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ND grad joins pro boxing ranks

Former Bengal Bouts champion Lee signs with Top Rank, strives to be a 'world champion'



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From left to right, former Irish football player and professional boxer Tom Zbikowski, boxing promoter Bob Arum, and Notre Dame graduate and professional boxer Mike Lee stand together at a press conference in the Joyce Center Wednesday.

By MATT GAMBER
News Writer

It wasn't long ago that gaining admission to Notre Dame was Mike Lee's top goal.

Less than four years later, with a degree in finance and three Bengal Bouts titles to his name, the recent Notre Dame graduate returned to campus to announce his intention to become a professional boxer at a press

conference in the Joyce Center Wednesday. And Lee made it clear that he once again has one goal in mind.

"Now my goal is to become world champion, and as crazy as that may sound, getting into Notre Dame sounded crazy to me," Lee said. "It's going to be a long process, but I don't want anything else. Four years ago, all I wanted was to get into Notre Dame. I succeeded, and I fully plan on succeeding with this goal."

Lee has signed a professional contract with Bob Arum's Top Rank, the boxing promotional giant that represents current world champion Manny Pacquiao and previously promoted legends like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard and Oscar De La Hoya. Lee is also teamed up with respected veteran trainer Ronnie Shields, who trained former world champions Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield.

Lee, Arum and Shields all said they were excited about the team they have assembled.

"In order to be successful in this sport, you have to have a good team," Shields said. "Top Rank is the best promoter in the world ... I told Mike, they're going to take care of you. They know how to match you, they know how to build you. All you have to do is get in the

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Leaders request medical amnesty

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Student Senate passed a resolution recommending that the University adopt a policy that would grant medical amnesty to any student caught breaking school rules while assisting another student in need of help.

Student body president Grant Schmidt said the topic has been debated in student government for a long time but was finally passed at Wednesday's two-hour long session.

If the policy is formally adopted by administrators, a student who is actively seeking medical treatment for a friend while breaking a school rule would not be penalized by Residence Life and Housing for his or her actions.

The resolution leaves open the opportunity for Residence Life and Housing to educate the student, for example by placing him or her in alcohol classes. The student would not, however, garner any form of disciplinary record for the occurrence.

Schmidt said this is an attempt to eliminate the deterrent of being sanctioned by Residence Life and

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Parents to visit juniors this weekend

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Junior Parents Weekend may be dubbed "that quiet weekend" by freshmen and sophomores, but for juniors and their parents it is a weekend packed with distinguished speakers, workshops, dinners, socializing with friends and family, and this year, a speech by Irish football coach Brian Kelly.

Junior Zach Reuvers, Chair of the JPW Committee, said about 1,200 juniors are expected to participate in the activities this weekend.

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Photo courtesy of Zach Reuvers

JPW chairman Zach Reuvers, center, meets with Mendoza Workshop chair Chris Schiraldi, left, and President's Dinner chair Riley Orloff.

Observer announces new department heads

Observer Staff Report

Eight additional editors will join The Observer's Editorial Board for the 2010-11 year, incoming Editor-in-Chief Matt Gamber announced Thursday.

Juniors Jordan Gamble and Blair Chemidlin and sophomores Sarah Mervosh and Douglas Farmer will join the Editorial Board in their new positions after Spring Break.

Dan Jacobs and Laura McCrystal, both juniors, will take their new positions in the fall when they return

from studying abroad.

Juniors Michelle Maitz and Ashley Charnley will retain their current positions of Viewpoint editor and Saint Mary's editor, respectively.

A resident of Le Mans Hall from Angola, Ind., Charnley has covered Saint Mary's news since her freshman year and held the position of Saint Mary's editor for the 2009-10 year.

Maitz has held the position of Viewpoint editor since fall of 2009 and will retain that position. She is a resident of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Spring Slump

I noticed a trend lately — a sleepy, tired and sad trend.

We're growing, slowly but surely, more impatient and grumpy as the year progresses. I'm calling this phenomenon the "Spring Semester Slump."

It's common sense, really. We start out the school year relatively excited to be back on campus, with friends, possibly even excited to be in class. Fall break comes, and while it's well-appreciated, we can come back to school without much coaxing. School has yet to get truly difficult — our professors appear to still retain their humane capabilities.



Amanda Gray
News
Production
Editor

This goes out the proverbial window, however, after Fall Break.

Professors, all seemingly working in tandem, decide to assign every possible assignment at one time. Yes, they might all give three weeks off before or after, but that one "Hell Week" will set the mood for the remainder of the semester. This may be repeated once or twice, creating "Hell Weeks" or even "Hell Month."

Winter Break cannot come fast enough.

Those three beautiful weeks are the shortest three weeks of my life. Einstein's theory of relativity is proven correct — those three weeks feel like a minute, but a minute in a final feels like three weeks.

After that brief respite, spring semester begins. However, this beginning doesn't go as smoothly as fall — nowhere near close. There are several reasons:

One — there's no sunshine. Yes, I may be a townie, but the perma-cloud brings me down, too.

Two — I'm just not rested enough. Fall semester finals are fresh wounds that have not been healed by three weeks of forced family fun and horrendous sweaters. The three weeks of Christmas break are no match to wondrous summer, filled with warmth, bonfires and long days.

Three — applications for jobs and internships start to take over any time you thought you had for movies, friends or even your homework. All the rejection letters ("Sorry, but due to the horrendous economy, we can't afford to pay our own employees, let alone a college intern.") take a toll on the psyche.

So, what's a girl to do? How do we beat the "Spring Semester Slump?"

Be spontaneous. Run around South Quad in the middle of the night screaming your heads off for fun. Eat a ton (yes, an actual ton) of chocolate with your roommates while watching chick flicks — boys, I'd recommend trying this, too. You are also hereby forbidden to do any homework on Friday or Saturday nights. I've seen you, library lurkers — doing homework when you should be making friends. I have proof that you should put socializing first.

In ten years, what are you going to remember — that C+ paper that made you cry or that time when your friends had an impromptu snowball fight — indoors?

Just remember to wear your mittens.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Amanda Gray at agray3@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL LEGENDS NIGHT CLUB BE?



Chris Tulisak
senior
Fisher

"An Indie night club. Standing and arm folding only."



Arianne Rodriguez
sophomore
Le Mans

"A Disney night club."



Eugene Lee
freshman
Fisher

"An Ambient night club."



Leah Richman
sophomore
McCandless

"A country-western night club."



James Tucci
senior
Morrissey

"The lonely island night club."



James Ward
sophomore
Morrissey

"A Lady Gaga night club."

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



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Students wait in line for free back massages at the Health and Wellness Fair Tuesday. The Health Fair took place the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center and provided students with information about health resources on and off campus.

OFFBEAT

Police capture escaped zebra in downtown Atlanta

ATLANTA — Rush hour traffic in Atlanta came to a standstill Thursday afternoon when an escaped circus zebra galloped along a busy section of highway.

The animal was first spotted around 4:30 p.m. in downtown Atlanta, said Georgia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Monica Luck.

The animal made its way through downtown to the interstate highway that cuts through the center of the city. Police cruisers blocked off all southbound lanes and were able to

herd the zebra over to the right shoulder and off an entrance ramp, Luck said.

"It wasn't on the highway very long," she said. "But it was an inconvenient time for this to happen because the downtown connector southbound usually gets backed up on its own, that time of day."

Idaho groom arrested twice on wedding night

LEWISTON — A marriage got off to a rocky start after the 21-year-old groom from northern Idaho was arrested twice on his wedding night and

charged with assaulting his new wife in nearby eastern Washington. Court records show Nathan Lewis of Lewiston, Idaho, was charged Tuesday in Asotin County Superior Court with second-degree assault and interfering with a report of domestic violence.

The Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office in Idaho says Lewis was married Sunday and later arrested for drunken and disorderly conduct in Lewiston.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Junior Parent's Weekened commences tonight with the Opening Gala at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center at 9 p.m.

The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for students \$28 for faculty and \$40 for general admission. Purchase tickets by calling 574-631-2800.

Black Coffeehouse: A Night of Student Song, Dance and Poetry will take place tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Advance tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and can be purchased through the LaFortune box office or at the door.

The University Band Concert: Junior Parents Weekend will take place Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the Leighton Concert Hall. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission and can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

Film and Faith presents "Cool Hand Luke" Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors and \$6 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 574-631-2800.

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Students visit health, wellness fair at ND

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Living up to their reputation as health conscious individuals, Notre Dame students turned up in droves at Thursday's Student Health and Wellness Fair, hosted at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

Josephine Dickinson of the University Counseling Center said this year's event tried to live up to its slogan, "How Healthy Are You?" by involving all aspects of campus life.

"The concept of the event is that we invite all departments on campus to help us with all aspects of healthy living," she said.

Dickinson said this included the Gender Relations Committee, RecSports and even businesses outside of Notre Dame that focus on self-care and wellness, who all set up tables on the gym floor.

Dickinson said the event should seem familiar to anyone who attended last year's Health and Wellness Fair, which was the first time it was held.

"We invited the same people from last year. It should look very similar," she said.

Dickinson said one of the most important features of the event is student interaction with the departments, complemented with incentives for participation. Popular tables included a free massage center and a Dance Dance Revolution console.

"Students come and for every table they participate in they get a raffle slip. That's the buy-in for students," she said. "The tables have to be interactive. They can't be boring where you

just pick up a flyer."

The raffle tickets were then entered into a giveaway for prizes including one roundtrip plane ticket, salon baskets and spring break gift bags.

Senior Jennie Heil was impressed with the variety of tables at the event.

"I really liked the McDonald Physical Therapy table," she said. "I also think it's a good idea they're giving out flu shots."

Dickinson said the event organizers were expecting a sizeable turnout after last year's event drew larger than expected crowds, with 761 students attending. "It was shocking.

We would have been happy with 200," she said. "We hope since the word is out that 1000 people will attend this year."

The event seemed to live up to the hype, according to students.

"I think it's great that they got so many kids to go out," freshman Rebecca Kibler said.

Dickinson said the concept of a health fair for students is not unique to Notre Dame and that she drew inspiration for the event from previous work experience.

"Before I worked here I worked at The Ohio State University. I decided to bring the same concept from Ohio State, which ran a similar event," she said.

Freshman Garret Ward agreed the event was an excellent idea for the Notre Dame student body.

"I definitely think it is a good idea to raise awareness amongst students for different health related issues," he said.

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Club marks Chinese New Year

Chinese Association to perform in their annual Spring Festival



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Chinese Friendship Association practice their routine on Thursday for the Spring Festival Celebration.

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will experience a taste of true Chinese culture Sunday as the Notre Dame Chinese Friendship Association (NDCFA) puts on its annual Spring Festival Celebration in honor of the Chinese New Year.

"Chinese New Year is the best opportunity for students to see our cultural presence on campus," NDCFA vice president Yi Fang said. "It is hard for international students to always explain home to American students, and this celebration can be a way to show what China really is."

The Notre Dame Chinese Friendship Association began in 1991 to promote cultural interaction and deeper friendships between Chinese students and people from other countries, according to the club's Web site.

NDCFA president Ke Chen described the "united, active, and creative" group as one that works to provide a stage for Chinese students and their friends to show their talents. Chen, a graduate student from Shen Zhen, organized more than 15 unique performances for this year's Spring Festival Celebration.

"The Chinese community is my first community where I feel at home," Fang said. "I have a responsibility to act as a bridge between different cultures particularly because Notre Dame does not enjoy as much diversity as some other schools."

Fang emphasized the benefits of the Spring Festival Celebration for both Chinese and American students. Chinese students can open up and show pride for their heritage while American students can learn from an exposure to a different part of the world, she said.

The majority of students at Notre Dame are not always well connected to the minorities on campus, though the University hopes to expand its Asian demographic in the future, Fang said.

Fang, the only student from China enrolled in the University's law school, described the Chinese students as a "true minority" on campus. As Notre Dame begins to expand its influence in China and recruit more international students, she was proud to find that a greater number of undergraduates among the nearly 50

performers in this year's show.

"My American friends cannot get these Chinese sounds and real cultural experience from other places like TV," sophomore Richard Zhao said. "We just try to make people more and more familiar with Chinese culture."

Fang and Chen both mentioned the Kung Fu skit as their favorite part of the performance.

"It is the Fighting Irish spirit from China," Chen said.

Another favorite performance centers on the "Hong Bao," or "Red Envelope." Children in China traditionally receive a red envelope of money from their parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents upon wishing them a respectful "Happy New Year." The Spring Festival Celebration is intended to highlight this tradition and others that are important to the country's culture.

"Chinese students here are sometimes shy to express their

culture," Fang said. "This can show that we are a confident, vibrant group, proud to contribute to the Notre Dame community."

Along with various small performances, the Spring Festival Celebration will feature a stage drama in Chinese and various traditional folk dances. The show will also feature remarks from University President Fr. John Jenkins.

"We are very proud and grateful to have Fr. Jenkins at our celebration," Fang said.

Dinner from a Chinese restaurant in South Bend will precede the performance in the LaFortune Ballroom at 5:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission for both the dinner and the performance is free.

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Lenten luncheons promote reflection

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Lent is a time to improve one's life through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, Regina Wilson, assistant director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's College, said.

In order to assist students with these tasks, Campus Ministry will be hosting Lenten Lunches each Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in the west wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

"Every Friday during Lent that campus is open we've got an opportunity for students to gather and to have conversation that connects them to their Lenten fasting, prayer, their almsgiving with a specifically social justice theme," Wilson said.

The lunches will provide students a chance to come together to discuss a variety of issues relevant to Catholic Social Thought. Each week a different theme will be presented for students to converse about.

"We did it last year and found that people liked the opportunity to kind of talk about the various topics that we bring and they find it enlightening and an opportunity for personal growth to share with one another," she said.

The first lunch will be held today at noon. According to Wilson, students can arrive at any time during the lunch to participate. Wilson also said students did not have to attend every week, but

to come when they could.

The first lunch will host a dialogue about fair trade. Junior Laurel Javors will lead the discussion.

