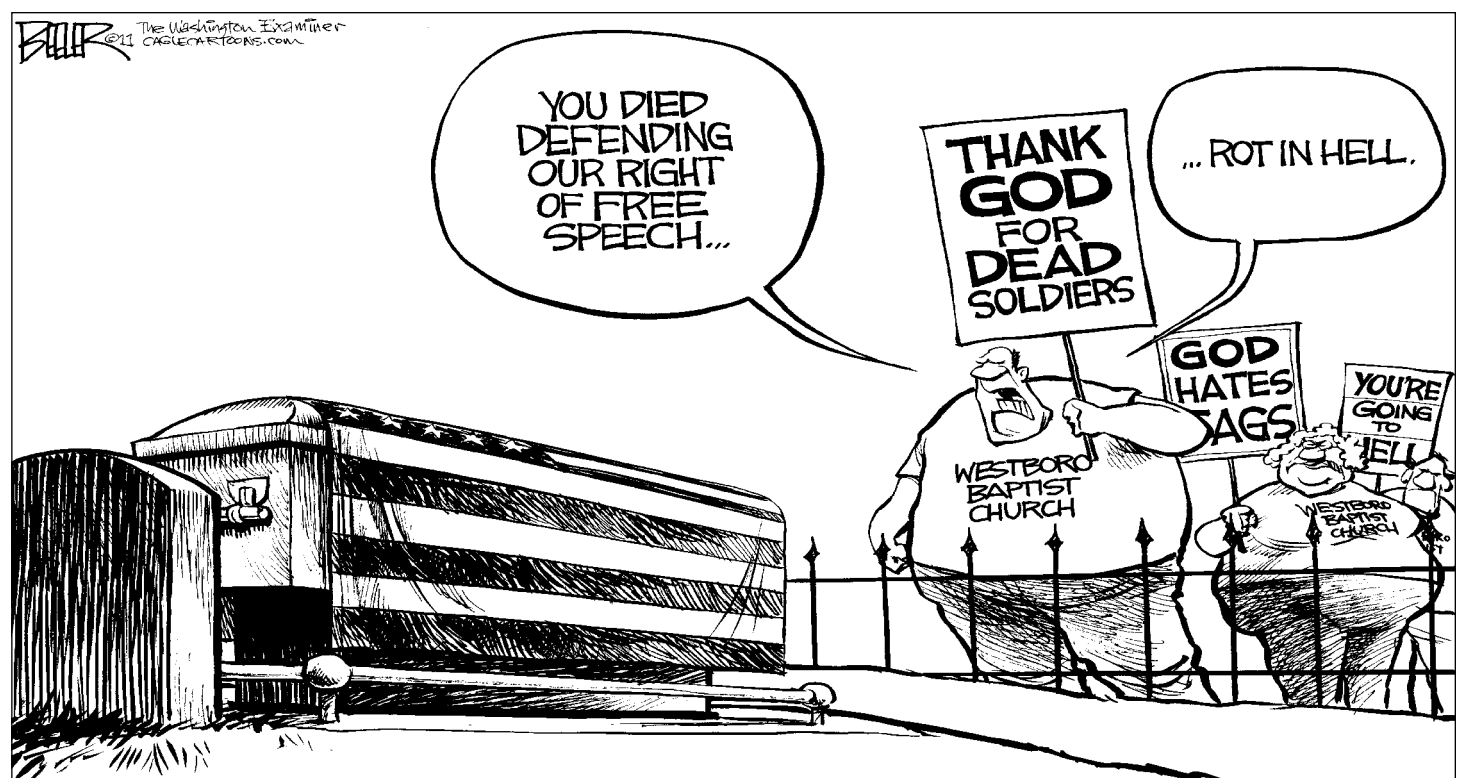
The implementation of this suggestion would put Notre Dame on the path to righting two huge wrongs — gender relation issues and the ineffectiveness of Contemporary Topics. A third wrong — me currently having no job, program or schooling lined up post-graduation — could also be righted as I would gladly take on the coordinator position for this important program. Then I could be "that" graduate who seems to go to Feve, Finny's and the Backer more so than actual students.

The possibilities are endless. Just think of how better of a place Notre Dame would be, particularly during your first year, if males knew how to speak to females and vice versa; you know, past the whole 30-second "what is your name and where are you from" conversation. We all know that Contemporary Topics leaves a lot to be desired, so why not actually teach students things that are relevant. The food pyramid and the drink equivalencies of shots to beers is old news. I expect a prompt response from the Department of Physical Education and Wellness Instruction; this opportunity is too great to pass up.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught."

Marquis de Vauvenargues
French moralist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Necessary conversations

After watching the performance of Loyal Daughters and Sons on Thursday, I was stunned. Not by what I had seen — I know the horrors of sexual assault at Notre Dame only too well — but by the fact that afterwards no one was talking. After it ended everyone was either silent or started talking about more light-hearted subjects like their plans for the evening. If one in four college women are subjected to sexual assault, this means that over 1,000 women currently at Notre Dame have experienced it. How are we not talking about this?

There's been a lot of focus on Saint Mary's recently and I can only imagine what kind of victimization our sisters across the lake experience when they are openly demeaned and labeled as "dumb and easy" by Notre Dame guys. We have events like Loyal Daughters and Sons and Sexual Assault Awareness Week to promote dialogue about this issue, but nobody is talking. I think what we need is to start a conversation.

I'll volunteer to speak first: I am one of the thousand women at Notre Dame who has suffered sexual assault. Twice. On Notre Dame's campus.

There, I've started the conversation; now I expect some sort of response in the form of both conversations and Viewpoints. To those of you who know me, please don't awkwardly say nothing and pretend that you didn't read The Observer — when you see me, let's talk about this. To Notre Dame guys, I not only expect you to listen carefully to women's complaints about this issue, to listen and respect when they say "no," but to join in the conversation and start discussing why this is happening.

If a thousand women at Notre Dame suffer sexual assault, how many guys are perpetrators? Ladies, why aren't we talking more about this subject that affects us so profoundly even with each other? Sexual assault is often blamed on binge drinking or the hookup culture, but that still doesn't explain why we engage in those behaviors to begin with. Let's speak up and speak loud. Let's start talking.

Shea Streeter
senior
Badin Hall
Mar. 6

A nationwide epidemic

I've noticed a few articles in The Observer these past few days concerning the non-athlete shirt and there were a few issues I feel compelled to address.

First off, Holden, your letter ("Non-athlete shirts a reminder," Mar. 1) implies a negative connotation for the term "athlete." As a fellow member of Wabruda, I must stress that being an athlete is not a bad thing; in fact, more power to the athletes for not only handling the rigorous work of Notre dame academia, but having the discipline and time management to also engage in varsity level sports. I want to make it clear there is no enmity toward athletes harbored in Wabruda; our efforts solely focus on the remnants of a bountiful weed called prejudice, plaguing not only our Notre Dame community but all communities, as Alex ("Prejudice runs deeper," Mar. 2) put it.

That being said, I completely agree with the sentiment of Holden's letter — the sentiment felt by Asian-Americans for being told they are only engineers with martial art skill, blonds being idiots or tall people playing basketball. I cannot stress Patrick's point ("Don't assume," Mar. 3) that labeling someone solely for their physical characteristics is in every possible way the most shallow and facetious action of modern America.

Notre Dame to me has always spoken about improving its community. What better way to aid society then to eliminate the most elementary cause of hatred?

Ryan Snelling
freshman
O'Neill Hall
Mar. 3

The MR degree

The Viewpoints "The anti-MRS" (Mar. 1) and "MRS degree is alive and well" (Mar. 3) have both left me furious. It is the 21st century! What happened to gender equality, Title IX, the Equal Pay Act? Why is the MRS degree getting all the attention while the male equivalent MR degree remains on the sidelines? It is time that we raised the level of public discourse to the point where women's and men's issues are both discussed civilly. It is time that we recognized the MR degree as every bit as prestigious as the MRS degree.

I am not afraid to admit that I chose Notre Dame in pursuit of the MR degree, and I know that others secretly harbor the same ambition. We have all come to this prestigious university with our charming smiles and surefire pick-up lines in pursuit of that beautiful gem (a.k.a. the professional woman.) Honestly, my current Arts and Letters major offers limited prospects, but if I can persuade a future business leader, lawyer or doctor to make me her husband, I'll be set. Heck, if I can win over a biochemical engineer I might even switch my secondary major (after MR) to something like French or sociology! Considering my

indecision, even anthropology isn't a bad idea. There are young men all over this campus, struggling through coursework, who have hedged their bets on their weekend pursuit of that special someone — that person who makes all your financial worries melt away.

I also must admit that I believe the women of Notre Dame are more attractive than the women of Saint Mary's. What can I say? I'm a diploma chaser, and a dual degree in business and engineering is worth more looks than an education major. Let's be serious, fellas.

Suffice to say that the MR degree is real and present on this campus, and I am looking forward to life as a stay-at-home dad. Thus, I leave you with the wise words of Webbie: "She got her own money. She don't need no help, man. I-N-D-E-P-E-N-D-E-N-T — do you know what that mean, man?"

Brett Ubl
freshman
Fisher Hall
Mar. 4

Re-inventing the parasite

My freshman year at Saint Mary's college, an Observer comic referred to Saint Mary's women as parasites. Some people, including my friends, were quite offended by this, but I didn't really care. I couldn't attend Notre Dame, even though I was in the top five percent of my high school class, scored well on the ACT and had a nice repertoire of activities that encompassed academics, athletics and fine arts. I simply couldn't afford it.

So I went to Saint Mary's, received a scholarship and made some wonderful lifelong friends. And if I could do it again, and could go to Notre Dame for free, I would still choose to pay for my Saint Mary's education. I am currently a graduate student at Notre Dame. I was also accepted to the Chemistry program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, whose Top-10 ranking far surpasses that of Notre Dame. Why, then, did I choose to come to Notre Dame for grad school?

Here's a lesson I learned, and am willing to share

with you: Sometimes the best (based on popular choice) is not the best choice for every single person in that populous. I am doing what I've done all along — what is best for me.

So keep that in mind, ladies and gentlemen at both schools, before you decide to judge. What is best for you may not be best for someone else. Don't berate others' choices, for a choice is something we've been given.

And to my Belles, if you see me around Notre Dame's campus, I'll be wearing my ring, my french cross and something that let's everyone know I'm Saint Mary's. That's how I'm changing stereotypes of SMC chicks — not by arguing in Viewpoint articles.

Kristi Pellegrini
grad student
off campus
Mar. 4

Please be courteous

The last few days at lunch have been frustrating for me in one way: I haven't found a Chicago Tribune anywhere. Not at 11 a.m. and not at 1:30 p.m. Only last week there were a good four or more sitting in the return tray!

I don't know if students (or dining hall staff) are recycling them, but I figure this is worth a try anyway: I'm asking all Tribune readers to please, please, please put them back in the return tray when you're done.

That way someone else (like me) can enjoy them too. The Blackhawks are on a six game win streak and I'd like to peruse pro-Hawk biased articles while eating my lunch.

Lindsay Nowak
sophomore
Farley Hall
Mar. 4

Rules and maxims for safe dining hall navigation

It can be hit and miss. It's sometimes repetitive. It can be a drag. But most importantly, 6:15 rolls around each day and navigating through the dining hall is like driving the Loop in rush hour. There are traffic jams, crashes and a fair share of road rage. Everyone's felt a love tap from someone in the steamed veggie line or had someone cut them off in the drink area. If you're a Northy, walk in/out any of the side rooms and you run the risk of your clothes absorbing more food than your stomach. Oof.

So what of it? Well, because everyone wants to know (right? — humor me), here are a few Rules for Safe Dining Hall Driving so you, too, can make it through the fray without a round of applause from the whole dining hall.

1. If you're going to turn, look first. Don't just wheel around your tray of wings into a passer-by.
2. Don't stop abruptly.

3. Don't use the tray conveyor belt area as a social space, even though that thing is a great topic for small talk with that soon-to-be special someone. (Extra food goes in, doesn't come out?!)

4. Don't back up, ever.
5. Wait three minutes to text; don't do it while carrying your spinach and tofu salad and two cups of milk. And last but not least?

6. Drinks. Last. It's just safe.
- I'm as guilty as the next person of breaking these rules, but maybe, just maybe, the food court will be a safer place with them in mind. If not, there are always hand signals.

Jacques Dupuis
senior
Sorin College
Mar. 4



By TROY MATHEWS
Scene Writer

Super Mash Bros, a Los Angeles-based mash-up group, performed at Legends last Friday night, creating what was aptly described as “musical jungle juice.”

This eclectic musical and visual juice included mash-ups featuring Lil Jon’s “Get Low” over Hanson’s “MMMBop,” coupled with videos displaying everything from Bill Nye the Science Guy to clips of “The O.C.” Such pop-culture nostalgia is very characteristic of the group, band member Nick Fenmore said in an interview with the Observer.

“Our goal is to put things together that no one else would think of,” Fenmore said. “If something is obscure and needs a comeback, we’re more than happy to make it happen. We like to use things in our songs people wouldn’t necessarily consider dance music.”

Also contributing greatly to the throwback-laden show was the video component, created by fellow Mash Bro, Ethan Dawes.

“The video component is just about making the show more of an experience,” Dawes said. “The video is always really tailored to where we are.”

The personalized video show, which included clips from “Rudy,” and Notre Dame football highlights, resulted in an audience wondering what could possibly come next. The music also fully established this feel, as the group made an effort to mix new material in with their more established songs.

“We like to play our classics, but also throw in some of the new stuff as well. Sometimes we absolutely wing it based on what the crowd is feeling,” Fenmore said. “I don’t define our classics. It’s just whatever people want to listen to. People seem to love our Eminem/MGMT track and our Sandstorm/Soulja Boy track.”

Such tracks differ in the group’s live show, as the group will play more of the songs’ choruses to heighten their sing-along quality. The personalization and spur of the moment additions lead to a unique concert-going experience.

“For our live shows, there are no rules and no expectations,” Fenmore said. “This is going to be a party, we just want people to sing along and have fun and enjoy the whole visual aspect of what’s going on.”

Fenmore and Dawes, both 21, are joined by group member Dick Fink. Fink, who is currently studying abroad in Australia, rarely tours with the group because he is a full-time college student. Dawes, who graduated early from Emerson College, and Fenmore, who is currently on leave from UCLA, are the group’s primary performers.

Super Mash Bros formed between 2006 and 2007, when Dawes and Fenmore were both working as DJs in

the Los Angeles area. Their work as DJs led to a fortuitous musical breakthrough.

“I didn’t start making mash-ups until 2007. I was DJing and I think just accidentally started making mash-ups,” Fenmore said. “When you’re mixing something and going from one song to the next, there’s going to be some accidental mash-up. Then you realize, holy crap, these songs go well on top of each other and sound good together.”

The process for making songs for their albums is not always as effortless.

“We either find an instrumental or rap we really want to use. It’s a lot of sitting and trying different things, sort of a trial and error type of process,” Fenmore said.

The group has released two albums, 2008’s “F*** B*****. Get Euros.” and 2009’s “All About the Scpillions.” Their current project, which has been in the works for over a year, is nearing completion. Although it does not have a specific release date, they hope to release their album this summer.

As for content, the group plans to take their music in a slightly different direction.

“We definitely are going to do more mash-ups. It’s not only our name but it’s what people know us for,” Fenmore said. “However, I’ve been working on this next mixtape for the past year and half and I want to take things in a more modern direction. We’ve established this sort of throwback, nostalgic kind of vibe, but our next project is into a lot more modern electronic music and things like that. It’s still in homage to what we started out doing, though.”

Fenmore highlighted his personal favorite on the upcoming album: a song featuring Phil Collin’s “In the Air Tonight,” and the Ying Yang Twins’ “Whisper Song.”

Since they do not sell their music, the group does not legally need the artist’s permission to use their song in a mash-up. Upsetting the artists is not a main concern.

“If there’s an artist who takes themselves too seriously and doesn’t want to hear Justin Bieber over their song, I apologize, but I’m going to do it anyways,” Fenmore said.

Along with their album release, the group has big summer plans. Although they could not mention any details, they plan to appear at a number of summer music festivals across the country.

With songs often firmly rooted in the age of “Rocket Power” and “Space Jam” while also implementing a huge amount of current songs, Super Mash Bros provide a best of both worlds. By coupling their music with colorful and surprising video-nostalgia, their live show is electrifying and comes highly recommended.

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Super Mashlist



by Jordan Gamble

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| 1 | ✓ “Still Bleeding” – Super Mash Bros |
| 2 | ✓ “Circle of Fifths” – Milkman |
| 3 | ✓ "Shut the Club Down" – Girl Talk |
| 4 | ✓ "One Last D.A.N.C.E." – 5 & A Dime |
| 5 | ✓ “Sweet Home Country Grammar” -- DJ Mei-Lwun Mash Notes |
| 6 | ✓ “United States of Pop 2009 – DJ Earworm |
| 7 | ✓ “Tik Tok Together (Ke\$ha vs The Beatles)” – Doctordude |
| 8 | ✓ "I Want to Replay Airplanes (B.O.B. + laz + Kid Cudi + Backstreet Boys) – Mochi Beats |
| 9 | ✓ "Saturday Night" – Easter Egg |
| 10 | ✓ "How Six Songs Collide" – Norwegian Recycling |
| 11 | ✓ "Party and Bulls*** in the USA" – Red Flag Productions |
| 12 | ✓ "Little Secret Fireman" – Tim Gunther |

Super Mash Bros. filled Legends on Friday

night and busloads of students went to the

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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Mallory Meter and Molly Driscoll
Spotted: Hesburgh Library

Mallory and Molly are getting ready for midterms in style. Mallory's dark jeans and brown boots go perfectly with her flowing white top and purple cardigan. Molly's outfit is just as fashionable. Her combination of dark-washed jeans and light brown boots with a grey t-shirt and an army green vest looks great. These two study partners chose really cool outfits that are both comfortable and chic!

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FASHION

Felicia by



There comes a time in every woman's life when she realizes she has become a practical woman of her age. No longer visible are the days of jetting off, gowns at the ready, to conquer an unknown city. Relegated to the past are the exhilarating moments of hiding amongst a celebrity crowd in order to crash a Hollywood premiere of epic proportions (again feel free to pester me for details). Instead papers, presentations and exams exert their concentrated control over our attention, much like that fabulous new shade of OPI nail lacquer so artfully displayed on a shelf at Sephora.



Felicia Caponigri

Scene Writer

However, I know we can all say with the greatest self assurance that while the gilded aesthetic trappings of the red carpet and tarmac may no longer surround us, the intrigue, passion, mystery, and delectably shared social whisperings are still in full force.

Where, especially, is the place where no one is immune from catching this contagion of atmospheric electricity? Where else but the library.

That professor, whose office hours you forgot to attend after you begged him for a long-winded explanation of that challenging algebra problem? He's in the self-check out line. That really attractive member of the opposite sex with whom you recently almost shared two full sentences? You bump into them in the elevator. Your best friend? Anxiously awaiting you on the second floor with smuggled Starbucks and a treasure trove of information more relevant than any antiquated research.

For heaven's sake, the only thing missing upon your library entrance is a flock of paparazzi waiting to photograph your every move (I must confess I sometimes wildly imagine I see them out of

the corner of my eye, hence my penchant for sunglasses indoors, de rigueur as any globetrotter will attest). How are we to combat these dueling monsters: our study needs and our roles as chic members of society? With swords and knights in shining Armani? Absolutely not. The jumpsuit is a much better suit of armor.

The jumpsuit combines European glamour with American practicality and gumption. First appropriated from male factory workers by Rosie the Riveter when she was called to define the role of the World War II era woman, the jumpsuit immediately projected the message of hard work, strength and structure. In the jumpsuit Rosie seemed to say,

"We can do the work of a man in his own uniform, and in the process show our fabulous figures to boot." The 1960s saw the runways make the jumpsuit their own, creating it in silky fabrics, bringing it to new levels of comfort, and in bright colors, giving it a heretofore-unseen boldness and daring quality.

A jumpsuit is a wonderful alternative to other library casual ensembles. Ranging in material from a soft satin or silk to yoga pant material, it can enhance your study experience like nothing else. When buying a jumpsuit keep fit in

mind: loose is good, but waist accentuation is the most important element. Whether it's a high waist or a low waist, pockets or a sash belt will cinch your figure, emphasizing form and content.

Buy it strapless and pair it with a sweater, or get a long-sleeved one and add cuff bracelets for sparkle. With a variety of colors, you can choose the best one for you. Best of all, this is one-stop dressing: throw it on and you're ready to go in 5 minutes flat. Tilly's currently has one for \$22.99. Monsters of the library be gone and paparazzi flash away, those books and fans are calling your name.