"The first one is led by students, and then every other week after that we will have students from various groups on campus who will be leading," Wilson said. "We have the group the Invisible Children, Africa Faith and Justice Club and the Sisters of Nefertiti. The topics they are leading are topics that are of interest to that group."

Other topics of conversation include solidarity, presented on Feb. 26, hunger, presented on March 5, Peace Building, discussed on March 19 and HIV/AIDS, presented on March 26.

Wilson said about six to eight students are expected to attend, though she hopes that more will show interest. Wilson also said a variety of people attend the events.

"It's fun because people don't come every week so it's a different mix of people to come," Wilson said.

Wilson said students enjoy the luncheons.

"People find it enriching for their Lenten journey to share with one another," she said. "We all think of Lent as an opportunity to improve our lives and to become closer to God. I hope students will take the opportunity to realize that our journey of conversion is what Lent is about."

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SMC students participate in local benefit walk for women

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's community will be participating in a walk to raise money and awareness for Saint Margaret's House, a women's day house in downtown South Bend, Sunday at 2 p.m.

"This walk isn't only to raise money, but also solidarity," Kathy Schneider, executive director of Saint Margaret's House, said.

Saint Margaret's house offers services to impoverished women and children. The organization serves breakfast and hot lunch to women and offers shower facilities, employment help, parenting seminars and health services.

Schneider said the walk will raise money for the operating budget. The money will go towards buying food for meals and clothes to give out to visitors.

The walk is in front of the Cathedral of St. James in downtown South Bend. Registration is free and can be completed online at www.stmargarethouse.org

Carrie Call, director for the Office of Civic and Social

Engagement, said transportation to and from the event can be arranged as long as the office is notified beforehand.

The House's goal is to raise \$50,000 this year through the walk. Major sponsors include Bank of America, McDonald Physical Therapy and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Schneider said the majority of funds raised are from individual donations.

Another goal of the walk is to promote fellowship.

"The walk is one of the best ways to show soli-

dirarity with other women in our community," Call said. "So many women have to rely on walking in their day-to-day lives."

In addition to corporate and individual donations, many teams have formed, including some from the College.

Kelley Fitzgerald, a senior at Saint Mary's, helped organize a team for the walk. She does clinical work at the House and thought it would be good to support them in more than one way.

"Being an all women's institution, we need to support all women, but particularly in our community who need help," Fitzgerald said. "Saint Mary's has taught us about faith in action in our community and women's rights, and Saint Margaret's House is a place where we can put not only our faith but our education to practice."

According to Fitzgerald, the team she started has twenty members that are all nursing majors. The sociology and psychology departments also have teams participating in the walk.

Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served at the house following the one-mile walk in the cold.

"We encourage everyone to come out and walk a mile in 'her' shoes," Schneider said. "It's a fun and important day."

Saint Margaret's House and the College will partner in future events, such as offering summer internships to students, having nursing majors

assist with health services and participating in future walks.

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"This walk isn't only to raise money but also solidarity."

**Kathy Schneider
executive director
Saint Margaret's
House**

"Being an all women's institution, we need to support all women."

**Kelley Fitzgerald
senior**

ILS studies immigrant retirement savings

Special to the Observer

The Center for Migration and Border Studies in the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies has received a \$125,000 grant from the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) to investigate how social and cultural factors impact Mexican immigrants' savings for retirement.

Titled "Understanding and Increasing Mexican Immigrants' Financial and Retirement Security," the study will examine how Mexican immigrants prepare, or do not prepare, for retirement. The research applies a novel, interdisciplinary approach to the study of retirement, combining anthropological and economic theories and methods.


Mexican immigrant workers are more likely than other groups to be living in poverty in retirement. Mexican immigrant workers, who comprise one-third of the immigrant workforce, are less likely to be participating in formal

retirement savings programs. Even those in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 income bracket hold an average of \$61,293 in retirement accounts compared with \$160,626 for all households. Therefore, understanding the dynamic nature of Mexican immigrants' family structure is crucial to figuring out how to devise communication programs and policies that will help increase the immigrants' financial literacy and retirement security.

Center director Karen Richman will lead the study along with Teresa Ghilarducci, an economist at the New School for Social Research.

Notre Dame's Center for Migration and Border Studies furthers understanding of the increasingly significant phenomenon of transnational migration between Latin America and the United States by investigating the political, social, economic and cultural forces that are shaping lives in both sending and receiving communities throughout the continent.

"Who's going to eat who first?"





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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cuba immigration talk creates mistrust

HAVANA — The last time U.S. diplomats traveled to Havana, they held secret talks with their Cuban counterparts that were hailed as the most significant in decades. Almost nothing has gone right for U.S.-Cuba relations in the five long months since.

When State Department officials sit down with Cuban leaders for immigration talks Friday, the encounter will take place under a cloud of mutual mistrust and dashed hopes. Last year's hopes that the election of President Barack Obama could mean quicker progress toward ending a half-century of U.S.-Cuban enmity now seem a pipe dream.

"Expectations on both sides were perhaps too high, and as a result I think there is a lot of disappointment," said Robert Pastor, a longtime foreign policy adviser on hemispheric affairs and professor at American University.

Mexican drug suspect's son sent to U.S.

MEXICO CITY — A man accused of being an influential, second-generation member of the Sinaloa drug cartel was extradited from Mexico to the United States on Thursday on charges he helped move tons of cocaine from Colombia to California, New York and Chicago.

Vicente Zambada Niebla was turned over to U.S. authorities at the international bridge connecting Matamoros to Brownsville, Texas, Mexico's attorney general's office announced.

Zambada's father, Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, controls the cartel along with Mexico's most wanted drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, according to law enforcement officials.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court reverses firefighter judgment

LOS ANGELES — A California appellate court on Thursday reversed a \$6.2 million verdict against the city of Los Angeles in a discrimination lawsuit filed by a black lesbian firefighter.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal issued its decision in the case brought by Brenda Lee of Mission Hills, who sued the city alleging the fire department discriminated against her based on her race, gender and sexual orientation and refused to transfer her after she complained of harassment.

Lee claimed her superiors yelled and made derogatory comments about her and put her through grueling drills without proper safety precautions. She also claimed someone put urine in her mouthwash.

Ashanti fan jailed for text-stalking

NEW YORK — A delusional fan who unleashed his crude fantasies about Ashanti in a battery of text messages to her mother was sentenced Thursday to two years in jail, though his judge rued not being able to send him to psychological treatment instead.

A downcast Devar Hurd said he didn't mean to annoy or alarm the Grammy Award-winning R&B singer and her family when he sent the messages. Some included photos of his genitals and a picture of the family's Long Island home with a comment about stopping by to visit.

"My intent was not to harm," he told the judge. "I always wish the best for (Ashanti)."

Hurd, 31, was convicted in December of stalking and aggravated harassment. Ashanti's mother and manager, Tina Douglas, said she was glad to see the case closed with his sentencing.

LOCAL NEWS

City to start receiving casino revenues

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. — Casino revenues that have been paid to an East Chicago development company since 1997 will be paid directly to the city under a proposed settlement.

East Chicago Mayor George Pabey announced the proposed settlement with Second Century Inc. on Thursday. Second Century attorney J. Lee McNeely confirmed the deal, which needs City Council approval.

The Indiana attorney general's office and the city sued Second Century in 2005, claiming its owners pocketed more than \$16 million in casino receipts they had agreed to use for development projects within the city.

Dalai Lama visits White House

Obama meets with Tibetan leader against Chinese wishes, results seem upbeat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

President Barack Obama personally welcomed the Dalai Lama to the White House Thursday and lauded his goals for the Tibetan people, but he kept their get-together off-camera and low-key in an attempt to avoid inflaming tensions with China.

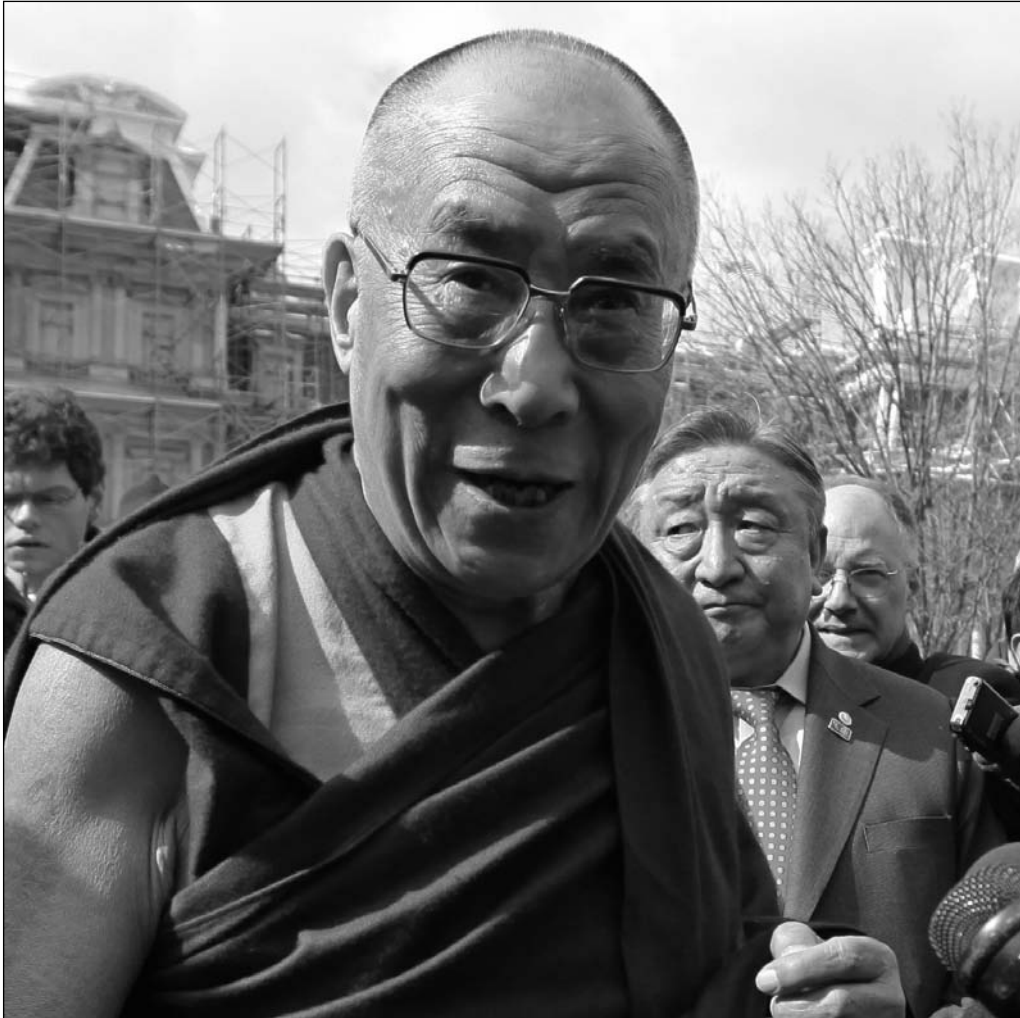
At the risk of angering Beijing, Obama did tell the exiled spiritual leader that he backs the preservation of Tibet's culture and supports human rights for its people. He also gave encouragement to the Dalai Lama's request for talks with the Chinese government.

Meetings between the Dalai Lama and U.S. presidents became standard fare under former President George H.W. Bush nearly 20 years ago. But the choreography is always delicate and closely watched because of China's sensitivity.

Revered in much of the world, the Dalai Lama is seen by Beijing as a separatist seeking to overthrow Chinese rule of Tibet. Though he says that is untrue, China regards any official foreign leader's contact with the Buddhist monk as an infringement on its sovereignty over the mountainous region and as a particularly unwelcome snub. China had urged Obama not to meet with the Dalai Lama.

China is a rising global rival for the U.S. and a hoped-for partner. So concern about reprisals, in the form of reduced cooperation with Washington or other punitive steps, has led American presidents, including Obama, to tread carefully.

There was no welcome fanfare on Thursday, nor a public appearance with the president. The White House released only a single official picture, rather than allow independent photographers and reporters to see the two men together. An official photograph was also the



AP

The Dalai Lama speaks to reporters outside the White House in Washington on Thursday, following a meeting with President Barack Obama.

only release after the monk met later with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. This from a president who promised — and in some other ways has delivered — unprecedented transparency in his White House.

The Dalai Lama did meet with reporters outside the White House, playfully tossing a bit of snow at them and declaring himself "very happy" with the visit, and had a short news conference at the State Department.

There, he chided China for what he called its "childish" and "limited" approach to Tibetan efforts for greater rights. He said he expected a negative Chinese reaction to his meeting with Obama.

George H.W. Bush allowed

no photos of his 1991 talks with the Dalai Lama. Bill Clinton avoided formal sessions altogether, favoring drop-bys into the Dalai Lama's other meetings. George W. Bush kept his meetings under wraps, too — though in 2007, he broke with tradition and appeared in public with the Dalai Lama to present him with the Congressional Gold Medal, at the Capitol.

Everything about Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama was muted.

"The optics of this thing are incredibly important to the Chinese," said Michael Green, George W. Bush's senior Asia adviser.

So Obama sat down with his fellow Nobel laureate in the Map Room instead of the

Oval Office — a decidedly lower status in the White House venue pecking order. Even the White House description of the talks was done on paper. The timing was a concession, too, as Obama declined to see the Dalai Lama during his Washington stay in October because it would have come before the president's November China visit.

"The president stated his strong support for the preservation of Tibet's unique religious, cultural and linguistic identity and the protection of human rights for Tibetans in the People's Republic of China," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said after the private meeting that lasted for more than an hour.

IRELAND

Minister resigns over brothel comments

Associated Press

DUBLIN — Ireland's defense minister resigned from his post Thursday after falsely accusing a political rival of running a brothel — and then denying in court that he made the slanderous comment.

Defense Minister Willie O'Dea insisted his sworn statement did not amount to perjury. He retracted it after a journalist produced an audio recording of his brothel claims.

O'Dea — long renowned as one of the country's most verbally combative politicians — survived a parliamentary vote of no confidence Wednesday on strictly partisan lines.

But within hours the Greens, the junior party in Prime Minister Brian Cowen's coalition government, changed their mind and said O'Dea must go because of the questionable ethics of his conduct, compounded by his initial arrogant defense of his actions.

O'Dea made a last plaintive bid to stay in office, going live on national radio Thursday to apologize for what he called "a stupid, silly mistake."

Cowen had sternly defended his friend hours earlier, but accepted his resignation after meeting Green Party leader John Gormley — and determining that O'Dea's continued place in Cabinet could destroy Ireland's 2

1/2-year-old coalition and trigger early elections.

Gormley, who is Ireland's environment minister, said his party could not tolerate "the nature of the attacks and smear of another individual in politics."

Politicians said sentiment moved decisively against O'Dea after his reckless, defamatory comments made against Sinn Fein politician Maurice Quinlivan were broadcast for the first time Thursday on national radio.

O'Dea told a journalist in March 2009 that Quinlivan was operating a brothel in an apartment he owned in O'Dea's power base of Limerick, western Ireland.

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Housing.

"The reality of the situation is that there are people out who have disciplinary records because they have made the choice to help people," he said.

The resolution will accompany a set of recommendations student government makes to the Office of Student Affairs, who is currently considering revisions of du Lac.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said while the issue is complex, few people disagree with the philosophy behind the policy.

"The ideal policy is to make a provision for the person who needs the help," she said. "[The student] isn't only thinking about herself, but whether or not the person who needs help is going to get in trouble."

The medical amnesty policy, as requested in the resolution, would not extend to the student who was in need of assistance while breaking school rules. Senators debated full coverage, but ultimately decided against it.

"The reason why we didn't ask for that outright is that we're worried the policy would be abused," Weber said. "If the policy is gradually implemented it lessens the possibility for that to happen."

Senator Nick Ruof, who worked on the resolution, said student government approached the topic by taking baby steps.

"Other schools have policies where it covers both the person in the emergency and the person who's seeking help," he said. "The stats on those schools aren't very well proven though."

Weber said the policy is important because it allows for students to focus on the emergency of the situation rather than worry about external factors.

"This policy says we acknowledge we should care about other people before ourselves, and that we will care," she said.

Weber cited a student body survey last year where 85.6 percent of students answered "yes" or "sometimes" when asked, "Before calling NDSP or residence hall staff to help treat someone, do you consider any disciplinary consequences that might incur as a result of the call?"

Senators also debated whether or not they should formally include adding an educational component to the bill. This was also ultimately decided against.

Schmidt said the policy would ideally be implemented in time for the start of the 2010-11 academic school year.

"We will send this to Fr. Poorman in the Office of Student Affairs and Jeff Shoup at the Office of Residence Life and Housing," he said. "We'd like to see this policy put into du Lac and ready to go by the time the freshman get their books next fall."

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JPW

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The initial planning for JPW 2010 began back in April, Reuvers said.

"When I got the position [last spring] we shot ideas around, but we didn't assemble the Committee until the fall," he said.

The JPW Committee is composed of twelve juniors, including Reuvers, vice chair Lindsay Schwartz, a graphic designer and nine other chairs in charge of a specific event like the President's Dinner or the Gala.

Reuvers said the idea of Notre Dame as a place grounded in tradition has been pervasive in the planning of JPW. Iconic images like the Golden Dome and the Hesburgh Library were used in the designs of program covers and tickets. Large black and white paintings of Notre Dame past and present will be hanging at the events.

"I think a lot of students have gotten this sense of tradition [from being] at Notre Dame. What we want to do is invite their parents into that as well," Reuvers said. "We're trying to express to parents how special and unique Notre Dame is."

The first event of the weekend is the annual Opening Gala, which will take place at the Purcell Pavilion in the newly renovated Joyce Center. The Gala will feature a cash bar, portrait photography, a DJ and dancing.

"It's a big event," Reuvers said. "You walk in and it's kind of like a big cocktail party, with appetizer stations set up all around the JACC. Dress for the Gala is the dressiest attire out of all the events."

On Saturday morning the Collegiate Workshops will take place. Each college hosts their own workshop to give parents a taste of their son or daughter's academic life at Notre Dame. The dean of each respective college welcomes parents at the beginning of the workshop, and then the group breaks down into different sections depending on the students' majors or concentrations. Parents will have the opportunity to actually sit in classrooms and meet professors.

Reuvers said these workshops are very popular among parents.

"Students aren't too crazy about the workshops — mostly because they're early in the morning — but it's one of the things that parents really like," Reuvers said. "They give ... an intimate view of what their son or daughter is up to [in his or her] college."

Reuvers said one of the most important events of the weekend is Saturday's President's Dinner.

"Fr. John Jenkins gives a speech at the dinner, and a lot of other University notables attending the dinner, [including] Fr. Bill Lies, Director of the Center for Social Concerns, and Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick," he said.

Students and their parents have some down time on Saturday evening. Some will head out to off-campus favorites like Rocco's Restaurant, Fiddler's Hearth and Corby's Irish Pub. Others will stick close to campus at Legends of Notre Dame. Aaron Perri, General Manager of Legends of Notre Dame, said the restaurant and alehouse pub are expected to experience a surge in business during JPW.

"Most of this [business]

comes on Saturday night as Friday night everyone is fairly busy with the Gala," he said.

Perri also mentioned that Legends has a chocolate-lovers dessert on the menu called "Junior Parents Weakness."

The weekend's festivities will end on Sunday with the Closing Brunch at the Joyce Center. Reuvers said juniors are especially looking forward to Kelly's speech at the brunch.

"I'm really excited to hear [Coach Kelly]," Reuvers said. "He had a trip planned for this weekend and he rearranged his schedule to come [to JPW] ... We didn't even find out until last Monday that he would be able to [attend]."

Junior Ryan Calkin is also looking forward to Kelly as a guest speaker.

"We've got a new coach finally and I haven't actually heard him say anything, so it would be nice to get to know him a little as a person," he said.

Reuvers said friends have expressed concern that after all the JPW Committee's hard work, they will be too swamped with tasks this weekend to actually enjoy time with family and friends. Reuvers said as of today, however, the committee's work is done. The rest of the work will be passed on to a group of about forty sophomores who will help out at each event and make sure that everything runs smoothly.

"I'm really excited for the weekend as a whole — just seeing all of our efforts we've gone through for almost a year coming to fruition," Reuvers said.

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Farley Hall from Surrey, England.

Mervosh, a resident of Badin Hall, will serve as News editor. When McCrystal returns from abroad in the fall, the two will serve as co-News editors.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mervosh has written for The Observer since her freshman year and has covered a variety of stories including the cancellation of the Innsbruck study abroad program, a protest against the University's invitation to President Barack Obama last spring and student government. She is a Psychology and Arabic double major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

McCrystal is an American Studies and French major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. She is from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and lives in Pasquerilla East Hall. McCrystal has covered student government, former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee's book signing on campus, and she examined Notre Dame's Appalachia seminar in an in-depth piece.

Farmer will serve as the Sports editor. A resident of Alumni Hall, Farmer has worked for the department since his freshman year and covered Bengal Bouts, track and field, women's tennis and this year's women's soccer

College Cup. A sophomore, Farmer is a Program of Liberal Studies major and is pursuing a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. He is originally from La Crosse, Wisc.

Gamble will join the Editorial Board as the Scene editor. Gamble, currently residing in McGlinn Hall, interviewed Knute Rockne's grandson for a story about the 1930s film "The Spirit of Notre Dame" for the section. She is from Lafayette, Ind., and is majoring in American Studies with minors in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and Catholic Social Tradition.

Jacobs is spending the semester participating in Notre Dame's London Program, but will assume the role of photo editor in the fall. An Industrial Design major from O'Neill Hall, Jacobs has covered a variety of campus events, including events during Barack Obama's 2009 Commencement address in the spring. He is from Granger, Ind.

Chemidlin will serve as Graphics editor. She has worked for the department since her freshman year and is a resident of Welsh Family Hall. Chemidlin is an English and sociology major from Watchung, N.J.

The other editors previously selected for the Editorial Board include Managing Editor Madeline Buckley, and Assistant Managing Editors Laura Myers and Sam Werner, in addition to Gamber.

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U.S. approves Rituxan for new use

WASHINGTON — Genentech’s blockbuster blood cancer drug Rituxan was approved Thursday for a new use by the Food and Drug Administration.

The FDA said Genentech, the biotech unit of Swiss drugmaker Roche Group, can market Rituxan for chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or CLL for short. The second-most common leukemia in adults, Rituxan is already approved for that condition in Europe.

The slow-growing cancer, in which bone marrow makes faulty white blood cells that don’t fight infection well, affects about 86,000 Americans, generally people over age 50. Each year, about 16,000 people are diagnosed with the disease and 4,400 die from it.

Rituxan is to be given with two other chemotherapy drugs, both for patients starting treatment and for those who have not responded to other cancer drugs.

Rituxan, sold in some other countries under as MabThera, already is approved for several other uses, including treating non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. A biologic drug produced in living cells, it binds to cancer cells to attract the patient’s own immune cells.

Aruba Networks’ loss narrows

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Aruba Networks Inc. said Thursday that its second-quarter loss narrowed as revenue at the equipment maker for wireless network providers jumped 31 percent from a year earlier.

For the three months that ended Jan. 31, the company said it lost \$4.4 million, or 5 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$6.8 million, or 8 cents per share, a year earlier.

The results included \$9 million in non-cash stock-based expenses, \$1.2 million in amortization expenses and \$500,000 in litigation reserves.

Excluding such one-time items, the company beat Wall Street expectations by earning \$6.3 million, or 6 cents per share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters had expected it to earn 5 cents per share on that basis.

Shares of Aruba Networks rose 19 cents to \$11.10 after the market closed. They fell 18 cents to \$10.91 during regular trading Thursday.

N.Y. judge questions Google deal

Google’s new plan to preside over the world’s largest digital library raises questions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge Thursday questioned whether Google and lawyers for authors and publishers went too far when they struck a deal that would let the gigantic search engine make money presiding over the world’s largest digital library.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin put lawyers who reached the \$125 million settlement on the defensive as he presided over a fairness hearing in a packed Manhattan courtroom where opponents of the agreement spent several hours urging him to reject it or demand changes. He did not immediately rule.

When the lawyers who completed revisions on the deal in the fall took their turn to speak, Chin questioned why the settlement gave Google publishing rights well into the future rather than merely rectifying any harm that led authors and publishers to sue it five years ago.

“Usually it’s a release of claims based on what’s happened in the past. Usually you don’t have a release of claims based on future conduct. Why is this case different?” Chin asked Michael J. Boni, a lawyer for authors.

Boni agreed that the case was unusual but insisted the deal was fair despite objections by Google rivals, consumer watchdogs, academic experts, literary agents and even foreign governments.

The judge said it seemed akin to a settlement in a discrimination action containing wording that says: “I’m releasing you now from discriminating against me in the future.”

He also seemed to take the side of some of Google’s stiffest critics, including the U.S. Department of Justice, when he noted that many of those protesting the deal would disappear if the company was required to get agreements from authors before letting their works be used.



Members of the National Federation for the Blind leave a federal courthouse after attending a hearing about Google’s online library on Thursday in New York.

As the deal stands, Google would be able to use so-called “orphan works” — out-of-print books whose writers’ could not be located — and the works of other authors who declined to opt-out of the agreement after learning about it.

“I would surmise that Google wants the orphan books and that’s what this is about,” Chin said.

Boni said attempts by the litigants to notify authors had already caused 620,000 out-of-print books that some would call orphan books to be claimed by 40,000 authors. So far, Google has scanned about 10 million books.

“When there is money waiting for them, they come forward at a very high

rate,” he said.

Boni’s remarks came after a stream of people opposing the deal each spoke for about 5 minutes, leading Boni to begin by saying: “I feel a little bit like Rocky getting beaten around the head and face for 15 rounds.”

Minutes earlier, U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General William F. Cavanaugh took his swings, saying the Justice Department was continuing an investigation and believed the agreement might violate antitrust laws.

He said Google had used the settlement to give it rights it never negotiated for, “essentially rewriting people’s contracts.”

“It produces benefits to

Google that Google could not achieve in the marketplace because of the existence of orphan works,” Cavanaugh said.

Still, Cavanaugh said the Justice Department “recognizes and applauds the objectives of mass digitization. Our concern is that this is not the appropriate vehicle to achieve those objectives.”

Attorney Daralyn J. Durie, speaking for Google Inc., which is based in Mountain View, Calif., said provisions of the deal requiring authors to opt-out if they don’t want their books scanned rather than requiring Google to first get each rightholder’s approval was not an issue the company could be flexible on.

GM invests \$425M on Ecotec engine

Associated Press

TONAWANDA, N.Y. — General Motors Co. on Thursday unveiled one of its most substantial manufacturing investments since emerging from bankruptcy production, committing nearly a half billion dollars to production of the next generation of its Ecotec engine.

Most of that — about \$425 million — will go to the Tonawanda engine plant near Buffalo, which will make 370,000 of the four-cylinder engines per year and add 470 jobs.

GM’s Defiance, Ohio, block production plant will get \$59 million in upgrades and gain 80 jobs. An additional 17 jobs will be created in Bay City, Mich., where a connecting rod will be produced following a \$10.5

million investment, company officials said.

GM made the announcement at the Tonawanda plant, which 20 years ago employed 4,350 people but is down to about 650 employees after shutting down two engine lines last year as part of the automaker’s bankruptcy restructuring.

“It’s only been about eight months since GM was in bankruptcy. We were wondering whether we were going to survive or not, to be honest with you,” said Steve Finch, the plant’s manager. “Now we’re here today talking about this kind of investment and these kinds of jobs coming right here to western New York, and I couldn’t be happier.”

Sen. Charles Schumer said it showed the government was right to

pour money into General Motors and Chrysler last year to keep them afloat.