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Nora Goebelbecker models the jumpsuit.



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Jumpsuit, Tillys.com, \$22.99.

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

DePaul bests Red Storm in Big East quarters

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Anna Martin scored 17 points to lead No. 12 DePaul to a 66-54 win over St. John’s on Sunday in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Keisha Hampton and Katherine Harry each added 10 points for the Blue Demons (27-5), and Sam Quigley had nine points and seven assists.

Nadirah McKenith had 12 points and seven steals, Amanda Burakoski had 11 points and Da’Shena Stevens added 10 for St. John’s (21-10).

The second-seeded Blue Demons led by nine at the half, and St. John’s could not get closer than seven points the rest of the way.

The seeding is the Blue Demons’ highest since they joined the league in 2005-06.

DePaul is now 6-5 in Big East tournament play, with all six wins coming in the team’s opening game.

DePaul will play the winner of the quarterfinal between Notre Dame and Louisville on Monday.

Much of DePaul’s offense early consisted of throwing the ball to Felicia Chester in the middle, who would kick it out to one of the perimeter players for a 3-point attempt.

The Blue Demons made just three of their first nine from behind the arc, but shot 50 percent from the floor and led 19-8 midway through the first half.

St. John’s hit just four of its first 16 shots, none of them from 3-point range.

A 13-2 run gave DePaul a 25-10 lead with 8 minutes left in the half. But the Blue Demons had just four more points, before China Threatt hit a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left to give DePaul a 32-23 lead at the half.

DePaul led by as many as 14 in the second half. A steal and layup by Nadirah McKenith cut the lead to 59-52 with 2 minutes left, and another McKenith layup off a turnover made it 61-54 with 1 minute remaining.

But St. John’s was forced to foul and the Blue Demons extended the lead from the line.

St. John’s shot just 32 percent from the floor, while DePaul hit

45 percent of its shots.

The Blue Demons, who had 215 3-pointers in the regular season, made just five of 18 shots from behind the arc. But when the Red Storm would come out to guard them, DePaul’s guards were able to penetrate and either dish off or score.

DePaul also won the regular-season meeting between the teams, beating St. John’s 69-54 in New York in January.

St. John’s had won seven of its last 10 games.

Since the start of the 2003-04 season, DePaul is 143-25 when holding opponents to less than 70 points.

This was the first-ever meeting between the two schools in the conference tournament.

St. John’s is 3-8 all-time in Big East tournament play under coach Kim Barnes Arico and has never made it past the quarterfinals.

DePaul has won five of its last eight games, including a 70-69 win over Notre Dame on Feb. 28 to earn the tournament’s No. 2 seed.



St. John's Eugeneia McPherson, right, drives past DePaul's Anna Martin at the Big East tournament in Hartford, Conn. Sunday.

NHL

Callahan leads the way as Rangers dominate Flyers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It’s no surprise that the New York Rangers’ offense busted out with Marian Gaborik back in the lineup. The fact that the top-line forward had no points in a blowout win over the Philadelphia Flyers could hardly have been predicted.

Ryan Callahan stole the show Sunday with a career-best four goals and five points, and the Rangers finally found some success at home in a dominating 7-0 victory over the sliding Flyers.

Callahan, who had nine previous two-goal games and two four-point outbursts in the NHL, scored twice in the first period when New York built a 2-0 lead, added another in the second when the edge grew to 4-0, and netted his 20th of the season in the third with a goal off his skate.

“When it rains it pours,” Callahan said.

The Rangers were back home for the first time since being swept on a three-game homestand in which they were outscored 8-4. The

Garden skid began two weeks earlier when the Flyers beat New York for the fourth time in four meetings this season.

Callahan, who added an assist in the third period, has 10 goals and six assists in 16 games since returning from a broken hand on Feb. 1.

“We haven’t changed our style at all,” he said. “I believed that goals would come. We just didn’t get the bounces. We stuck with it.”

New York got Gaborik back for the first time in seven games following a concussion. He said he felt good, but that his timing was a bit off. It didn’t matter because in addition to Callahan, Mats Zuccarello added two goals, and Artem Anisimov also scored for the Rangers, who snapped a four-game losing streak at home while wearing their road whites at Madison Square Garden for the first time this season.

On Friday, they asked the Flyers to wear their home orange sweaters instead. The change surely paid off for New York, while Philadelphia’s woes continued. Before Friday, the

Rangers were in a 4-10-1 rut.

“This one was a team effort,” said Henrik Lundqvist, who was sharp in making 24 saves for his NHL-leading ninth shutout. “It felt like a playoff game in the first half.

“We need to build, especially from the way we have been playing lately.”

The sluggish Flyers (40-19-6) have dropped a season-worst four in a row and are in danger of losing their hold on first place in the Eastern Conference.

“We’re at the stage now where it’s a test of our character,” defenseman Chris Pronger said. “We’re facing some adversity and we’ve got to show our mettle here and understand it’s going to take some hard work to get out of it and get everybody on the same page.

“We are still in a good position, but I don’t think anybody in this locker room is happy with the way we’re playing right now. It’s up to us to figure out a way how to come together and get back to playing as a team.”

New York, seventh in the

East, leads eighth-place Buffalo by two points. The Rangers’ tenuous position seems somewhat better with two consecutive wins, including a 4-1 victory at Ottawa on Friday.

The Flyers, however, are heading in the opposite direction following their most lopsided loss since 2006.

Since taking a 2-0 lead through one period of a 5-3 home loss to Buffalo on Saturday, Philadelphia has been outscored 12-1. The Flyers could get a reprieve Tuesday when they host Edmonton, the last-place team in the West.

“It was a beatdown and a half, but it’s something that we have to bounce back with a better effort,” captain Mike Richards said. “Just stick with the program. Don’t try to do too much out there, don’t start pointing fingers. Be confident in the group.”

Brian Boucher stopped only 14 of 18 shots before being pulled 6:28 into the second period when Callahan finished his hat trick with an unassisted goal. Sergei Bobrovsky, who allowed four

goals on 34 shots in Saturday’s loss, came on in relief.

Callahan got the Rangers going 51 seconds in with a redirection of a pass from Brandon Dubinsky, and made it 2-0 with 7:02 left in the first with a power-play goal.

Zuccarello pushed the lead to 3-0 at 5:06 of the second, then Callahan chased the shaky Boucher. He struck again 4:20 into the third against Bobrovsky, turning his left skate to steer the puck into the net. Anisimov made it 6-0 with 5:19 left off an assist from Callahan, and Zuccarello netted his second with 1:13 remaining.

NOTES: Jeff Carter, the Flyers’ leading goal scorer, sat out with the flu for the second time in three games. ... Zuccarello has scored in consecutive games after going 18 without one. ... The Flyers didn’t have any penalties in their previous visit to MSG on Feb. 20, but racked up 22 minutes on eight calls this time. They were 0 for 5 on the power play, making them 3 for 35 in the past 10 games.

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NBA

Rose, Bulls cool Heat; Lakers win seven straight

Associated Press

MIAMI — The perspectives could not have been more different. Luol Deng either got pushed in the back by Mike Miller on what became one of the final two game-deciding moments, or tripped over his own feet stumbling for a rebound.

That point could be argued.

What's inarguable, however, is this: Another final-second opportunity slipped away from the Miami Heat, and the Chicago Bulls — spurned last summer in their bids to land Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh — swept all three regular-season meetings from the team that signed them.

The Big 3? They're No. 3 in the East at this point, after Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Deng capped an 18-point effort with two free throws on a debated play with 15.9 seconds remaining, and the Bulls beat Miami 87-86 on Sunday to hand the Heat their fourth straight loss.

"The Miami Heat are exactly what everyone wanted, losing games," Wade said. "The world is better now because the Heat is losing."

Carlos Boozer scored 12 and Joakim Noah added 11 for the Bulls, who moved a game ahead of Miami into outright possession of second place in the Eastern Conference. Chicago was down by 12 late in the first half, then became the fourth team since Feb. 24 to erase a double-digit deficit against the Heat.

"We have guys who can close," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Few would say that Miami doesn't — but closing games has been, and continues to be, the biggest Heat challenge.

James had a chance to win it on a drive with 6 seconds left, missing a contested shot, and Wade's desperation toss from the right baseline bounced away as time expired.

Those were the 12th and 13th consecutive shots that the Heat have missed with a chance to tie or lead a game in the final 10 seconds of regulation or overtime. James has missed four in this four-game losing streak alone.

"I told my team, I'm not going to continue to fail late in games," James said. "I put a lot of blame on myself tonight. I

told the guys that I just keep failing them late in games and I won't continue to do that."

James scored 26 points, Bosh added 23 and Wade had 20 for the Heat, who put together a rally to take the lead in the final minute.

The Heat were down 82-76 with 3:30 left when Rose made a jumper over Miller, before Mario Chalmers led the comeback effort. He hit a 3-pointer to tie it with 1:05 left, then blew past a closeout for an easy layup from the left side that put the Heat ahead 86-84 with 25 seconds remaining.

With Chicago down by two, Deng made one free throw, missing the second. Noah got a hand on the ball, keeping James and Erick Dampier from grabbing it cleanly, and in the chase for the carom referee Tony Brothers called a foul on Miller for pushing Deng in the back.

"Looked like he tripped on his own," Bosh said.

Deng went back to the line and made both this time, putting Chicago in front.

"That's the right call," Rose said.

The ball went to James, who drove on Noah and missed a layup from the left block. Wade got the rebound, tried a 15-footer from the baseline that bounced away, and time expired as the Bulls leaped in celebration and Thibodeau punched the air.

"We're just trying to play the best we can," Noah said. "I think we still have a long way to go and we can get a lot better. That's what is so exciting about this team. Our defense is really improving. We can still improve offensively as well. We can take this pretty far."

Spoelstra said some players were moved to tears in the Heat locker room. This much is clear: He and the Heat are hurting.

"One of these days, we will break through," Spoelstra said.

Down nine at the half, the Bulls shot 39 percent in the third quarter, still managing to outscore Miami 23-16 thanks to five Heat turnovers, a 14-9 edge in rebounding — and Rose, who made a ridiculous shot early in the period look ridiculously simple.