“I remember hearing those naysayers. They said the auto industry is dead, it’s never going to be here in America. We ought to give up on manufacturing,” the New York Democrat said.

“We were right to rescue GM and today shows that proof positive,” Schumer said to cheers from workers on the manufacturing floor.

“Let this day be the last that we talk about the end of manufacturing in America,” said U.S. Rep. Brian Higgins, who was also among a cadre of elected officials that included Gov. David Paterson and Reps. Louise Slaughter and Chris Lee.

Boxing

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gym and learn how to fight.”

Lee said the strong team around him has made the infant stages of his transition into professional boxing run smoothly.

“To have them promote me and worry about every aspect outside of the ring is comforting,” Lee said. “Knowing that, every day I can go to the gym and the only thing I need to focus on is getting better.”

That’s where Shields comes in. For the past month, Lee has been living in Houston, where boxer and trainer have begun the process of developing a raw amateur into a polished professional.

“The first thing Ronnie told me when I came down to the gym was, ‘I don’t train anybody who I don’t think is going to be a world champion,’” Lee said. “I know it’s his reputation on the line, so the fact he wanted to train me and saw potential in me means a lot.”

Both Lee and Shields said while they are excited about the future and what they might accomplish together, the end results won’t come easy — or necessarily soon, for that matter.

“I’m really excited about this, but it’s a process, it’s not going to be easy,” Shields said. “We feel that Mike one day has the potential to be champion of the world, but we’ve got to take baby steps.”

Those steps began with a phone call from Lee to Shields, who had never heard of the Chicago-area native but became interested as he learned more about the Notre Dame graduate, whose career path has accelerated since winning the amateur Chicago Golden Gloves light heavyweight title last spring.

Shields was impressed with Lee’s commitment before the two even met. Shields said

when he asks prospective fighters when they could make the trip to workout at his gym in Houston, they typically offer non-committal responses of “next week” or “next month.”

Not Lee.

“He said, ‘I can come tomorrow. I’m ready to go,’” Shields said. “I told him this is my job. I love the sport of boxing and I take it very seriously, so I want you to do the same ... I’m going to make you work hard, and he said ‘I’m willing, I’m able and I’m ready to do it.’”

Shields said Lee followed through on that promise from Day 1, when “he was there for the whole time” through a tough opening workout meant to test his limits.

“Normally when I get a guy the first time, he can’t hang with me on the hand pads because I push them real hard,” Shields said.

Lee said his typical day now begins at 5 a.m. and includes 6 a.m. cardio workouts, a few hours of sparring in the early afternoon and, on some days, strength and conditioning work at night.

“It’s a full day,” Lee said.

Those who know Lee know he can withstand those physical tests — it’s what boxers have to do, said former Irish football captain and current Baltimore Ravens safety Tom Zbikowski.

“It’s a big day for this University to have a kid going into professional boxing because you can’t be forced to fight no matter where you come from,” said Zbikowski, who scored a first-round knockout in his only professional fight with Top Rank. “Mama can’t tell you to do it, daddy can’t tell you to do it, brother can’t tell you to do it, sister can’t tell you to do it. It’s something that you’ve got inside, and Mike’s got that, regardless of his background.”

There’s no doubt Lee is a unique figure in the boxing world, and he said his Notre Dame background, and espe-

cially his relationship with the Bengal Bouts, is going to continue.

“I knew that although I left Notre Dame and I had just graduated, Notre Dame is one of those schools that will never leave me,” Lee said. “So I’m very proud and excited to say that I plan on donating and giving back percentage of my fight proceeds and sponsorship proceeds to the Holy Cross Missions of Bangladesh.”

His January trip to Bangladesh “opened my eyes,” Lee said, and it made it apparent that he needed to use his professional career “as a platform to give back.”

Current Bengal Bouts co-president Chris Cugliari said Lee’s presence in professional boxing will bode well for the future of the Notre Dame program and, more importantly, for the future of the Holy Cross Missions.

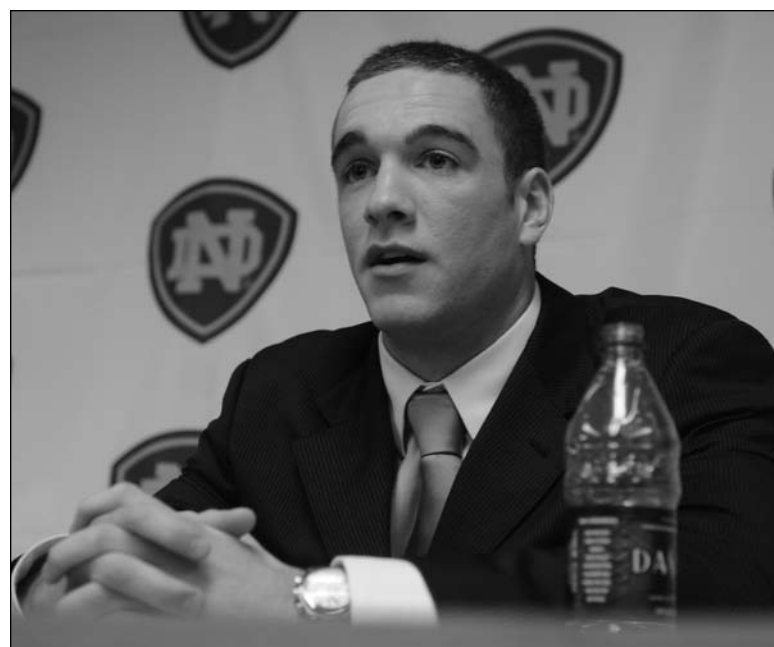
“Notre Dame’s never seen somebody from the Bengal Bouts really take the boxing world by storm like this, so it’s great to see one of our own make it big,” Cugliari said. “I think Mike can have a huge impact in generating awareness of the Holy Cross Missions and the impact we can have.”

If one thing becomes clear from hearing Lee speak, or from hearing others speak about him, it is that his passion for the sport gives him more than just a fighting chance. And while he has a lot of work before his professional debut, scheduled for May 29 at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago, those close to him are excited about what lies ahead.

“If you have the opportunity, come out and support Mike, because I really have a feeling that his career is going to really take off,” Arum said. “And there’s nothing like seeing a career right from the beginning.”

So what can those tuning in to Lee’s professional debut expect?

“I know by May 29th I’m



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Top, Notre Dame alum and former Bengal Bouts captain Mike Lee announces his intention to enter professional boxing Wednesday at the JACC. Bottom, Lee poses with his new trainer, Ronnie Shields.

going to be a machine,” Lee said. “I have one goal, and that’s win that fight.”

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Professor selected for Fulbright

Gurule, member of Law faculty, will spend Spring 2011 semester in Chile

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame Professor of Law Jimmy Gurulé will spend the spring 2011 semester in Chile as a Fulbright scholar. Gurulé will conduct field research on Chile’s legal efforts to hold persons accountable for international crimes and human rights abuses committed during the military rule of former President Augusto Pinochet. He will work from Diego Portales Law School in Santiago.

“Several years ago, I visited Chile and was impressed. It’s one of the most economically developed countries in South America, but it has a checkered past,” says Gurulé of the nation’s years under the Pinochet regime.

Gurulé will focus his research on how the Chilean Ministry of Justice and the

courts have been able to avoid the application of Amnesty Law No. 2,191, which was enacted by Pinochet to grant amnesty to all those responsible for criminal acts committed from September 11, 1973 to March 10, 1978—time of brutal violence by Pinochet’s military.

“It was intended to be a stay out of jail free card for Pinochet and members of his administration,” says Gurulé. “But the courts and Ministry of Justice have found creative ways to hold people accountable for their crimes during that period of time.”

Gurulé plans to write a book about what he learns from his Fulbright research, focusing on Chile’s approach to avoiding impunity and ensuring accountability for serious international crimes.

Gurulé is an internationally

known expert in the field of international criminal law, terrorism, terrorist financing, and anti-money laundering. He is the author of “Unfunding Terror: The Legal Response to the Financing of Global Terrorism.” He is currently working on “Principles of Counter-Terrorism Law,” scheduled to be published by Thomson West. As Under Secretary for Enforcement in the U.S. Department of the Treasury (2001-2003), Gurulé had oversight responsibilities for the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Gurulé also served as Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice (1990-1992), and as Assistant U.S. Attorney, where he served as Deputy Chief of the Major Narcotics Section of the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney’s Office (1985-1989).

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Cavanaugh ping-pong tournament supports Haiti relief

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

The women of Cavanaugh Hall held a unique event last Saturday when they hosted their a ping-pong tournament to raise funds for the relief efforts in Haiti.

The idea of a ping-pong tournament surfaced when Liz Young and Lindsey McAlarnen, juniors and Cavanaugh service commissioners, were brainstorming ideas for a hall fundraiser for Haiti.

"Our rector came up with the idea awhile ago as a fundraiser for Cuba, which is where her family is from," Young said. "She let us use the idea to support Haiti, but from now on the tournament will be our signature event supporting Cuba."

The event raised \$650 overall, a figure that includes the sale of T-shirts, baked goods and raffle tickets. Prizes included Chipotle and Starbucks gift cards and a soccer ball signed by the men's soccer team.

Most of the funds raised at the tournament will go to a

group of 16 South Bend physicians who journeyed to Haiti for ten days to provide sterile supplies, tools and equipment to a hospital in the recovering nation. Four of the group members are physicians for the Notre Dame athletic teams, and their involvement in the trip provided a way for funds raised to go directly to Haiti.

"Lindsey [McAlarnen] is a student athletic trainer, so she found out about the physician group from the team doctors," Young said.

"The group was very appreciative of our donation because the Notre Dame community hadn't reached out to them yet."

The remainder of the funds raised will support a Haitian orphanage.

The tournament was comprised of three separate brackets: women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. In addition, the prize for bracket winners was a ping-pong paddle signed by former University President Fr. Hesburgh.

However, each participating team was required to include at least one Cavanaugh resident.

"It was the first time we had the tournament and we were unsure about the turnout, so we wanted to keep it contained to Cavanaugh," Young said.

"The group was very appreciative of our donation because the Notre Dame community hadn't reached out to them yet."

Liz Young
service commissioner
Cavanaugh



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Cavanaugh freshman Catherine Reidy returns a serve at a ping-pong tournament Cavanaugh held on Feb. 13. The event raised \$650 for Haiti earthquake relief.

Taking the top prize in women's singles was senior Colleen Walter, while Lindsey Zimmerman and Ezinne Ndukwe, a duo of senior resident assistants, beat out the competition in women's doubles. Cavanaugh junior Mo Mathias and her partner Ross Goetz, a junior from Zahm, prevailed in mixed doubles.

"The tournament was a really fun and creative way to raise money for Haiti," Walter said. "I was impressed by the number of good ping-pong players in Cavanaugh, but it was also exciting to win such a great prize."

Mathias said the tournament featured a high level of

competition.

"Winning our bracket was tough," Mathias said. "The second game was really close, so it was a relief when we pulled through to win it, and I got to hold the Fr. Hesburgh signed paddle."

In addition to the three main brackets, the tournament also included celebrity exhibition matches featuring several priests, the men's soccer coach, Finance Professor Carl Ackermann and student body president and vice president Grant Schmidt and Cynthia Weber.

Although the event attracted several competitive players, a few participants took

the tournament a little less seriously.

"There were some intense people who brought their own paddles," Young said. "Other people dressed up in neon outfits with crazy make-up."

However, the overall consensus was that the event was a great success.

"The tournament was really fun. The games were fun, the music was great, and the baked goods were delicious," Mathias said. "It should definitely happen again next year."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bright basketball future

I would like to applaud the efforts of the Irish Men’s Basketball team in Wednesday night’s heartbreaking loss to Louisville. I admit that my first reaction to the final buzzer sounding was anger and doubt. I wondered if the team will win another game this season. I thought that our players were not “clutch.” After my heart stopped pounding and I took a well-deserved seat, I began to see the game for what it was (other than an inconsistent display of refereeing).

The four years I have been here have been a roller coaster of hard-court emotions. In 2007 and 2008 we completely exceeded expectations. Our home court was defended to the tune of the nation’s longest winning streak. Men’s basketball slowly became worthy of a massive jump in student ticket prices because of the quality of play. Even my father, who used to hate sports with a passion, now calls me before and after every game to hear my opinions. The team manages to earn respect in the toughest conference in the country. The game against Louisville was a

testament to the players’ resilience and hard work. We lost, but even the announcers could not help rooting for us.

I was worried that our team would be horrible next year without Jackson and Harangody (in that order). But tonight proved to me that we will be competitive, if not pretty good. The players who kept us in the game tonight were the guys that are going to be on the court next year and for the next few seasons. Thank you for making Notre Dame basketball exciting to watch. I’d rather be disappointed in a team that lost on the road to a perennial power than convinced that we never had a chance in the first place. Go out and win the rest of our regular season games — starting with Pitt! Win two or three games in the Big East tournament. Make it difficult for the selection committee to leave us out.

George Kiamos
senior
off campus
Feb. 17

Words of social justice

Mr. Easley’s letter (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18) contains less wisdom and more ideology than you might expect. A call to the American ideal of working hard to lead a decent life is admirable and inspiring, but does it really work? I cannot definitively say yes or no, but based on the opportunities and intelligence I see in those around me, including the students who attend this university, in comparison with the rest of the population of the U.S., I can imagine the percentage of people who work hard, without benefit of opportunity and intelligence, to end up in a position of “decent living” is low.

The question is then raised, what is decent living? When, if at all, do we have a right to it? Beliefs from Catholic Social Teaching are that “decent living” does not occur at the poverty level, and that we have a right to decent living at all times. Mr. Easley does an admirable job of recognizing that work has dignity in the closing

of his letter, but less so in recognizing the rights of workers to respect and dignity, a dignity that includes wages satisfying the basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, health, education, security and rest; not all of which are met at the poverty wage, even if a person is not working alone, or is working more than one job. Referring to a wage increase, to a paycheck that is more in line with the “decent living” that Catholics believe in, as a “handout from this University” is a slap in the face to workers’ dignity, Mr. Easley, as is your questioning of the right to live at a certain level. This is not a discussion of people “getting ahead.” One shouldn’t have to sacrifice anything in order to live a self-sufficient life.