Even a 1-on-2 break — him against Wade and James, no less — went Chicago's way. Rose bumped slightly into Wade to create separation on his drive downcourt, then leaped, double-

clutched so James could fly harmlessly by from the left wing, and then spun a left-handed layup off the glass to cut Miami's lead to 54-50.

He skipped back upcourt, head back confidently, pumping up teammates. And Rose stayed that way until the finish.

"We're just taking it for what it is," Rose said. "We're just trying to win games, play hard and play aggressive on both ends."

Lakers 99, Spurs 83

Kobe Bryant agreed it might have been the Lakers' best game so far.

It technically wasn't the worst for the San Antonio Spurs, though it often looked that way.

The Lakers may not catch the NBA's winningest team for the No. 1 seed in time for the playoffs, but they handed the Spurs a blunt reminder that the Western Conference is still theirs to surrender, beating San Antonio 99-83 in a blowout Sunday.

Bryant, who finished with 26 points, didn't make much of it.

"I don't think it's that big of a message that we sent today," he said.

It was the seventh straight victory for the Lakers, who are playing as well as any point this season. Coach Phil Jackson concedes that San Antonio's 6½-game lead in the West may be too big to overcome with 18 games left. But the Lakers still made a few marks.

One is emphatically ending San Antonio's franchise-record home winning streak at 22 games. Another is beating the Spurs for the first time in three tries, including last month's stunning loss in Los Angeles when Antonio McDyess tipped in the game-winner at the buzzer.

Bryant, for his part, didn't show any excitement in winning this round.

"Why should I be?" he said.

Instead, Bryant sought to keep the lopsided win in perspective.

"We know we're capable of having games like this and San Antonio knows we're capable of having games like this," he said. "It just as easily could go the other way around."

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 14 points. He was their only starter in double figures; Tim Duncan scored two points and Manu Ginobili scored six.

Two days after San Antonio humiliated LeBron James and Miami in a 30-point blowout,



Heat teammates LeBron James and Dwyane Wade talk on the bench during Miami's 87-86 loss to the Bulls Sunday.

the Spurs took their own lumps. The NBA's sixth-highest scoring team mustered just 37 points in the first half — matching a season low — and shot 36 percent from the floor.

And it could've been worse. The Lakers led by as many as 32 in third quarter before the Spurs threw in the towel and emptied their bench.

"They hit us in the mouth from the beginning and by the time we realized it, it was the ninth round and we were down on the scorecard," Spurs guard Gary Neal said.

Pau Gasol scored 21 points and Andrew Bynum had 17 rebounds for the Lakers, who can match their longest win streak of the season with a victory at Atlanta on Tuesday.

It's part of arguably the toughest stretch this season for the Lakers, who are still out to prove they're the NBA's best despite trailing the Spurs all season. The Lakers will also play at Miami and at Dallas before coming home to face Orlando on March 14.

By the time the Magic leave Los Angeles, the Lakers will have faced four of the NBA's top seven teams in a span of eight days.

Jackson called it the best the Lakers have played all season against this caliber opponent.

"We need to be at our peak later on," Gasol said. "Not right now."

The last Spurs loss at the AT&T Center had been to Dallas on Nov. 26. But that 103-94 defeat wasn't anything like this.

Bryant finished 12 for 25 and had seven rebounds. His only blemish was a technical foul in the second quarter after getting tangled up with Ginobili, leading to a brief exchange of stares and words.

Ron Artest rushed between the two and pulled Bryant away. It was Bryant's 14th technical foul this season, though he stands at 12 after having two rescinded. The NBA issues a one-game suspension after 16 technical fouls.

The last time the Spurs and Lakers met was in Los Angeles on Feb. 3, when the Spurs won 89-88 on McDyess' tip-in as time expired. Jackson had his video staff pull that clip before this one and remind his team of a game Jackson said they should've won.

It apparently worked.

Neal scored 15 points and George Hill added 14 for the Spurs.

"Nobody expects to be losing by more than 20 in the first quarter," Ginobili said. "But the

way the game presented itself, they were making every shot. We couldn't make layups, 3s, free throws, anything."

San Antonio's most lopsided defeat this season was a 24-point loss at New Orleans on Jan. 22.

Derek Fisher scored eight points and remained in the starting lineup after being listed as probable going into the game because of a strained right elbow.

Thunder 122, Suns 118

Russell Westbrook had 32 points and 11 assists, James Harden matched his career high with 26 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder overcame an off night by NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant to beat the Phoenix Suns in overtime on Sunday night.

Vince Carter led Phoenix with 29 points but missed two of three free throws with the chance to put the Suns ahead with 17.4 seconds left. Steve Nash missed a potential tying 3-pointer after that, and the Thunder were able to close it out from the foul line.

Durant made a season-low three baskets on 14 attempts and scored 18 points, 11 of them on free throws.

Reserves Marcin Gortat and Mickael Pietrus each added 20 points for Phoenix.

Nash had 11 points and 14 assists, moving past Isiah Thomas for sixth place on the NBA's career assists list. He now has 9,066 and trails only John Stockton, Jason Kidd, Mark Jackson, Magic Johnson and Oscar Robertson.

The Thunder trailed most of regulation, then allowed Phoenix to rally back from a seven-point deficit in the final 3 minutes to tie it at 109. Oklahoma City then scored the first five points of overtime before giving up back-to-back 3-pointers by Jared Dudley and Carter to fall behind again.

Harden answered with a three-point play off a fast-break dunk to put Oklahoma City ahead 116-115 with 34 seconds left in overtime and the Thunder were able to protect that lead when Carter came up empty at the foul line.

Phoenix lost for just the second time in its last eight road games and finished its longest road trip of the season 4-2. The Suns also lost Channing Frye — who had hit two game-winning shots on the trip — to a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter after he had scored 11 points and pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds.



Spurs coach Gregg Popovich argues with an official during a 99-83 loss to Los Angeles Sunday. The Lakers have won seven straight and are closing in on San Antonio's conference lead.



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer
Junior Casey Watt returns a volley during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Northwestern in the Eck Tennis Center Sunday.

Victory

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No. 2 doubles, falling 9-7 to Andrew McCarthy and Tobias Reitz.

The Irish got off to a strong start in singles, however, with No. 124 Havens defeating Wolf 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2.

Senior Dan Stahl was able to finish off McCarthy 6-4, 6-4, at No. 3 singles to give the Irish a 2-1 advantage.

Sophomore Blas Moros was able to come up with a big win for the Irish at No. 5 singles over Smith 6-2, 7-5, to pull the Irish to within one point of the victory.

Andrews then defeated Reitz 7-5, 6-2, at No. 4 to clinch the victory for the Irish.

No. 64 Watt defeated Graves 7-6, 6-4 at No. 1 singles.

Anderson meanwhile came back strong after dropping the first set 7-6 to Jackman, he came back to claim the second, 7-6, and eventually won the match in a 10-point tie breaker.

Friday was not as successful for Notre Dame, as the day began with the Aggies sweeping the doubles competition.

Fitzgerald and Talmadge played the closest match at No. 1, losing 8-6 to Jeff Dadamo and Austin Krajicek.

The duo of Havens and Davis fell 8-3 at No. 2 doubles to Alexey Grigorov and Junior Ore. Watt

and Andrews fell by the same score at No. 3 to Alberto Bautista and Colin Hoover.

"All of our doubles teams have made good strides this year, but particularly at No. 2 and No. 3, where we have become pretty darn good," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We knew that [Havens] and [Davis] were going to be a potent combo because they have good skills and plenty of experience, but the maturation of [Fitzgerald] and [Talmadge] has been great to see."

The Aggies quickly took a 3-0 lead when Grigorov took down Andrews 6-4, 6-3, at No. 4 singles. Hoover then took down Fitzgerald at No. 5, 6-3, 6-3.

At No. 3 singles Stahl earned a hard fought win over No. 80 Alexis Klegou 7-6 (5), 6-3.

No. 64 Watt lost his first set 6-4, but battled back to win the second 6-3 off of No. 38 Krajicek before dropping the third set 6-3 at No. 1.

No. 55 Dadamo defeated Havens 6-7 (8-6), 7-6 (4), 1-0 (11-9) at No. 2.

At No. 6 senior David Anderson was able to defeat Bautista also in three sets 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-3) to give the Irish their second and final point of the day.

The Irish will next play host to Illinois on Tuesday with matches beginning at 6 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Center.

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ND SOFTBALL

Winning streak snapped

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Despite snapping a nine-game winning streak with two tough losses at the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic this weekend, the Irish managed to start a new one with three wins to finish out the event on Sunday, leaving their record at 3-2 for the weekend and 12-2 overall.

Facing two undefeated teams back-to-back Friday at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Kissimmee, Fla., Notre Dame struggled against standout pitching and persistent defense.

Longwood pitcher Briana Wells was able to limit Notre Dame to a mere two hits in seven innings, recording two strikeouts in the process. Sophomores Amy Buntin and Jackie Bowe managed to notch two singles for the Irish. Irish freshman Laura Winter put in 4.1 innings on the mound, giving up just one earned run on five hits with six strikeouts. Despite the freshman's effort, Notre Dame fell 2-0.

The Irish faced more standout pitching in their second contest from No. 1 Alabama's Jacie Traina, who pitched the entire game, amassing 12 strikeouts for the Crimson Tide. Senior Jody Valdiva recorded eight strikeouts of her own for the Irish, but they weren't enough to compensate for the team's offensive woes.

Notre Dame was able to find a few openings in the sixth inning, but it was only able to produce one run on four hits and left two runners stranded. Ultimately Notre Dame fell 6-1.

"The first day we played it was

just a bad day. We didn't play our best softball versus either team, which resulted in the losses," Irish senior catcher Alexia Clay said. "We don't know if we could beat Alabama because we didn't play our best softball that day; we would have to play them again on our best day. We shook it off and the next day rallied together and put some good wins up."

The Irish came back swinging the next day, kicking off their Saturday with an eight-inning 4-3 win over North Carolina. Despite solid pitching from the Tar Heels' NFCA National Player of the Week Lori Spingola, the Irish were strong at the plate, led by two hits apiece from Buntin and junior Dani Miller. In the fourth Buntin blasted a game-typing home run, and later came through with a single that sent Miller to third. Clay contributed a sacrifice fly to pull Miller in with the game-winning run. Valdiva was solid on the mound for the Irish, pitching eight innings with seven strikeouts and just two earned runs.