Kurt Nowak
junior
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Feb. 18

No ‘words of wisdom’

For all of those who agree with the individualistic, personally advantageous, and money grubbing opinions of Mark Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18), I encourage you to remember the Catholic values you hold so dearly and so readily espouse.

The complete selfishness and disregard for those who are not only less fortunate than many students here, but for those who continue to be taken advantage of in a system that does not fairly compensate all of its employees for their lives of hard work is purely astounding. Call me socialist or whatever other biting leftist epithet you can think of, but the fact remains that those who are restricted by the socioeconomic structures limiting their employment opportunities ought to receive more than a catty thanks at the end of a long list telling them why they don’t deserve better.

It is clear that there is plenty of money to be shared among every single member of the Notre Dame employed “family.” With tuition skyrocketing and the University endowment

towering in the billions, the University’s freeze on wage raises should come to an end, and their workers should be paid justly according to the tenets of our mission statement. The end of which claims that it is the University’s “aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.” To agree with Easley’s “words of wisdom,” would simply foster the sort of apathy and detachment that directly contradicts the notion that this university works as a loving family. I can only express disgust for the complacency of Easley’s response and hope that the economic hardships our country is facing does not effect our campus’ desire to affect change where change is due.

Anthony McHugh
senior
off campus
Feb. 18

Poetry explained

As students who organized the poetry reading in the lounge of McKenna Hall on Saturday, we would like to clarify what took place. When we saw the Edith Stein Conference schedule, we became concerned that the panel on “Homosexuality and Identity” was asserting a one-dimensional view of the relationship between Catholicism and homosexuality, and that it did not give space to other voices which are trying to enter this debate.

We decided to read queer poetry by established and emerging poets, such as Akilah Oliver, Allen Ginsberg, Anne Waldman, Carol Ann Duffy, John Wieners, Shane Allison and Walt Whitman — all of whom take very different aesthetic approaches. We also asked people to bring poems and to read them aloud. This was our way to affirm LGBT identities and desires.

In the e-mail which we had circulated just the previous day inviting people to join the reading, we had made it clear that we would read for half an hour before the panel, that we wanted a dialogue with Melinda Selmys and the other panelists, and that we would be attending the lecture/panel to listen to their views. Our intention was not to disrupt the panel but to make ourselves heard, to expand the boundaries of the conversation around homosexuality. Thus, when we were informed that the lecture was about to begin, we once again invited everybody present to attend the panel with us.

Any “young children” we saw at the protest were pre-verbal; we certainly had not expected children to be present at a frank, intellectual discussion.

We would like to thank all the organizers of the Edith Stein Conference for enabling this much needed conversation, and hope that this dialogue will continue on the Notre Dame campus in a rigorous, thoughtful, inclusive manner.

Ailbhe Darcy
graduate student
off campus
Monica Mody
graduate student
Fischer Graduate Residence
C. J. Waterman
graduate residence
off campus
Feb. 17

Just mediocrity

As loyal members of the Leprechaun Legion, we have decided that the mediocrity of Notre Dame Men’s Basketball must be uncovered. For too long now, Notre Dame Basketball has been anything but impressive. The Irish basketball squad has made one Final Four appearance in its entire history. The team has not made it past the Sweet 16 in 29 years. Fourteen of those years, they did not even get invited to the tournament. We have the 12th largest budget in the Big East. Our facilities are improving, but still not state-of-the-art. Fundamentals have taken a backseat to offensive showboating. Neither heart nor defense exists, as seen from our recent losses to Rutgers, Seton Hall, St. John’s and Louisville. The only players that show any amount of well-rounded talent are Tory Jackson, as alumnus Joe Schueller aptly stated in his opinion “Celebrate Tory Jackson,” and the freshmen, who show more heart than some of our senior captains. To those that actually care about men’s basketball, like we do, shouldn’t we find it odd that only the football program changes direction after three to five years of mediocrity? Would it not make sense for the basketball program to do the same?

Granted, Mike Brey has done a remarkable job attempting to build the program. He has the second best winning percentage of current Big East coaches and has been named Big East Coach of the Year twice. These are three very impressive statistics for Coach Brey. However, if he would like to continue his one-man offense, the New Jersey Nets are calling. There, he can draft Luke Harangody and continue to pursue his dreams of winning. It is time for the Irish Men’s Basketball Team to hoist the NCAA Championship Trophy, or at least make it back into the “Madness.”

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Letters to the Editor
They gain you street cred. True story.

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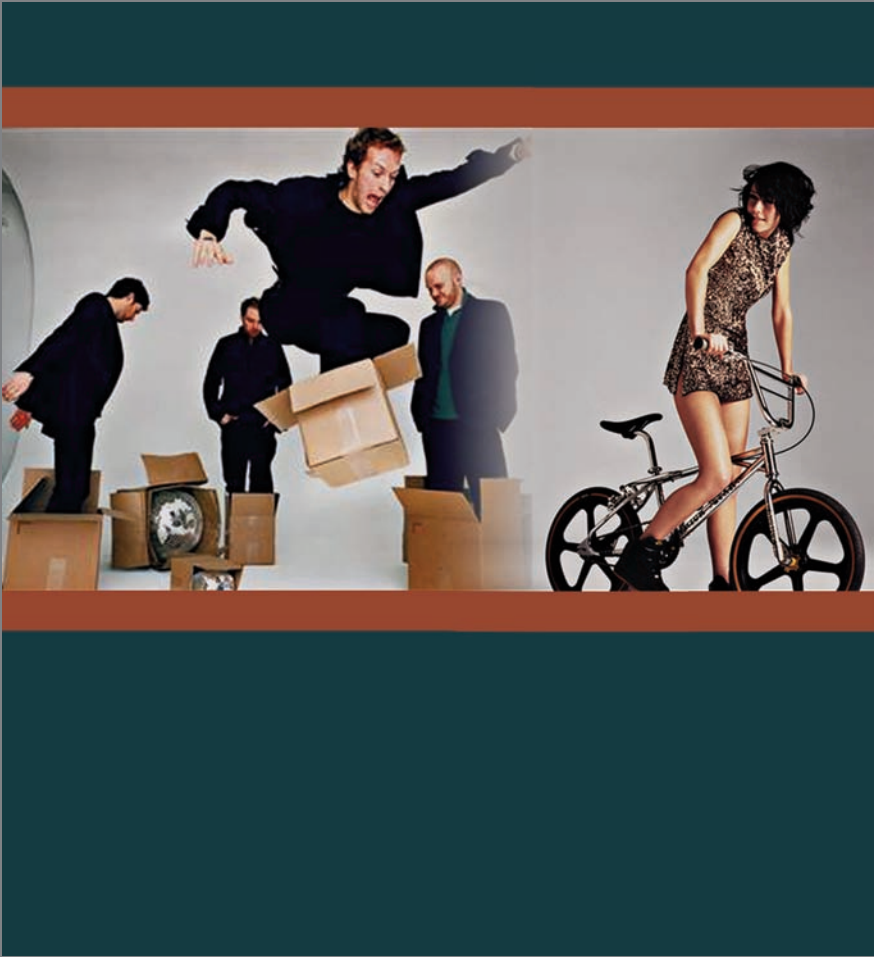
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Since U Been Gone/ Maps — Ted Leo and the Pharmacists
Originally by Kelly Clarkson and The Yeah Yeah Yeahs

We already mentioned a cover of one of these songs, but I guess that Clarkson's original was just so sweet it merits two! The Yeah Yeah Yeahs recorded the second half of this acoustic two-fer by Ted Leo, who has been touring with The Pharmacists since 1999. The mash-up works well, as Leo has the skill to seamlessly transition from one song to another, and the pure acoustic take on each brings out whole new feelings for each song. If that doesn't do it for you, Leo is also a Notre Dame grad, so double bonus points that.

Love Rollercoaster — Red Hot Chili Peppers
Originally by Ohio Players

What happens when you cross a classic disco song, one of the most successful bands of the last two decades, and the Beavis and Butt-head movie? An awesome funk/rock cover song, duh. This cover was recorded by the Chili Peppers for the movie soundtrack to "Beavis and Butt-head Do America," so it does not appear on any of their studio albums. The original was recorded by the Ohio Players, and it is most definitely an awesome disco song in its own right, but the Chili Peppers' version takes the classic and somehow manages to elevate it to epic-ness.



Use Somebody — Paramore
Originally by Kings of Leon

Kings of Leon's "Someone Like You" had barely hit the airwaves before Paramore's acoustic cover took over YouTube. The raw recording of Hayley William's voice above an acoustic guitar in the Live Lounge spurned many a negative comment, mostly for covering a song so recent. It manages, though, to be different enough to garner its own sort of respect, and brings a new tenderness to the song.

Under Pressure — My Chemical Romance and The Used
Originally by Queen and David Bowie

When David Bowie and Queen did this the first time, it was epic. When My Chemical Romance and The Used joined up to cover "Under Pressure," it was suitably emo but still entertaining. Freddie Mercury would probably approve of Gerard Way's wailing chorus, even if this version doesn't do much to put a new spin on the song.



Fluorescent Adolescent — Kate Nash
Originally by Arctic Monkeys

The British speak-songstress, often compared (perhaps unnecessarily) to Lily Allen, covers fellow Brits Arctic Monkeys' "Fluorescent Adolescent" in a live recording from 2007. Nash's version is just a little bit lighter, faster and more upbeat than the original, and her unique voice and musical style give it a little extra oomph that makes it hold itself up well against the Arctic Monkeys' classic.

Yellow — Jem
Originally by Coldplay

Jem's cover of "Yellow," originally done by Coldplay, provides a completely different sound for the pop hit. Even though Coldplay's original is seemingly very down-tempo, Jem sets it with light piano accompaniment, making the lyrics far more intimate and giving it a very vulnerable tone. Turning the lyrics around and having them come from a woman instead of a man also makes this song appropriately separate from the original, and its own piece.

Womanizer — Lily Allen
Originally by Britney Spears

While Britney Spears' "Womanizer" is fun, catchy and dance-party friendly, Lily Allen's slowed-down version has a heavier weight to it. Her superior vocals and stripped-down quality lend the song more authenticity than Spears' mass-produced pop. Allen's trademark cheekiness present in all of her songs is also more suitable to "Womanizer's" scolding message.



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Let the Beat Build — Nyle
Originally by Lil Wayne

New York University college rapper Nyle took the hook from Lil Wayne’s song and repurposed it with the help of about 40 of his classmates, recording the audio track and video together in one take. While the song itself veers away from Lil Wayne’s lyrics (such as when Nyle raps “we don’t need no samples, got a girl with a banjo”), the homage does serve as a great basic for a frankly amazing clip, which has racked up thousands of hits on YouTube.

Naive — Lily Allen
Originally by The Kooks

Lily Allen tackles Brit-import The Kooks’ “Naive,” turning the indie hit into a fluffier tune, done in Allen’s typical nonchalant, light pop style. It sounds almost nothing like the original, but does it justice just the same. It relies almost solely on Allen’s vocals and a little guitar, very unlike the rock tune, but is a great testament to the versatility of the Kooks’ lyrics and harmonies.

You Belong With Me — Butch Walker and the Black Widows
Originally by Taylor Swift

We have all tried to resist singing along with Taylor Swift’s “You Belong With Me,” but it is pretty much impossible. Butch Walker’s folksy version captures this catchiness but makes the song actually enjoyable and fun to listen to. Switching out a few lyrics and adding a mandolin, Walker’s cover is endlessly listenable. Be ready to sing along without feeling any guilt.



Since U Been Gone — Mark Ronson and Florence Welch
Originally by Kelly Clarkson

Brits Mark Ronson and Florence Welch take on American Idol Kelly Clarkson’s biggest hit as an acoustic number featuring Welch on vocals and Ronson on guitar. Welch’s unconventional and imperfect vocals may initially shock those used to Ms. Clarkson’s careening pop voice, but she seems oddly at home on this mid-2000s standard. Beloved as the original is, this cover deserves a listen, as it not only pays homage to Clarkson, but also creates something entirely new out of it as well.

Whatever You Like — Anya Marina
Originally by T.I.

This cover of the T.I. song starts off with Marina’s little-girl voice, and it sure sounds like some self-consciously precious background music for “Gossip Girl” (which it was, for an episode last fall). With unmistakable lines like “stacks on deck, Patron on ice,” it’s difficult not to sing along with this deliciously ironic remake.



Satisfaction — Cat Power
Originally by The Rolling Stones

It takes a certain amount of guts to cover a song when you know for certain that there is no possible way to outperform the original. Instead, most bands just play the best tribute they can. Cat Power took the opposite route when covering The Rolling Stone’s iconic “Satisfaction.” Dropping the universally known opening riff as well as the well-worn chorus, Chan Marshall makes the song near unrecognizable. Marshall reverses the tone but creates a reflection on the meaning that can only be understood in light of the 35-year difference between the recordings.

Hounds of Love — The Futureheads
Originally by Kate Bush

Covers have become the stomping grounds of ironic hipsters. Take a song that’s not cool, play it, and at worst you can all laugh about how uncool the song is. The correct way to do it is to take a song you love and try to make it better. The Futureheads, a young, punkish foursome from Sutherland, did just that with Kate Bush’s “Hounds of Love,” the guitar driven, semi-a cappella rendition of Bush’s 1986 minor hit. It tops the original not only in style but also on the charts.

OLYMPICS

Lindsey Vonn crashes, German rival benefits

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — For all the worry about her famously injured shin, it was a common skiing mistake that ended Lindsey Vonn’s bid for a second Olympic gold medal in two days.

Though Vonn’s bruised right leg was “killing me,” she said she simply failed to get her ski around a right-hand gate and fell in the slalom run of the super-combined.