"The game against UNC really showed how we play as a team," Maldonado said. "Being in control of the game and coming from behind to win showed our team's true character. That was Notre Dame softball."

Continuing on their newfound win streak the Irish took down Maryland by a count of 5-3, led by Miller and senior Heather Johnson with two hits each. Irish senior relief pitcher Shannon Kelly came up big with a strikeout leaving three Maryland runners on base in the seventh, but the hero of the day was Winter, who notched five shutout innings.

Clay said that Saturday's wins

were not a result of a single player's dominance, but rather a result of the Irish squad regrouping and pulling it together.

"They were team wins and we had good momentum the whole day," she said.

Junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado felt much of the same, saying that Friday's losses were not the team's typical play.

"[Day one] was disappointing," Maldonado said. "We were not ourselves and did not play Notre Dame softball. The next day we came out ready to play. The game against UNC really showed how we play as a team."

Winter continued her dominance from the circle Sunday as Notre Dame dismantled Fordham 6-0. Once again Johnson, Miller, Buntin and Clay contributed to balanced hitting for the Irish. Junior catcher Kristina Wright starred with a double to plate Clay and Bowe in the fourth.

Clay said that the Irish carried the success they achieved on Saturday into Sunday's match up against Fordham, giving her a good feeling as the team moves forward.

"We carried that into today [Sunday] and played a great game against Fordham," she said. "Overall we aren't happy about our first day but we had a respectable comeback and we are feeling good about our team and this season so far."

The performance was enough to amount to a winning weekend for Notre Dame. The Irish now have a week off before heading to the Judi Garman Classic in California next weekend.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Five records set at Alex Wilson Invitational

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Irish excelled at the Alex Wilson Invitational over the weekend as five records were rewritten at the Loftus Sports Center in two days of competition.

An unattached Mark Hollis rewrote the first record of the weekend on Friday, with a finish of 5.63 meters in the pole vault.

Three more records were newly set on Saturday. Notre Dame alumna Molly Huddle ('06) set the first record with an 8:57.30 finish in the 3,000-meter finals, the fastest time ever seen in Loftus for the event.

The next record to fall was in the 800-meter for the Alex Wilson Invitational, set by Minnesota's Harun Abda with a time of 1:47.95.

Mary Saxer, a 2009 Notre Dame graduate, set a new standard in the women's pole vault with a mark at 4.26 meters.

Notre Dame senior Rudy Atang set a school record in the women's shot put, breaking her own personal best finish of 15.64 to rewrite program history. The dis-

tance, however, was only good enough to place her third in the event.

The Irish saw other notable performances on both the men and women's sides.

Senior Jasmine Williams took third in triple jump with a distance of 11.81 meters while freshman Michelle Brown came in fifth in the 400-meter race with a time of 55.03.

On the men's side, freshman Logan Renwick came in third place in the triple jump with a distance of 14.80 meters and senior Denes Veres shot put a distance of 17.58 meters to earn a fifth place finish. Junior Doug Onuscheck came in fifth place in the high jump with a leap of 2.01 meters.

The men's distance medley relay team came in third place registering a time of 9:31.99, qualifying junior Jonathan Shawel, freshman Patrick Feeney, fifth year Jack Howard and sophomore Jeremy Rae for the National Indoor Championships Mar. 11-12 at Texas A&M in College Station, Tex.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish split decisions over weekend

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The weekend brought split results for the No. 14 Irish, who came out on top against Indiana Friday by a score of 6-1, but were unable to overcome No. 7 Baylor on Sunday, falling 4-2.

Notre Dame (8-5) had little difficulty coming out on top against Indiana, posting their ninth-straight win against the Hoosiers. Despite a rocky start in the first match of both doubles and singles, the team pulled together.

On the doubles front, the Hoosiers started strong by defeating first-time partners freshman JoHanna

Manningham and sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan, 8-4, at the No. 3 position. The loss had no effect, however, as 26th-ranked juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, who kept their six-match wining streak alive, took down Leslie Hureau and Myriam Sopel, 8-5. Continuing their improvement at No. 2 doubles were freshmen Jennifer Kellner and Julie Sabacinski, clinching the doubles point for the team.

"I think I really started hitting more aggressive lately,

which has helped me tremendously," Kellner said.

Singles began with the No. 6 matchup, where Manningham was unable to hang with Sophie Garre, falling 6-2, 6-1. But as with doubles, Frilling and Mathews bounced right back, each improving their singles winning streaks to 11 matches. No. 32 Mathews triumphed over Evgeniya Vertesheva 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot, followed by third-ranked Frilling in the No. 1 spot, where she defeated 61st-ranked Hureau 6-2, 6-1.

Freshman Kellner came through for the second time, taking the singles point that determined a match win for the Irish. Positioned at No. 3 for the first time, she triumphed over Charlotte Martin, 6-2, 6-1.

"I still have a lot to improve, [but] it always feels really good when I'm able to contribute to the win," Kellner said. "It's a great feeling to help out my teammates."

From there, Sabacinski and McGaffigan closed out the match, taking down Hoosiers Sopel at No. 5, 6-4, 4-6, 1-0, and Kayla Fujimoto, 7-6, 6-4, at No. 4.

Even with momentum from the win over Indiana, the Bears were too much for the

Irish. Baylor took the doubles point and proceeded to easily win three singles matches, enough to secure the victory Sunday.

In doubles, Frilling and Mathews continued their streak at No. 1 yet again, defeating Nina Secerbegovic and Jelena Stanivuk, but it was not enough to earn the doubles point after losses in the second and third doubles spots. Secerbegovic and Stavivuk bounced back to defeat Irish pair McGaffigan and senior Kristen Rafael, and the first-time duo of Taylor Ormond and Karolina Filipiak took down Kellner and Sabacinski.

When it came to the singles division, Frilling and Kellner continued their success from the previous singles competition, but Mathews was unable to convert, falling 6-1, 6-2 to No. 51 Secerbegovic. No. 94 Stanivuk overcame McGaffigan at No. 5 and 36th-ranked Diana Nakic clinched the match with her singles point against No. 95 Rafael.

The Irish next travel to Tampa, Fla., where they will face South Florida, Duke and Tennessee March 15.

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MEN'S GOLF

Golfers get break, practice outdoors

By CORY BERNARD
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The No. 26 Irish received a welcome break from competition on Saturday as they participated in the Alumni Matches in Scottsdale, Ariz., a series of rounds between current and past Notre Dame golfers at the Whisper Rock Golf Club, which also allowed the team get some outdoors practice for a change.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the laid-back atmosphere was fun, but that it also allowed his squad to get some work in areas that cannot be easily replicated by the indoor facilities at Warren Golf Course.

"They went about a lot of different things," he said. "The big thing is we're out in the wind. We can't simulate that indoors. Also, the guys got a lot of work on their wedge shots, playing in grass."

Arriving in Scottsdale on Thursday with the entire team, the Irish practiced Friday and competed Saturday, before practicing more on Sunday and heading home.

1961 graduate Michael Geddes paced the alumni while juniors Max Scodro and Chris Walker led the current Irish with rounds of 70 and 71 on Saturday, respectively. Besides performing well on the course, Walker contributed greatly to Notre

Dame's time in Arizona. A club member at Whisper Rock, Walker's grandfather Joe Moeller hosted the Irish for the long weekend. Kubinski was especially pleased with the hospitality Moeller showed his squad.

"It was fantastic," Kubinski said. "I can't thank Joe Moeller enough, he did a fantastic job. We got to play at some phenomenal courses."

In addition to playing at Whisper Rock, the Irish also had the opportunity to play at Scottsdale's renowned Estancia Club.

Kubinski said the alumni always enjoy playing the current Irish golfers, a tradition that has been in place since he came to Notre Dame.

"A lot of the alumni told me they really enjoy playing us," Kubinski said. "We've played this every year, and this is our second time in Scottsdale. It's just a great event for everyone."

The extra practice Notre Dame got over the weekend comes just in time for a tough stretch over spring break. The Irish square off against Yale in Greensboro, Ga., on Monday. The following weekend they will be competing in the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational in Statesboro, Ga., an event Kubinski said has one of the top competitive fields in the nation.

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FENCING

Irish earn 15 medals at home



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Irish junior Nick Crebs, left, attacks his opponent during the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships in the Joyce Center Saturday. The Irish claimed 15 medals in the event.

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish men's and women's fencing teams won a total 15 medals at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships this weekend.

Winning gold in two of the six individual tournaments highlighted the performance for the Irish, who also brought home four silvers and nine bronzes.

Senior Hayley Reese captured gold in the women's foil in the morning session by going 6-0 in her pool bouts. Reese defeated Irish freshman Rachel Beck 11-9 in the semifinals and then took out Northwestern's Dayana Sarkisova to take home the gold.

Irish Freshman Adriana Camacho came in a tie for third in the foil.

Junior Courtney Hurley

won her second gold in three years in the épée, but it was not without some difficulty. She won hard fought bouts in both the semifinals and finals, defeating Karalina Collins of Northwestern 15-8 in the semifinals, and holding off Caroline Piasecka of Ohio State by a score of 15-11 to secure the gold in the finals.

Senior Sarah Borrmann earned the silver in the women's sabre competition. Her run came to an end in the finals with a 15-10 defeat to Ohio State's Margarita Tschomakova.

The Irish had three other fencers in the quarterfinals: sophomore Lian Osier, senior Eileen Hassett and sophomore Marta Stepien, but Borrmann was the only one to earn a medal.

On the men's side, junior Enzo Castellani won the silver in the men's foil. Castellani went 6-0 in pool

play and was the top seed heading into the direct elimination portion of the competition. He defeated teammate Nick Kubik in the semifinals by a score of 15-9 before losing to Ohio State's Zain Shaito in the finals.

In the men's sabre division, senior Barron Nydam earned the silver for the Irish. Like Castellani, Nydam went 6-0 in pool play and was the top seed heading into the direct elimination. He defeated teammate Jason Choy in the semifinals, but then, like many Irish fencers this weekend, fell to a Buckeye in the finals. Ohio State's Rhys Douglas defeated Nydam 15-9 in the championship bout.

The Irish will begin their championship run next Saturday at the NCAA Regionals at Wayne State in Detroit.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to continue early season success

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes the momentum gained in a dominating 8-1 win over John Carroll Feb. 27 transfers to their home opener in a non-conference match against St. Mary's (Minn.) tonight at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at Notre Dame.