“The shin wasn’t the reason why I didn’t finish the race,” Vonn said. “It was just because I hooked a tip, and that happens in ski racing all the time. I just wish it wasn’t at the Olympic Games.”

Maria Riesch of Germany won the event, helping to atone for her failure to challenge best friend and biggest rival Vonn in Wednesday’s marquee downhill race.

Vonn, who once worried about being able to ski at all in these Olympics, was fastest in the morning downhill run of the super-combined but was visibly in pain after the twisting slalom run on an icy, bumpy course pressed her ski boot against the badly bruised shin.

Last among the leaders to ski in the afternoon slalom, she was 0.07 seconds ahead of Reisch’s pace at the first checkpoint but fell behind by 0.18 seconds on the bottom half of the course. She then straddled a gate, and the ski flipped off before she fell forward to the snow.

Vonn’s husband said the injury was only significant because it kept her from training after a Feb. 2 crash during pre-Olympics practice in Austria.

“It did play a role in the fact that she hasn’t been able to ski slalom in, like, three weeks,” Thomas Vonn said. “She had the mindset of going for gold and it’s the Olympics. That’s what you’re here for, and she’s capable of winning. So she wanted to go for it, and not ski safe and go for a silver or bronze.”

Vonn will get a day off Friday before her next event, Saturday’s super-G, where she is an overwhelming favorite. She also is entered in the giant slalom and slalom next week.

Riesch had a total time of 2 minutes, 09.14 seconds to beat Julia Mancuso of the United States by 0.94 seconds. Mancuso got her second silver medal after being runner-up to Vonn in the downhill.

Anja Paerson of Sweden took the combined bronze, 1.05 behind Riesch. Paerson’s sixth career Olympic medal in just nine starts tied her old rival

Janica Kostelic of Croatia for most by a woman in Alpine racing.

Vonn, the two-time defending World Cup overall champion who lives and trains in Vail, Colo., was injured but benefited from weather delays that wreaked havoc with the Alpine schedule the first six days of the Vancouver Games, wiping out most training and races. The super-combined was originally scheduled for last Sunday.

Vonn said her leg was as sore as ever after Wednesday’s downhill.

“It’s not good. It’s really hurting and I’m just struggling with it,” she said, “but there’s nothing really I can do. I just have to try to do therapy and try to tough it out today, and then tomorrow will be a good day off,” she said.

Vonn said her downhill run in the morning was solid but she struggled to find energy, less than 24 hours after an emotionally exhausting victory in her signature event.

“It was a long, long day yesterday, and I didn’t get as much rest as I was hoping for,” she said. “Especially with my shin, I need a little bit more time and therapy to try to get it to feel better.”

Vonn struggled in slalom this season even before the shin injury. She has failed to complete a two-run race in four of seven World Cup events, and her best result was runner-up behind Riesch at the opener last November in Levi, Finland.

Riesch, who trailed Vonn by 0.33 after the downhill run Thursday, punched the air and pressed her hands to her goggles in delight when she saw her time.

“I really can’t believe I did it,” she said.

Riesch came into this, her first Olympics as the biggest threat to Vonn’s predicted domination of the women’s Alpine events but was a disappointing eighth in the downhill.

“I was really nervous. That was the problem for the downhill,” she said. “Today I was much more calm, more confident.”

She had an anxious moment in the combined downhill, run on a shortened course with the final jump shaved down after a series of ugly crashes Wednesday. She got too much air in a small jump before the halfway point and veered momentarily off course before correcting her race line.

Mancuso moved up a place after being third-fastest in the downhill leg. She jumped for joy after finishing her slalom run and then fell back on the snow, her skis in the air.

NBA

McGrady dealt to Knicks

Associated Press

The Cleveland Cavaliers hope they took another step toward keeping LeBron James. The New York Knicks are in better position for a run at him—and a second superstar, too.

And they aren’t the only team lining up for a chance to become a summer spender.

The Knicks acquired former scoring champion Tracy McGrady on Thursday in a three-team swap with the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings. The deal left them on the verge of being able to offer two maximum salary contracts to the 2010 free agent class that could be headlined by James.

Amare Stoudemire could be in the market for one if he decides to leave Phoenix—where he’ll again finish the season after spending the weeks before the deadline atop the trade rumor mill.

“I’ve maintained that unless there was something out there that improved our team and put us in a lot better position moving forward, then we weren’t going to do anything. And that was the case,” Suns general manager Steve Kerr said.

Chicago, Washington and Sacramento all cleared enough salary in moves before the 3 p.m. EST deadline to be able to afford a max player, and the Los Angeles Clippers got close.

The Cavaliers gave James more reason to stay home. They acquired forward Antawn Jamison on Wednesday, a deal that could make the Eastern Conference leaders even stronger.

“We’re trying to build a franchise that all players want to be a part of, that can have sustainable success and do things at a high level,” general manager Danny Ferry said. “Clearly LeBron’s an important player for Northeast Ohio, for Cleveland, for the Cavaliers. It’s all ground in winning, too. Antawn can help us win. We’re excited what he can bring to us over the next few years.”

The Knicks can afford a run at James, and perhaps someone else in the class that could include Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

By including Jared Jeffries in the deal for McGrady, whose \$22.5 million contract expires after this season, the Knicks removed \$6.9 million from next season’s payroll and left them with about \$32 million in salary cap space. Those top free agents would



Tracy McGrady, shown during a 2008 win over the Lakers, was traded to the Knicks before yesterday’s trade deadline.

each earn a little more than \$16.5 million in the first season of a max deal.

In the meantime, the Knicks hope McGrady can lead them into the playoff race. He’s only played six games this season after returning from knee surgery, but is convinced he has plenty left.

“I can’t wait to get back on the court to continue doing what I love to do,” McGrady said in a statement on his Web site. “I am excited to be headed to New York and look forward to wearing a Knick uniform. I know that I can and will contribute to this organization. It’s a dream to play in New York and there is nothing that compares to playing in the Garden.”

To get him, they sent Jeffries and rookie Jordan Hill to Houston along with a protected first-round pick in 2012, and gave the Rockets the right to exchange first-round picks in 2011. The Rockets will get high-scoring guard Kevin Martin and forward Hilton Armstrong from Sacramento, while the Kings received Larry Hughes from the Knicks, Carl Landry and Joey Dorsey from Houston and sent guard Sergio Rodriguez to New York.

The Bulls were busy, trading power forward Tyrus Thomas to Charlotte for a future, protected first-round pick and the expiring contracts of guards Flip Murray and Acie Law.

Chicago also dealt guard John Salmons to Milwaukee for Hakim Warrick and Joe

Alexander, whose contracts also are expiring.

“You can see the price to be paid to gain flexibility and in a lot of cases, it was very, very high. You’ve got to give something to get something,” Bulls GM Gar Forman said. “That’s why I think we feel so good today that we kept the nucleus intact, our starting lineup intact, and yet gained the type of flexibility that we wanted to gain to make that next step in the process we wanted to make this summer.”

The Wizards and Clippers also shed salary in the three-team deal that sent Jamison to the Cavaliers. They joined the Knicks, New Jersey Nets, Miami Heat and Bulls as the teams with the most money available.

Also Thursday:

♦ The Utah Jazz traded shooting guard Ronnie Brewer to the Memphis Grizzlies for a future first-round draft pick.

♦ Milwaukee made a second trade, sending rookie guard Jodie Meeks and center Francisco Elson to Philadelphia for guard Royal Ivey, center Primož Brezec and a second-round pick in the 2010 draft.

♦ Sacramento acquired swingman Dominic McGuire and cash from Washington for a protected 2010 second-round pick.

♦ The Bobcats made another minor trade, acquiring veteran big man Theo Ratliff from San Antonio for a second-round pick.

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GOLF



Tiger Woods will speak at 11 a.m. today about his recent affair. The appearance, which will take place at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse, will be his first public appearance in three months and will air on several networks.

Tiger Woods to speak about affair

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods' first public appearance in three months already is shaping up as a national event.

Tight security restricted access on the road that leads to the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse, where Woods is to speak at 11 a.m. EST Friday for the first time since his Nov. 27 accident that set off sordid revelations of infidelity.

Newtworks reworked their programming and, by late Thursday afternoon, seven satellite trucks had already parked outside the Sawgrass Marriott. The parking lot last saw this kind of activity five years

ago — for media day at the Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles.

All because Woods — surely one of the world's most-recognized athletes — is about to re-emerge and say something in person regarding his future and his past.

The public hasn't had a clean look at Woods' face since photos Wednesday of him jogging in his neighborhood outside Orlando.

Far more compelling will be the sound of his voice. Woods has not been heard in the 78 days since a magazine released a voice-mail he allegedly left one of the women to whom he has been romantically

linked, warning that Woods' wife might be calling.

Instead of going on "Oprah" or another national television show to break the ice, Woods essentially will be speaking to the lone camera allowed in the room. It will be televised via satellite.

Three networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — will carry the statement live. ESPN will have it live on all its platforms, including Internet streaming, radio and mobile. The Golf Channel will start coverage at 10:30 a.m. — call it a 30-minute pregame show.

Almost as intriguing is which "friends, colleagues and close associates" will

be in the Sunset Room on the second floor of the Mediterranean-style clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, who made the clubhouse available and is offering logistical help, has said he would attend, and as many as four other members of his executive staff will be in the room.

Everyone else will congregate at the Sawgrass Marriott to watch on short circuit. The adjacent ballrooms looked ready to hold a Super Bowl party, with flat-screen TVs along the walls and a large video screen in the center of the room.

IN BRIEF

Angels, Erick Aybar agree to one-year deal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Infielder Erick Aybar and the Los Angeles Angels agreed Thursday to a \$2.05 million, one-year contract that avoided a salary arbitration hearing.

Aybar batted .312 with five homers and 58 RBIs last season. He can earn an additional \$100,000 in performance bonuses: \$50,000 each for 575 and 625 plate appearances.

Aybar was seeking a \$2.75 million deal after making \$460,000 last year. The Angels countered with an offer of \$1.8 million.

His agreement came Thursday as Angels pitchers and catchers reported to spring training in Arizona.

Angels catcher Jeff Mathis had his hearing, asking for a raise from \$450,000 to \$1.3 million. Los Angeles argued that he should be paid \$700,000.

A decision by arbitrators Elliott Shiftman, Steven Wolf and Margaret Brogan is expected by Friday.

NFL hires Vincent as VP of player development

NEW YORK — The NFL named former All-Pro cornerback Troy Vincent vice president of player development for active players on Thursday.

Vincent, who will join the league office on February 22, was a five-time Pro Bowler who played for Miami, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Washington and was president of the NFL Players Association for four years until March 2008.

He will oversee a broad array of support programs for players and their families, including the Rookie Symposium, Conduct Management Program and LifeSkills, and will work on new programs that will address the needs and concerns of incoming and current NFL players.

"I appreciate this opportunity to continue to be involved in the NFL working with active players and tomorrow's NFL athletes," Vincent said in a statement from the NFL.

Bills shocked by RT Butler's retirement

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills starting right tackle Brad Butler announced his retirement on Thursday.

The news comes as a surprise to the Bills after the 26-year-old Butler just completed only his fourth NFL season.

Butler majored in government studies at Virginia, and spent the 2008 off-season interning at Kemp Partners in Washington DC with former and late Bills quarterback and congressman Jack Kemp.

"My passion for education, country and community is something that I am ready to devote my full attention to," he said in a statement released by the team. "I believe the best way to pursue these spheres of interest is to step away from the game of football at this point in my life."

Butler started all but two of the 33 career games he played in after being drafted in the fifth round of the 2006 draft.

OLYMPICS

U.S. defeats Norway by comfortable margin

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — It took nearly all 60 minutes for the U.S. hockey team to get the blowout it wanted.

Nursing a two-goal lead for much of the final two periods, the Americans broke it open against Norway on Thursday when defenseman Brian Rafalski scored twice in the final three minutes of a 6-1 victory.

Phil Kessel and Chris Drury had first-period goals, Patrick Kane stretched the lead to 3-0 in the second, and Ryan Malone added his second goal of the tournament to back seldom-tested goalie Ryan Miller.

The Americans improved to 2-0 in these Olympics. They held a 39-11 edge in shots over Norway, which has been outscored 14-1 in two games.

Rafalski's first goal with 3 minutes remaining came shortly after Olympic swimming great Michael Phelps left his rinkside seat. Rafalski finished the late outburst in the last minute.

After winning only once in six games (1-4-1) four years ago in Turin, the United States will have a chance to capture Group A with a victory over heavily favored Canada on Sunday.

With only a 3-1 victory Tuesday over Switzerland, the U.S. was in danger of tiebreaker problems should it fall to Canada. Four teams clinch spots in the quarterfinals, while the other eight countries will play for the other four spots. Goal differential is a key tiebreaker, so lopsided wins are beneficial.

The Americans held a 15-2 shots advantage through the first period and 23-9 after 40 minutes. But Miller was beaten for a short-handed goal by Marius Holtet in the second.

That gave the Norwegians, seeded 11th in the 12-team tournament, something to celebrate after an 8-0 loss in their opener to Canada on Tuesday night.

Chants of "USA USA" broke out less than 20 seconds in and before the Americans recorded their first shot. Unlike Wednesday, when ABBA music was played during stoppages of Sweden's game against Germany, U.S. artists—Bruce Springsteen, John Denver, Bon Jovi—were on the playlist.

Not to be outdone, many fans decked out in red—Norway and Canada varieties — yelled support for the decided underdogs.

The Americans' top line connected in the second period for its first goal. Kane slipped a pass to Zach Parise at the left point and charged to the net as the New Jersey Devils' forward fired a shot. Pal Grotnes, who despite allowing four goals called the loss to Canada the best game he ever played, left a big rebound off his pad that Kane steered into the open right side to make it 3-0 at 5:52.

Grotnes didn't finish the game against Canada and was said to have leg cramps.