St. Mary's (Minn.) enters tonight's match coming off of a 6-3 win over Edgewood College (Wisc.), which ended their two-game losing streak.

The Cardinals (4-4, 0-3) are led by No. 1 singles player Bailey Edwards, who is 10-2 in her matches this season, including a top-eight individual finish at the USTA/ITA Regional Championships in late September. The junior defeated opponent and No. 1 Edgewood singles player Hannah Pinsak on Saturday with ease, winning both sets 6-0.

Saint Mary's No. 1 singles player, senior Jillian Hurley (1-2) will be faced with the task of matching up against Edwards. Meanwhile, senior Jessica Kosinski will face Edwards' sophomore sister, Killian, who made her first appearance of the season Saturday against Edgewood, winning in straight sets.

On the doubles side, the Belles will look for improvement from their top doubles tandem of Hurley and freshman Mary Catherine Faller, who have yet to win this season and accounted for the lone loss to John Carroll. They will be matched against the Cardinals' duo of both Edwards sisters.

Last weekend, the Belles (1-2) rebounded to defeat John Carroll after a disappointing 7-2 loss to Case Western Reserve the day before.

Senior Mary Therese Lee and freshman Kathleen Klauer, the Belles No. 5 and No. 6 singles players, respectively, both dominated the weekend matches in Cleveland and will look to continue their success tonight. Lee defeated Case Western's Kathleen Evers in three sets, including a narrow 10-8 victory in the third set, and John Carroll's Emily Gorndt in straight sets. Klauer meanwhile won both of her matches in straight sets.

The Belles swing into their home season tonight at 7 p.m. against St. Mary's (Minn.) at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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pin him against the ropes. But every time Sassetti opened up to strike his opponent, Peterson met him with a flurry of jabs to the head that kept Sassetti on the defensive up until the end of the second round.

“I knew that he was going to come at me really aggressive so I was going to try counter [when he came at me],” Peterson said. “I was able to succeed at that [in] the first two rounds, but in the third round I got tired and he started hitting me hard.”

The first two rounds were dominated by Peterson, but Sassetti made a valiant effort at a comeback in the third. Sassetti was on the attack the entire round, knocking Peterson into the ropes multiple times, while he used left-right combinations to keep Peterson off balance. The late effort was not enough, however, as Peterson took the title by unanimous decision.

148 pounds

Kevin Ortenzio def. Ryan “Welcome to the Jungle” Slaney

From the match’s onset, Ortenzio’s speed was too much for Slaney’s length as the junior won by unanimous decision. Ortenzio began with a sweeping left hook that caught the senior off guard and set the tone for the match. Slaney relied on his reach to keep Ortenzio off-balance for much of the first round.

“It was a much different fight than what I had previous rounds because this one was a lot more strategic,” Ortenzio said. “He was a smart boxer; he obviously has the good fundamentals down and everything, so it took a lot of effort on my part because not only did I have to really punch, I had to find openings.”

Ortenzio trusted his quick jabs, eventually landing an imposing one-two combination straight to Slaney’s head late in the second round. The momentum carried over into the third round, where Ortenzio looked even more energized, countering every attempt by Slaney.

“I don’t want to necessarily say it’s a dream come true but I guess it kind of is,” Ortenzio said. “I mean you work this long and hard and finally it comes up and your arm gets raised and it’s the greatest feeling.”

154 pounds

Thomas “The Mean Justifies the” Enzweiler def. Alex “Gatito Loco” Oloriz

Slow but steady set the pace for the tall and lanky Enzweiler, as the senior seemed to gain confidence and energy as the fight went on. Oloriz — sporting classic Chuck Taylors — started fast, using his low center of balance to create leverage against the taller Enzweiler.

“I had fought him before in practice; we’ve sparred a couple of times and I knew he was fast with good hand speed,” Enzweiler said. “He can really charge at you so I had to keep my long shots and jabs out there to keep him at a distance and move laterally to try and get out of the way of his flurries.”

This speed was displayed at the end of the first round, as

Oloriz leveled the senior with a violent right hook at the end of the first. But the fast pace wore the sophomore down, as Enzweiler was able to take control of the match, interrupting Oloriz’s uppercuts with combinations late in the second round.

Oloriz knew he had to finish strong in the third, but Enzweiler kept his distance from the sophomore’s quick jabs with long strikes that limited Oloriz’s speed. Enzweiler landed a few punches to Oloriz’s headgear at the end of the third to seal the win by unanimous decision.

“It feels unbelievable, especially since I don’t usually win at stuff like this, but I finally found a sport where being long and lanky is an advantage,” Enzweiler said.

157 pounds

Colin “The Lion” King def. Paul “Hawaii K.O.” Hayes

In an epic back-and-forth match that featured six medical timeouts and the loudest ovation of the night, the sophomore King edged out a split-decision victory over the senior Hayes in a total slugfest. Hayes started out with the upper hand, beginning the fight by landing big shots on King and ending with three straight shots to the sophomore’s face. The trend continued into the second round when Hayes knocked King down twice with huge swings to the head, with King bouncing up immediately both times. This series was the turning point for King, who bombarded Hayes with headshots, almost knocking the senior out of the ring with a series of blows against the ropes.

“My strategy was to not get hit like this, but once you get hit like this you need to respond,” King said. “I never really felt on top the whole time but I just kept giving it my best and I guess that worked.”

The third round capped off a thrilling match as Hayes landed a succession of shots to King’s head while King returned with a massive blow that snapped the senior’s head back. But both embraced immediately at the bell, amid a standing ovation that rocked the Purcell Pavilion.

“I really can’t say enough about Paul Hayes,” King said. “He’s just a tremendous competitor. The man does not stop. I felt like I was being chased down the whole fight.”

160 pounds

Bobby Powers def. Ryan Alberdi

The poised Bengal Bouts president used experience to his advantage, outlasting his opponent. The two-time winner has never missed the finals, and it showed as Powers used a balanced attack of body strikes and counter jabs to wear down Alberdi. The sophomore never was able to land a series of clean shots on Powers, who repeatedly dodged punches while countering with combinations in the first round. In the second round, Alberdi came out with a different approach, going on the defensive while trying the occasional uppercut.

“My strategy was to stay calm and fight smart,” Powers said. “The two-minute rounds of the finals take so much more energy, and I knew I was going to need to save it

for the third round so I could finish strong.”

But Powers unleashed a fury of punches at the start of the third round, landing multiple strikes to the sophomore’s head and body. Alberdi returned with a shot to Powers’ head, but he tired as the fight went on as he exposed himself to the senior’s unyielding attack that earned him the unanimous decision, sending the president out with a title.

“It was crazy mix of happy and sad with it being my last fight,” the senior said. “I was ecstatic about winning and how well the tournament went for raising money, but at the same time bummed that it was over. Boxing has really been my life for the last couple years, so I guess I’ll have to find a new hobby.”

167 pounds

Brian “Yeah, Cool Beans” Salvi def. Jake “One Blow” Joe

In one of the few fights with a defensive character, neither the law student Salvi nor the sophomore Joe landed any big early punches. While Salvi applied a little pressure, he still used a very defensive mindset to keep Joe, who applied little if any pressure, at bay in the first round.

“I think given my height and reach being defensive was the way to go because then I could kind of dictate the pace and keep him on the outside and not let him pick up any points on the inside,” Salvi said.

The pace, however, picked up in the second round. Still focused on defense, the shorter Joe was able to avoid a few of Salvi’s attempted big hits. Salvi was able to land a trio of right hooks midway through the second round that put him in control and Joe on the ropes.



SARAH O’CONNOR/The Observer

Freshman Tyler Plantz, right, goes to the body of senior Mike Urciuoli during Urciuoli’s championship victory Friday in the Joyce Center.

In the third round, Salvi continued to use his unorthodox stance and repeated dekes to keep Joe guessing. After he absorbed a Joe left hook, Salvi returned with a series of quick left jabs that Joe never fully recovered from. In such a defensive bout, neither boxer was really ever off balance. In the end, Salvi won by unanimous decision.

“You put in a ton of work, a ton of blood, sweat and tears so when you get all the way to the end, it makes up for everything,” Salvi said. “So it took me two years, but I can’t tell you how happy I am.”

170 pounds

Greg Bennett def. Nick Severyn

In the 170-pound championship, both fighters landed several shots in an energetic, aggressive fight. In the first round, Bennett used his quick feet to avoid the captain Severyn’s lunging punches. Bennett said he had to tweak his game plan a bit to match up with Severyn.

“Originally, I wanted to out-

box him but he came up pretty hard, and it became sort of a brawl, which isn’t my piece of cake,” Bennett said.

The second round was full of action — but only when there were not any tie-ups. Following a couple quick right jabs from Bennett, Severyn responded with a flurry of body shots, only to be tied up by Bennett. The repeated tie-ups drew loud jeers from fans, who thought Bennett was striking Severyn when Severyn’s arms were wrapped around Bennett.

While the first two rounds were not particularly slow, the rapid third round made them seem that way. As soon as the bell rang, the two boxers quickly traded blows, unleashing any saved energy they had left. Severyn seemed to gain an advantage when an uppercut and a barrage of hooks forced the referee to pause the match. Bennett, however, pulled out the unanimous decision.

“I have to give it up to all my fans, as usual, who did a

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this year in the tournament and actually last year,” Bennett said. “It’s great to know that they’re going to be around next year, as well.”

176 pounds
Dominic “The Warsaw Warhammer” Golab def. Bernardo “Blue” Garcia

A fight between the returning three-time champion Garcia and Bengal Bouts captain and co-president Golab lived up to its high expectations. After an early feeling-out period, Golab was able to weather the early storm and avoid Garcia’s quick hands by ducking and dipping out of the way.

“My strategy was staying as relaxed as possible the first two rounds,” Golab said. “I was trying to feel him out [and] see what works and what doesn’t and really not getting too excited and too wild so that when I enter the third, it’s my round that I’ll be in better shape and that I’ll be able to win it.”

An aggressive Golab got on offense almost immediately, firing body shots and forcing the more upright Garcia to the ropes. Garcia, however, responded with his own punches to end a fairly even second round and set up a third round that would determine the outcome of the fight.

While Golab, once again, came out somewhat aggressively with a bull rush and body shots, Garcia responded by holding and tying up the fight. Golab continued to work, pushing Garcia to the ropes with a trio of jabs. Golab followed up with an uppercut when Garcia’s guard was down and left him off balance. Golab knocked off the defending champion with a split decision victory.