The U.S. had numerous chances to put the game away on its power play, but never got it in sync. Kane made a nifty move deep in the zone to get around a defender, drawing ooohs from the crowd. But instead of shooting, he tried to pass to captain Jamie

Langenbrunner on his left wing.

The puck missed its target, and Holtet led a 2-on-1 rush the other way. Holtet zipped a drive from the right circle that eluded Miller's blocker and found its way in off the post at 8:37 to bring Norway within 3-1.

Miller was better with 4:22 remaining in the period when he did the splits to stop a redirected shot off the stick of Anders Bastiansen that barely caught his pad before it could find its way into the net.

The Buffalo Sabres star goalie, who U.S. coach Ron Wilson said will start every game barring something drastic, faced only two shots in the first period, but both were prime scoring chances for Jonas Andersen. The second was a one-timer from the right circle that had Miller darting across the crease.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Vanderbilt recruit killed

POWDER SPRINGS, Ga. — A high school football star who had signed to play at Vanderbilt University was shot to death early Thursday by his mother's ex-boyfriend shortly after police arrived to investigate a report of a person with a weapon, authorities said.

Officers heard four or five gunshots around 2:30 a.m. as they arrived at the home where Rajaan Bennett, 18, lived with his mother, said Powder Springs Maj. Charles Spann. Inside they found Bennett, a running back at McEachern High School who was rated among Georgia's top college football prospects, dead of a gunshot wound.

Boyd said Clifton Steger, 39, of Milledgeville shot Bennett and then killed himself. Bennett's uncle, Taiwan Hunter, 32, was wounded and underwent surgery. He was in critical condition Thursday afternoon. His mother, Narjaketha Bennett, and two other children

were unharmed.

It was not clear what prompted the shooting, but Spann said there was no sign of a struggle. He also said there had been no previous reports of domestic violence at the west Georgia home.

"We are still investigating," he said. "We won't make any assumptions until we finish our investigation."

McEachern football coach Kyle Hockman said while Bennett excelled on the football field—he rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 28 touchdowns last season—he also led an exemplary life outside of sports.

"He was an All-State football player, but he was a better person," he said. "He touched the lives of thousands."

Bennett picked Vanderbilt over other schools because he felt it would help better prepare him for life after football, Hockman said. Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said in a statement that Bennett "was an

extraordinary young man and an ideal fit" for his program.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his mother Narjaketha and family members," he said. "I know he meant so much to them."

Bennett, a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., had an outsized reputation at McEachern, a sprawling school on the outskirts of west Atlanta that sports a football field in the middle of campus.

"We have a population of 2,200 kids, and when you're Rajaan Bennett, you touch the lives of all 2,200," said principal Regina Montgomery, who added that counselors will be on hand to help students.

More than 100 hundred students gathered at a somber candlelight vigil in the pavement surrounding a park near the school, singing songs and sharing stories about Bennett. A poster sat near the middle of the vigil that read: "God only takes the best."



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NBA

Nets to move to Newark

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets are going to play in Newark, at least for the next two seasons.

The NBA team reached a deal with the state to move their regular-season games to Newark's Prudential Center until their new arena is built in Brooklyn.

Under the deal, the Nets will pay a \$4 million penalty over two years to get out of their lease at the Izod Center in the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, their home since 1981.

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority voted to approve the deal Thursday morning. Details of the arrangement were announced Thursday afternoon by Gov. Chris Christie's office.

"This is a good agreement for the Nets and a good agreement for New Jersey," said Jon Hanson, who chairs a governor's gaming, sports, and entertainment commission and who worked on the deal.

The Nets plan to finish the current season at the Izod Center and move to "The Rock" in downtown Newark for the 2010-11 and the 2011-12 seasons.

The team, which will continue to practice and be headquartered in an East Rutherford office about a mile from the Izod Center, plans to move into a new arena in Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

"This temporary move not

only gives our fans a state-of-the-art arena with the first-class amenities common in most NBA buildings, but also provides our players with a great atmosphere in which to play," Nets chief executive Brett Yormark said in a statement.

Yormark said the move also allows the team to grow its fan base in Essex and Union counties, as well as with fans in New York City who can use mass transit to attend games.

"We are confident that the NBA family will see this as a positive move, as we do," Yormark said. "We look forward to being part of the community in Newark and will continue our extensive community outreach in the area."

The Nets are struggling this season. They have won only 5 of 54 games and need five victories to avoid the NBA record for fewest wins in a season (9-73) set by the Philadelphia 76ers in 1972-73.

The Nets likely will have a very high pick in the NBA draft in June. The team has plenty of salary cap space for potential free agents this summer. Among the players eligible to seek free agency are LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Mikhail Prokhorov, the Russian tycoon who has agreed in principle to buy the team, has indicated that he will spend money to sign free agents once the league approves the sale.

Officials have long tried to broker a truce between the Izod

Center and the Prudential Center; while the Nets played in East Rutherford, the New Jersey Devils called Newark home.

The deal means that the Devils, Nets and Seton Hall will be playing in the Prudential Center.

"The Nets, Devils and Seton Hall all played at Continental when it was called that and it wasn't a problem," said Devils owner Jeff Vanderbeek, referring to the previous name of the Izod Center. "I am confident if they came here it would work out fine."

The agreement reached Thursday contains a non-disparagement between Izod and Prudential, with the Newark arena focusing on sports and the Izod Center concentrating on concerts and family shows.

As part of the agreement, the \$4 million penalty can be offset by various credits, including up to \$250,000 each year for the guarantee of proceeds to benefit the Newark Symphony Hall; up to \$100,000 each year for the leasing of two Prudential Center suites to the Sports and Exposition Authority, one during Nets games and one during general events; and, up to \$100,000 each year in advertising credits.

The Nets played two preseason games in Newark, both drawing far more than usual at the Izod Center. The announced crowd for their 96-92 preseason loss to New York was 15,721.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Orange survive Hoyas, keep conference lead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Andy Rautins scored a season-high 26 points, and No. 5 Syracuse blew most of a 23-point lead before escaping with an exhausting 75-71 victory over No. 10 Georgetown on Thursday night.

The Orange (25-2, 12-2 Big East) never trailed in improving to 7-0 on the road and 6-0 against ranked teams. Coming off a home loss to Louisville, Syracuse built an 11-point lead in the opening 4 minutes and led 60-37 with 12:37 left.

That's when the Hoyas (18-7, 8-6) finally found their shooting touch — and the Orange went cold. Syracuse made only two baskets in the final 8 minutes, and shot 33 percent with 10 turnovers in the second half.

The comeback started with a 10-0 run. After Rautins connected from beyond the arc, two more Georgetown baskets made it 63-51 with 7.5 minutes left and brought the crowd in the Verizon Center to its feet.

Rautins then made two foul shots, but the Hoyas followed with a 9-0 spree to close to 65-60. Minutes later, Austin Freeman converted a three-point play and added a dunk to make it 67-65 with 3:12 to go.

Georgetown closed to 71-70 with 1:10 remaining and had a chance to take the lead, but a shot by Jason Clark bounced off

the rim. Kris Joseph then scored on a drive for the Orange with 8.4 seconds left, and after a free throw by Clark, Rautins sealed the win with two foul shots.

Freeman scored 21 points for Georgetown, and Chris Wright and Greg Monroe had 20 apiece.

Syracuse guard Wes Johnson, who suffered through a 5-of-20 shooting performance against Louisville, had 16 points and eight rebounds. Rick Jackson contributed 12 points and eight rebounds.

The Hoyas, who lost at Rutgers on Sunday, are mired in their first losing streak of the season. But they certainly made it interesting against their long-time rivals, who finish with a regular-season sweep after winning by 17 points at home last month.

Frustrated by a tight Syracuse zone defense, the Hoyas went 9 of 29 (31 percent) from the field in the first half.

The Orange made five of their first six shots to quickly go up 13-2. After a 3-pointer by Wright got the Hoyas to 15-6, Rautins followed with two free throws and a 3-pointer — giving him half of Syracuse's first 20 points.

Things then temporarily unraveled for the Orange. Georgetown went on a 12-2 run, and with 9:35 left, Syracuse starting center Arinze Onuaku picked up his third foul.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles close season with trip to Albion

By TIMOTHY SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's concludes its regular season in an important conference battle at Albion Saturday.

The game could have a major impact upon the seeding of the MIAA tournament. Currently, the Belles sit alone in third place in the conference. However, with a loss, Saint Mary's would enter into a tie for third with Adrian.

"A lot is at stake," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "Every single game matters."

Despite a losing record, Albion will come out tough against Saint Mary's as they battle for fifth place in the conference.

Briton juniors Melissa Shaw and Keigan Edwards lead the team in average points per game with 14.1 and 9.7, respectively. To be able to combat the Albion guards, the Belles will have to put forth a top defensive effort.

"They have very good guard play," Henley said. "They have great outside shooters and

defense will be huge."

Defense is certainly going to be key. The Belles carry defensive momentum after a solid defensive performance in their previous game against Albion. The Belles allowed only 59 points and won by a 20-point margin against Olivet Wednesday.

Albion is a dangerous team, poised for an upset of the Belles who are riding high on a great victory in their final home game of the regular season. Their record does not speak of the damage that they could inflict upon the Belles.

Albion holds a five-game winning streak over the Belles. Saint Mary's has not defeated the Brits since Valentine's Day of 2007.

"Albion has been a team that has always gotten us," Henley said. "We need to go in there and prove something to ourselves."

Saint Mary's hopes to do just that as they travel to Albion for tip-off at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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"A lot is at stake. Every single game matters."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

ND SOFTBALL

ND looks to end losing streak

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish opened the season with an 11-3 victory over Creighton, but now Notre Dame finds itself looking to end a four-game losing streak when it plays another four games over the weekend at the Southern Miss Mizuno Classic.

The Irish (1-4) will play Louisiana Tech and Southern Miss Saturday followed by Alcorn State and Stephen F. Austin State University Sunday.

"Our goal for this upcoming weekend is to put out the best Notre Dame product out on the field," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I don't believe we have done this yet."

Last weekend, the Irish lost to the defending national champion and top ranked Washington Huskies, Oregon State, Oregon and Auburn after opening the season successfully against Creighton.

"Every team we play will give us challenges," Gumpf said. "We are facing good opponents. Our main focus is on us, making sure we are playing consistent, hard, tough softball."

For each of last weekend's losses, one bad inning or one bad play changed Notre Dame's confidence on the

field and at the plate.

The Irish have been working on changing different aspects of the game to make sure to eliminate the small mistakes this coming weekend.

"Primarily we focused on our defense being more aggressive on the short game and working with on field communication during situations," assistant coach Kris Ganeff said. "Offensively we have been working on attacking first pitch strikes and executing situations in order to score more runs."

After working on different areas of their defense and offense, Gumpf said she feels confident about the talent of this year's team.

"I believe we have what we need to be successful in all three facets of the game. We have strong pitching, solid defense and great hitters," Gumpf said. "We are a very good team that hasn't put our best product on the field yet."

In addition to the four losses at Arizona State last weekend, the Irish also lost sophomore infielder and power hitter Dani Miller due to a back

injury.

Miller's status for this weekend is still not determined, but Ganeff claims that this setback will not determine the Irish's chances of pulling out a few wins this weekend.

"[Miller] is a great competitor who brings a lot to the field, but we know that we have depth on the bench ready to fill in if anyone of our starters go out with an injury," Ganeff said.

The Irish consistently play difficult teams during the beginning of their season with the intention of getting good field experience in before their Big East games. The preparation necessary to be ready for in-conference games makes each of the early games important as the Irish hope for a repeat Big East Championship win and another ring this season.

"Every game we play is important," Gumpf said. "We need to start gaining some momentum and consistency."

Tournament play begins for the Irish Saturday at 3 p.m. at Hattiesburg, Miss.

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NBA

Anthony's shot tops James

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Carmelo Anthony scored 40 points, including the winning basket, and the Denver Nuggets overcame LeBron James' triple-double and ended the Cleveland Cavaliers' 13-game streak with a 118-116 victory in overtime Thursday night.

James had his triple-double by the end of regulation, finishing with 43 points, 13 rebounds and 15 assists, but Anthony matched him shot for shot, hitting the winner on a deep jumper over an outstretched James with 1.9 seconds left.

Denver's Kenyon Martin had 18 points and a season-high 17 rebounds, but the night belonged to two of the three top scorers in the league, who put on quite a display. Anthony played 48 minutes, adding seven assists and six rebounds for the Nuggets.

Denver had plenty of motivation to begin the second half of its season with a win.

Nuggets coach George Karl was on the bench despite battling nausea and headaches in recent days as a result of chemotherapy. Karl coached his first game since disclosing Tuesday he has neck and throat cancer.

James and Anthony entered first and third in the league in scoring, respectively, and didn't disappoint. The two combined to make just 4 of 20 shots in the first quarter, then spent the rest of the night hitting huge shots in each other's face.

The Cavaliers had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but James slipped while receiving the inbound pass and his 3-pointer



Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony tries to drive past LeBron James during Denver's 118-116 overtime victory Thursday night.

rattled off the rim. An exhausted James, who played 47 minutes, missed his final four shots in overtime. His triple-double was the third of the season and 27th of his career. His 15 assists tied a career high.

Karl will likely miss some games and practices while undergoing a rigorous six-week treatment program of radiation and chemotherapy, but he accompanied the Nuggets on their two-game trip to Cleveland and Washington, where Denver plays on Friday.

Shaquille O'Neal had 18 points and seven rebounds and J.J. Hickson had 14 points for

Cleveland, which made just 23 of 40 free throws.

On the day the Cavaliers introduced Antawn Jamison as their newest star, their old one was at his best. James' big night came with Oscar Robertson in attendance. Robertson, who averaged a triple-double during the 1961-62 season, was honored before the game along with Jerry West, James and Anthony as co-captains of U.S. Olympic gold medal basketball teams.

Robertson and West captained the Americans' gold medal in 1960, while James and Anthony were the co-captains in 2008.

OLYMPICS

Lysacek takes figure skating gold for U.S.

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Evan Lysacek brought down the champion.