“I cannot be more happy. This was probably the best experience I had the four years [at Notre Dame]. I learned so much, I got to go to Bangladesh, I got to be a junior captain [and] president now,” Golab said. “I hadn’t won yet and I won tonight, so it was just the best way to end a career especially against a three-time champion, so I just

feel ecstatic.”

182 pounds
Mike “Nobody Puts Baby in a Corner” Urciuoli def. Tyler “Tuna” Plantz

A match-up pitting the senior Urciuoli against the freshman Plantz was rampant with adrenaline early, causing wild punches early from both boxers. Urciuoli threw — and missed — on some big hooks early. Plantz, standing a stocky 5-foot-6, landed a slew of hooks and uppercuts to end the first round with Urciuoli on the ropes.

“I went in with a lot of strategy and 30 seconds into the first round, that all went out the door,” Urciuoli said.

The second round was a mere continuation of the first round with lots of traded punches but no real momentum or giant blows. Both Urciuoli and Plantz showed surprisingly adept defense for how aggressive the match was. Each fighter was able to duck and slide as well as negate big punches with counterpunches of his own.

Plantz, wearing throwback basketball high-tops instead of traditional boxing shoes, forgot his mouthpiece to start the final round. But that — and a lost contact lens earlier — did not stop him from coming out strong in the third. Plantz hammered away at the tiring Urciuoli with right hooks and uppercuts, placing his opponent off balance. Urciuoli was able to connect on a few jabs, though, scoring points in his favor. Ultimately, Urciuoli won by split decision.

“I’ve come close before. I made it to the semis last year and lost in a pretty disappointing fight, and this year it’s just great that I finally had all that work come to fruition, and lead to a victory in my ultimate goal,” Urciuoli said. “It’s tough to draw up any stories better than that one. It’s a kind of storybook ending.”

192 pounds
Mike “The Bringer of Rain” Doran def. Bill “The Italian Stallion” Straccia

When Straccia entered the ring for the first time on Friday night, he was delivering punches not to his opponent, but to himself in an effort to pump himself up. By

the end of the fight, however, it would be the senior Doran supplying the headshots to his fellow senior Straccia.

Doran, a Bengal Bouts captain, seemed tentative in the first round while Straccia looked comfortable, moving around the ring with ease. Straccia used his jab to set up his monstrous right hook early on, landing one particularly vicious punch on Doran. Doran, however, was able to counterpunch effectively.

“My defense and my reach are my two strong points, so those coupled together make me a strong counterpuncher,” Doran said. “I like it when my opponent comes at me and I’m able just to dodge and counter their attack.”

Doran kept to his defense in the second round, ducking away from a few sweeping hooks from Straccia. Doran was also able to fire jabs in between Straccia’s hands and into his face. Following the first round, Straccia refused to use the corner stool. After the energetic second round, however, he called for it almost immediately.

Doran came out in the third round with an extra pep in his step, using that excess energy to land jab combos, forcing Straccia to the ropes and even causing a stumble from his foe. Doran collected his second consecutive championship by unanimous decision.

“There was not as much pressure, because I was a captain this year, and I traveled to Bangladesh this last summer and so the mission became what this was about to me and the boxing was just icing on the cake,” Doran said. “A win in the ring is awesome and there’s no feeling like it, but there’s a better feeling of sending over a check for \$150,000 that you know is going to build a new school and change kids’ lives.”

198 pounds
Daniel Yi def. Christopher “Stubbs” Sarkis

The last time the sophomore Sarkis stepped into the ring was Feb. 13. Instead of rust, though, his freshness shone through very early on in his championship bout with the freshman Yi. As soon as the fight started, Sarkis came out strong, landing a multitude of



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Senior Kevin Crepeau, right, throws a jab at law student Nathan Arnold during Crepeau’s heavyweight championship victory Friday.

hooks. Yi responded, however, with right hooks that, on separate occasions, forced Sarkis off-balance.

“Honestly, I was afraid and I was nervous, but at the same time I was confident, kept myself calm, tried to keep breathing, going through the fight in my head, because the biggest thing for me was mental preparation,” Yi said.

After a somewhat frantic first round, the second round slowed down dramatically. Sarkis’ wide hooks opened up the middle for Yi to attack with sharp jabs and score points.

In the third round, both fighters’ fatigue was evident in their punches. After a sequence of close compact body shots, a powerful right hook from Yi pushed Sarkis into the ropes and paused the fight momentarily. Yi took advantage of the tiring Sarkis at the end, landing a jab that coincided with the last bell of the fight. Yi took the crown with a unanimous decision.

“I can’t wait to come back next year and see these guys come again,” Yi said. “There’s improvement every year and there’s going to be a fresh batch of new fighters next year and I’m just really excited.”

Heavyweight
Kevin Crepeau def. Nathan Arnold

Senior Bengal Bouts captain Crepeau had come into the finals each of the last three years only to leave empty-handed. That all changed on Friday night against the former Linfield football player

Arnold.

Arnold, a law student, came out of the gate with a storm of early uppercuts that caught the shorter Crepeau. Later on in the round, Arnold’s bull rush succeeded in pushing Crepeau off-balance.

“He’s so powerful, the plan was stay away from his power and score points when I could,” Crepeau said. “Because his hands were a little low, I was able to score a couple points in every round. And really, I just won on points, not anything other than that.”

Crepeau flipped the script in the second round, taking the part of the aggressor and attacking high with his left hand and low with his right hand. The southpaw Crepeau landed jabs and uppercuts to coerce Arnold into a tie-up. The momentum had started to swing.

When the third round came, Crepeau was in in total control, firing quick right jabs and big combos at Arnold. The now-tiring Arnold was merely looking for an opening, but he never found one. Crepeau won by unanimous decision on his way to the best boxer of the year award.

“I won the heavyweight championship. I got the best boxer trophy [and] I think we made a bunch of money for the missions, which is the most important thing,” Crepeau said. “So just really on all three accounts I couldn’t be any happier.”

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Senior Bobby Powers, left, throws a right hook at sophomore Ryan Alberdi during Powers’ victory in the 160 lb. championship bout. Powers is a two-time Bengal Bouts champion.

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BASEBALL

Irish fall three times in S.C.



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Sophomore outfielder Adam Norton reaches for a ground ball during a game against Michigan State last season. The Irish have been plagued by lack of offensive production this season.

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Although only 10 games into the season, a common theme has emerged in each of Notre Dame's six losses — quality starting pitching and a cold offense. The Irish dropped three of four games at the Winthrop Invitational this weekend despite recording three additional quality starts to bring their season total to nine.

After losing a three-game series to Seattle University last weekend two games to one, the Irish have lost five of their last seven games.

"Our hitting struggled," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "We were better than we were certainly against Seattle, but unfortunately not enough to win two or three or four of those games. I thought we pitched well. The defense was solid — not great, not where we want it to be, but solid."

Brilliant in a 5-2 loss to Manhattan (2-5) Friday, senior co-captain Brian Dupra turned in another dominant performance from the hill. The right-hander allowed two earned runs in eight innings of work, striking out

10 while issuing just one walk.

Dupra (1-1) lowered his ERA to 1.71, and has totaled 26 strikeouts to go along with one walk in 21 innings pitched.

"Brian [has] been great all year," Aoki said. "I think he has gone out there and gotten what your No. 1 is supposed to do. It's a matchup against the other team's best pitcher — to match him pitch for pitch — and, by and large, he has absolutely done that."

Seniors Cole Johnson (1-2) and Todd Miller (1-1) round out Notre Dame's veteran rotation, and each gave Notre Dame (4-6) a chance to win over the weekend.

Johnson yielded three runs and struck out five in seven innings, as Notre Dame fell to Winthrop (5-5) by the score of 4-2 in the nightcap of a doubleheader. Miller received the no-decision in a 5-4 win over Manhattan on Saturday, despite tossing 7 2/3 innings and allowing only three earned runs. Junior closer Will Hudgins (1-0) picked up his first win of the season after tossing a scoreless frame in the bottom of the 10th inning.

"I think all three of those guys [Dupra, Johnson and Miller] have pitched exceptionally well," Aoki said. "Unfortunately their win-loss record isn't what it should be, but they've kept us in games and I think they've done a really good job."

While the offense tends to lag the pitching early in the season, Aoki said he believes his players need to continue putting in time in practice in order to see better results on the field.

After falling to Winthrop 7-2 in the final game of the series on Saturday, the Irish have another week to develop the offense before taking the field against Alabama-Birmingham (8-3) on Saturday.

"We have to get fundamentally better," Aoki said. "With every game so far, the quality of our at-bats has been better, but I think we are very much a work-in-progress. I think the kids do a good job. I don't that we're going to be at .300 on the year, but I think we could be a .270 or .280 team."

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down to the final possession, when Connecticut senior guard Donnell Beverly fumbled away a pass from junior guard Kemba Walker as time expired. On the Huskies' previous possession, Walker missed a three-pointer that would have given Connecticut the lead.

Following the win, Irish coach Mike Brey was beaming with pride over his team's gutty performance.

"Couldn't be more proud of our group," Brey said in his post-game radio show. "Obviously we lose Ben with 8 minutes left but our nucleus of other guys just played so well. It was almost a little like [former Irish player] Luke Harangody being out last year. A good player is gone and others just step forward. I thought we really defended well outside of our zone in the last four minutes to get us out of there alive."

The Irish held an 8-point lead with 12:04 remaining in the game when Hansbrough

picked up his fourth foul of the game. Notre Dame held off the Huskies (21-9, 9-9) for the next three and a half minutes, opening up a 10-point lead on a three-pointer from senior forward Carleton Scott. Walker hit two free throws at the other end, but sophomore forward Jack Cooley gave Notre Dame a 60-50 lead with just under ten minutes to go in the game. A minute and a half later, however, Hansbrough picked up his fifth foul with 8:24 left in the game, just ten seconds after checking into the game for the final time. The foul sent the home crowd into a frenzy and shifted the momentum in the Huskies' favor as they went on a 15-0 run to take the lead, with 13 of those points coming after Hansbrough's departure. Walker, who finished with 34 points in the game, scored 11 points in the Connecticut run.

"Just because the crowd was going and Ben was out, we still had a chance to win the game," Brey said. "I told them that it was just like the Peterson Center [in Pittsburgh]. We were at the

same striking distance, down two possessions with four minutes to go and I said, 'Let's just play. Relax.' We tried to put some pressure on them and see if they could finish and our guys did a really good job of that and different guys stepped up."

The Irish battled back with scores from seniors Tim Abromaitis, Scott Martin and Tyrone Nash, who had 6 points and an assist in Notre Dame's winning rally and finished with 13 points on the day.

Following the win, Hansbrough, who scored 21 points in 27 minutes, was named first team all-conference on Sunday while Abromaitis was named to the third team. Hansbrough was the only unanimous selection to the first team.

With the regular season complete, the Irish will head to New York this week for the Big East Tournament. As the No. 2 seed, the Irish earned a double-bye in the tournament and will play their first game Thursday.

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Drexel

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Freshman attacker Westy Hopkins provided the Irish with a much needed spark when he scored with 4 seconds remaining in the first quarter, and senior co-captain David Earl added another goal three minutes into the second quarter. The Irish scored two more goals in the second quarter and carried a 4-3 lead into half time.

"They got a big three goal lead, but after that we settled down defensively and offensively," Earl said. "We rushed a lot of stuff at the start of the game so we didn't get much offense going, but throughout the game we were more patient and we were able to get some goals."

In the second half, the Irish fell behind once again after surrendering three quick scores to the Dragons, who took a 6-5 lead into the fourth quarter.

A large part of Drexel's success for most of the day was the play of their goalie, junior Mark Manos, who slammed the door shut on a number of promising Irish scoring opportunities.

"We just kept the pressure on him [Manos]," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "In a game where you go down, and then you go down again, you can get a little timid and not be as aggressive and not willing to risk, but if you aren't willing to risk anything then it's hard to make plays in this game."

Notre Dame's aggressiveness

paid off in the final quarter, as the team poured in six goals to Drexel's one and secured the home win. The victory marks another important step for the Irish, as they navigate through an incredibly tough schedule in the early part of their season.

"I don't think anybody in the country has played three better teams than we have," Corrigan said. "I'm proud of our guys. They're getting their work done and battling hard on game days and the focus has been great so far."

That they could defeat a top-20 team without arguably their best player is a reassuring sign for the Irish, but it is unclear how long Brenneman will be unable to play.

"Zach got a little banged up in the Penn State game," Corrigan said. "We don't know if we'll have him back for next weekend or not. It wasn't definitive coming into today really until yesterday so we'll just take it day by day, and in the mean time we need other guys to step up like they did today."

Also reassuring for the Irish was the support they received from their fans, as the largest crowd ever assembled in the Loftus Sports Complex turned out to watch the contest.

"It was good, it was nice to be home," Earl said. "It was good to just be able to relax and be on our home turf. It's nice being indoors, it's a lot louder than being outside. It's always fun to play in front of a crowd, especially at home."

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McGraw

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will be really difficult in the NCAA tournament."

Notre Dame scored the final six points to take a 32-24 advantage heading into halftime. The back-court duo of senior forwards Becca Bruszewski and Peters combined for 14 points and eight rebounds in the half.

"I didn't think the guards did their job on the boards, but I thought the post did," McGraw said.

Peters continued to impose her will on the Cardinals in the second half as she scored 11 of Notre Dame's first 16 points to extend the lead to 19, the largest lead of the game, during a 22-5 run.

"We sat her for five minutes in each half and they went off on big runs when she wasn't in the game," McGraw said. "She's a good double-teamer, good in the press, and she does so many things. Having her on the floor makes us a very different team."

Louisville went on a 16-4 run after letting the Irish pull ahead, while Peters sat resting on the bench. The Notre Dame back-court stepped up in response, as Diggins and Novosel hit shots on back-to-back possessions to make it a 12-point game.

The Cardinals, however, would not give in. All-Big East first team forward Monique Reid cut the deficit to six with a layup with 2:33 remaining. That was the closest Louisville would get, as Notre Dame put up the next five to hold on to the win.

Diggins hit a layup with 59 seconds remaining to give the Irish an 11-point lead, eliminating any doubt of an Irish victory. On the previous Louisville possession, the Irish knew they needed one more stop.

"We had talked in the huddle that we needed one more defensive stop," Diggins said. "You know that's just a part of pressuring the ball."

With No. 12 DePaul's 66-54 win over St. John's, the stage is set for a battle among Big East heavy-weights tonight. The only time Notre Dame and DePaul faced each other during the regular season on Feb. 28, the Blue Demons scored with six seconds left to claim the victory. With both teams finishing 13-3 in conference play, the tiebreaker went to DePaul because of that game.

The only impact that tiebreaker will have on tonight's game is that Notre Dame will be wearing blue instead of white, but McGraw said the Irish could still learn a great deal from their close loss to the Blue Demons. Facing a hostile environment, Notre Dame appeared poised for its biggest win of the season until a late basket by DePaul senior forward Felicia Chester ended those hopes.

"We've got to play better," McGraw said. "I thought Chester played really well ... Becca [Bruszewski] only played 13 minutes, and it was hard for us to have a freshman [Natalie Achonwa] in the game guarding a fifth-year senior [Chester]."

The Blue Demons carry a deep bench with nine players averaging double-digit minutes. Much of their success is due to their ability to put so many players out on the court and rest their starters.

Both teams will be well-rested tonight because of the double byes they earned by virtue of being a top-four seed. Both the Irish and Blue Demons enter the contest having played only one game in the tournament up to this point.

"We're glad we got the double bye," Diggins said on March 1. "We got the chance to rest a little bit and get ready for the second game."

The winner tonight will advance to the Big East championship game, and neither team has won a Big East title before. The teams will tip off at 8 p.m. on ESPNU in Hartford, Conn.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gutsy victory

Irish finish regular season with road win

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When senior guard Ben Hansbrough fouled out with over eight minutes remaining in the game, No. 8 Notre Dame found itself in the unenviable position of pulling out a road win against a ranked opponent on its senior night without its top player. The Irish, however, held off a Connecticut surge and left the Gampel Pavilion with a 70-67 — Notre Dame's first win ever on Connecticut's campus.

After squandering a 10-point lead, the Irish (25-5, 14-4 Big East) finished the game on a 10-2 run in the final four minutes to earn a crucial road win that bolsters Notre Dame's already impressive NCAA tournament resume. Despite the run, the game was in doubt right

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Irish senior guard Ben Hansbrough eyes up the defense during Notre Dame's victory over Villanova Feb. 28. Hansbrough and the Irish beat Connecticut 70-67 Saturday in Hartford, Conn.

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND splits matchups at home

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 21 Irish fell 5-2 in a tough match to No. 18 Texas A&M at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Friday before turning their luck around Sunday with a win over No. 60 Northwestern 6-1.

Notre Dame lost a hard-fought battle in doubles to give up their only point of the day, beginning with the duo of junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge losing 8-4 to Joshua Graves and Spencer Wolf at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 3, senior Tyler Davis and freshman Greg Andrews earned the only doubles victory for the Irish, knotting the point at a doubles match apiece, when they defeated Chris Jackman and Raleigh Smith, 8-4.

But the victory was not enough as senior Stephen Havens teamed with junior Casey Watt at

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BENGAL BOUTS

Boxers compete in championship round of tournament

By MATTHEW DEFRANKS and ANDREW GASTELUM
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134 pounds
Jack "Rico Suave" Lally def. Niels Seim

With a victory over his fellow sophomore opponent, Lally defended his title, relying on a patient, opportunistic strategy. The two-time champion began the fight cool and composed, parrying multiple jabs from Seim, waiting to

make his move. Lally soon started his relentless attack at the beginning of the second round, relying on a swift counter-attack against his opponent's brief combinations.

"You want to flow and get your combinations but then you have to sit back and collect yourself, get a little breath, rest your arms, and then get back at it," Lally said. "So I did that a couple of times and it paid huge dividends."

The smaller, stockier Seim landed a few shots to Lally's head early in the second round, but from that point on, it was all Lally, who relied on straight punches and intermittent jabs.

"I felt like I executed my strategy great actually," Lally said. "I was a little bit taller than he was so the whole plan was just to keep him outside with my jab and throw a lot of straight punches."

Seim tried to rebound in the third by keeping on the move,

hopping around his challenger but Lally landed a devastating shot in the middle of the third that sealed the win by unanimous decision.

143 pounds
Will "The Thrill" Peterson def. Brett "Italian Ice" Sassetti

In a fight that was a new experience for both freshmen fighters, both Peterson and Sassetti came out firing from the ring of the opening bell. Peterson relied heavily on a

destructive hook that caught his opponent off guard on more than one occasion, but the fighters were evenly matched throughout.

"I felt about the same [as the other rounds] because once you're in the ring, it's just you and the other guy and that's how it is for all of them," Peterson said.

Using this approach, Peterson remained poised despite Sassetti's strategy to

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Earl, No. 4 Irish slay Dragons

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

When the Irish first filed out onto the turf of the Loftus Sports Complex for their home opener, back-up goalie Colt Power belted out a few notes on the bagpipes.

In the game that immediately followed, No. 4 Notre Dame's (3-0) 11-7 win over No. 18 Drexel (1-2) somewhat resembled the tune of the bagpipe: powerful, intriguing and sometimes scary — but always enjoyable.

The Irish were without preseason All-American midfielder Zach Brenneman, who stayed on the bench after a hard-fought game at Penn State last week. His absence showed early, as Drexel executed with ease on offense and jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead.

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Senior midfielder David Earl avoids a check during Notre Dame's 11-7 victory over Drexel in the Loftus Sports Complex Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters dominates paint in win over Louisville

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Before the Big East quarterfinal matchup between No. 7 Notre Dame and Louisville Sunday, Irish forward Devereaux Peters was honored as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year. Once the game got underway, it was time for the senior to shine — on both ends of the court.

The senior scored 19 points, grabbed nine rebounds and recorded six blocks in Notre Dame's 63-53 victory, advancing the Irish to a semifinal showdown with No. 12 DePaul.

"I was really pleased with Devereaux's game tonight," Irish

coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought she played very well defensively — six blocks tied a career high. She carried us through a large stretch of the game."

The underdog Cardinals hung with the Irish throughout the first half, thanks to a balanced scoring effort and strong defensive play. Louisville held Notre Dame's top two scorers, sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and junior guard Natalie Novosel, without a field goal in the half.

"They're a great team," McGraw said of the No. 6 seed Cardinals. "They've got a deep bench, they pressure, they play physical, they play hard, and

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