Lysacek became the first U.S. man to win the Olympic gold medal since Brian Boitano in 1988, shocking everyone — maybe even himself — by upsetting defending champion Evgeni Plushenko on Thursday night. Plushenko came out of retirement with the sole purpose of making a little history of his own with a second straight gold medal.

Plushenko, the last to skate, held up both index fingers when he finished, as if to say, "Was there ever any question?" As it turned out, yes.

And it wasn't really that close.

When Plushenko's scores were posted, someone in the arena screamed out, "Evan Lysacek has won the gold!" Backstage, surrounded by longtime coach Frank Carroll and pairs gold medalists Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo, Lysacek threw back his head in disbelief and utter elation.

Lysacek, the reigning world champion, finished with a career-best 257.67, 1.31 ahead of the Russian. Daisuke Takahashi won the bronze, the first Japanese man to win a figure skating medal at the Olympic

Games.

Lysacek was the first of the big guns to skate in the last group, and he played it safe for the first three minutes of his 4 1/2 -minute program. He had long decided against doing a quad, not wanting to risk further damage to the left foot he'd broken last spring. But everything he did was technically perfect. His jumps were done with the control and dependability of a fine Swiss timepiece, and his spins were so well-centered you could see the tight little circle of his tracings clear across the ice.

He didn't skate with all his usual flair and charisma. But when he landed his last jump, a double axel, Lysacek let loose. His face was so expressive budding actors should take note, and he fixed the judges with a kingly glare during his circular steps. Fans were roaring their approval as he finished his final spin.

The last note of his music was still fading when Lysacek pumped his fists and screamed, "Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!" He clapped his hands and skated to center ice, throwing his arms out wide to the crowd and blowing kisses. He put his arm around Carroll, who had yet to coach a gold medalist despite a list of past and present skaters that read's like a Who's Who on Ice.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish travel to face Huskies

Observer Staff Report

The Irish head to Washington this weekend to close out their five-match road series as they take on the Huskies.

No. 35 Notre Dame (3-4) first met the No. 25 Huskies on the court in 2000 with Washington (7-1) holding a 2-1 advantage. The Irish first defeated the Huskies 6-1 on March 5, 2007 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Huskies recently had a weekend sweep of Mississippi State and East Tennessee State on Feb. 5 and 7. They have

also defeated Gonzaga, Arkansas, Portland, UC Irvine and Boise State. Their only loss went to Illinois, whom the Irish will face on March 2.

Notre Dame staged a comeback on Feb. 13 at Michigan, but the Irish fell short with a 4-3 loss to the Wolverines. They fell behind at the start, but rallied to a 3-3 tie. The Wolverines slid past the Irish in the third set of the final singles match.

No. 18-ranked sophomore Casey Watt started the Irish scoring bid with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) win at No. 1 singles over

No. 50 Jason Jung. Junior Daniel Stahl was victorious at No. 3 singles with a win over Mike Sroczynski 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 while fellow junior David Anderson earned the third Irish point at No. 6 singles with his 7-6, (7-5), 6-3 win over Chris Cha. None of the Notre Dame doubles pairs were victorious.

Washington will be the seventh nationally-ranked opponent the Irish face out of eight matches this spring.

Notre Dame will take on the Huskies in Seattle at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

SMC TENNIS

Belles look for first win of season

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will continue their string of tune-ups for conference play when they take on Olivet Nazarene today at the Eck Pavilion. The Belles (0-1, 0-0) are looking to record their first win of the season after falling to non-conference opponent Case Western to open up their schedule.

Olivet Nazarene will be another opportunity for the

Belles to shake off the early season rust before opening up conference play in a little over a month.

The Tigers will provide a tough test for the Belles, sporting an NAIA Regional Championship just three years ago.

They have also qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in each of the last four seasons.

Their overall record in the 2009 season was 17-7.

The Belles will follow up their match against Olivet Nazarene with a tilt against

North Central College. That will complete the Belles’ set of matches before taking their annual preseason training trip to Orlando over the mid-semester break.

During the trip, the Belles will compete against six separate colleges, mostly from the Midwest, in a prelude to their conference season.

The Belles take on Olivet Nazarene tonight at 6 p.m. at Eck Pavilion.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Notre Dame retains lead at Big East meet

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Irish men retained their lead in the overall standings at the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh Thursday.

When the final event of the day finished, the Irish held a 30-point lead over Louisville and a 60-point lead over host Pittsburgh.

Freshman Bill Bass posted the biggest swim of the night for the Irish, as he broke the Notre Dame record in the 200-meter individual medley preliminaries in the morning and then proceeded to top that mark during the championship round with a time of 1:46.44, good enough for second in the event.

“What a tremendous effort for a first year swimmer in our program,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said to und.com after the meet. “We could not be more proud of him.”

Bass’s swim into the record books was the highlight of a night that saw many other Irish swimmers make contributions. Decorated senior John Lytle

came in seventh in the 50-meter freestyle, an event that saw Cincinnati’s Josh Schneider set Big East and Cincinnati school records. Junior Steven Brus, who was the defending champion in the 500-meter freestyle, finished fifth in the same event with a time of 4:26.66.

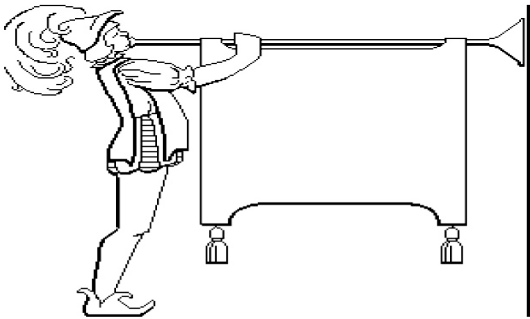
Ultimately, the Irish needed a strong finish in the night’s final event in order to stay on top of the rankings at the end of the Championship’s sixth day of action. The 200-meter freestyle relay team composed of seniors Lytle and Andrew Hoffman, junior Joshua Nosal and freshman Kevin Overholt delivered. The squad, which came out of the preliminaries seeded sixth out of 10 teams, posted a time of 1:20.93, good enough for third in the event and staking the Irish to the lead they now enjoy heading into the final two days of competition.

“We’ve got our work cut out for us and we’re ready for the challenge these next few days,” Welsh said.

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Tim Welsh
Irish coach



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Schrage

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tive hitters in outfielder A.J. Pollock and shortstop Jeremy Barnes to the MLB draft last May.

Pollock and Barnes combined for 25 home runs and 122 RBIs, but senior captain and designated hitter Ryan Connolly is confident the team's balance will be enough to fill the void.

"We just need to be more consistent. I think we have the potential this year, instead of having two guys hit 12 to 15 home runs and drive in 60 runs, we can have six or seven guys hit five to seven home runs and still drive in runs. We have a different dynamic, and I think it will make us a different team to play against."

Led by Connolly and junior captain Mick Doyle, Schrage believes the Irish are more than capable of handling the best the Big East has to offer.

"No question about it, you have to play to your personnel," Schrage said. "I think we're going to be more of a manufacture-runs type team. We've been working a lot on hitting and running, and running and hitting. We have to be more aggressive on the base paths. We've got a little bit less power, so you have to make up for it with base running."

The Irish will rely heavily

on the experience and depth of the pitching staff to keep them in close games. Junior captain Cole Johnson, who led the team with 94.2 innings pitched and 64 strikeouts in 2009, returns as the Irish ace. Schrage will use a rotation of Johnson, senior Eric Maust, junior captain Brian Dupra and freshman Steve Sabatino, each of whom can pitch deep into games.

"It's going to be a bit more balanced," Schrage said. "We're coming in with a lot of confidence with four starting pitchers right now, and at the

end of games we're really going to need our bullpen. They can take a little bit of pressure off of our starting staff."

The Irish hope the biggest improvement from 2009 will be the ability to win consistently on the road. Notre Dame finished 6-7 away from Eck Stadium, a trend Schrage says he would like to reverse when the Irish open the season Friday with a three-game series against the Delta Devils.

"When you play on the road you have to be a lot more mentally tough," Schrage said. "You have to overcome a lot of the obstacles on the road. Any sport it's tough to win on the road, but good teams find a way to get it done."

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Dave Schrage
Irish coach

Duke

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returning captain and fifth-year senior Scott Rodgers.

"We're excited about our captains and the leadership throughout the team, which is one of our real strengths," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame's strength lies in moving through the season as a team. The Irish came out of 2009 first in the nation with a school record 6.19 goals-against average, and their offense was 10th in the nation averaging 11.00 goals per game. Notre Dame will look to bring these assets and also illustrate some of its other strong points in Saturday's game.

"We want to be fundamentally sound, athletic, be aggressive and play with a high IQ of the game," Corrigan said of his team. "Those are what we pride ourselves on, what we've built our program off of, and what we're going to look for coming out of this game."

Notre Dame and Duke will open the season Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Irish goaltender Scott Rodgers makes a save in the 2009 NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame opens the season Saturday at Duke.

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Road

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Schrader, who injured her left ankle Sunday against DePaul, is an uncertainty to play against the Hoyas, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. Though Schrader did well in Wednesday's practice, McGraw said, the final decision will be made at game-time.

"That will affect us a lot. [Schrader] is a big part of our offense, and with her defense and rebounding," Barlow said. "It makes us a much smaller team with her out of the lineup, we have to play four guards most of the time. I mean, we can do it. We've just got to get back to playing the way we know how."

Junior guard Brittany Mallory replaced Schrader in the starting lineup Tuesday and took full advantage, tallying 17 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Devereaux Peters also stepped in to fill the void and added 9 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

"They step up in big moments," Barlow said. "When they're needed, they rise to the occasion. I would expect nothing less from them. They know that when they're called upon, they produce for us."

The game at Georgetown (21-4, 10-2) is Notre Dame's second straight road game against a ranked team. McGraw said the schedule's toughness could work in her players' favor as they prepare for the tourna-

ment season.

"The Big East is going to be tough all the time," she said. "You've got to be ready for it. We're at the time of year when we have to start peaking."

The Irish will need to do so against a Georgetown squad that resembles their own — the Hoyas specialize in forcing turnovers (25.8 per game to Notre Dame's 23.9) and even have a standout freshman in guard Sugar Rodgers. She leads the team with 17.9 points per game and has garnered Big East freshman of the week honors four times, the same number as Irish freshman guard Skylar Diggins.

Georgetown is coming off of a 54-50 win over South Florida Wednesday. Saturday's game

will be the Hoyas' senior game, as well as their Pink Zone game for breast cancer awareness. Notre Dame's Pink Zone game was Sunday.

The game will have important implications for Notre Dame in the Big East — if the Irish win, they will secure a two-round bye in the conference tournament. Additionally, the Irish and Hoyas are currently tied with West Virginia for second place in the league and a win could give either team sole possession of the second slot.

"Every game is important from here on out," McGraw said. "We've got four games left. We've got to finish strong."

Tip-off is at 3 p.m. Saturday at McDonough Arena.

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"We've got four games left. We've got to finish strong."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

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but acknowledge.

"Over our week off, we sat down and it is what it is. We've realized where we're at," the alternate captain said. "We know we aren't going to get a first round bye. We realize we aren't in the national tournament right now."

Despite these dire facts, the Irish refuse to throw in the towel on the season. With sophomore wing Billy Maday and junior defenseman Ian Cole finally returning to the lineup after more than a month injured on the bench, Lawson said the team sees potential for a late run.

"We are going to approach these next four [games] like we are playing for everything, because after these four games our lives are on the line," Lawson said. "We're just looking to get

some momentum, get some guys back in the lineup, and hopefully build some continuity and some chemistry."

Before his injury, Maday was the team's leading scorer, and the Irish have missed the scoring potential he brings to the ice.

Without Cole keeping Lawson company on the defensive line, forwards have needed to fill in on the back line, further depleting the offensive firepower, but, hopefully, with added bodies, these tendencies will finally break, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

"We have to find a way to score goals, whether it is off face-offs or the power play," Jackson said. "There have been times where it looked really good, but then you take guys like Cole and [junior defenseman Teddy] Ruth out of the lineup, and you are only playing with four defensemen."

This weekend may be the ideal weekend for the Notre Dame offense to break loose once and

for all. Bowling Green has given up the most goals in the CCHA by 13, and have also scored the fewest goals. Nonetheless, Jackson will not let his team underestimate the Falcons.

"They are tenacious, they work extremely hard," he said. "Their record isn't great, but they are going to play confident, intense at home. ... They will not sit back and let us beat them."

Yet Jackson knows what is at stake by now for the Irish. Two wins could spark some momentum, while anything else will leave the team stalled in 10th.

"This weekend is about trying to start getting some sort of momentum going into the playoffs," Jackson said.

The puck will drop in Notre Dame's second-to-last weekend of the regular season at 7:05 p.m. Friday night and 5:05 p.m. Saturday night.

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Illini

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Illinois we know they will play hard and be ready to take us on."

The Irish will attempt to take down the nation's best women's tennis team, the Northwestern Wildcats, Sunday. The Wildcats recently moved up to No. 1 after winning last weekend's ITA Kick-Off Weekend National Tournament, which the Irish did not qualify for after the loss to North Carolina.

"With Northwestern we are excited to play the top-ranked team to see where we stand," Louderback said. "We always have good matches against

Northwestern."

Aside from being the top team in the nation, the Irish look toward the Wildcats as a big rivalry as the two teams have played each other for many seasons in a row.

"We play [Northwestern] every year, and we know the coaches, the players, their attitudes, their playing styles, basically everything," sophomore Kristy Frilling said. "Every year is more competitive than the next, so I'm anticipating an intense match with them on Sunday."

Frilling will more than likely play Northwestern's Maria Mosolova, who was ranked in the nation's top singles position last season and defeated Frilling in the fall portion of the season.

The Irish lost the doubles point

in their last win against Michigan, so Louderback has been working on rearranging their doubles lineup a little to ensure that Notre Dame wins the ever crucial doubles point in both matches this weekend.

"I think this weekend we have changed the doubles teams a bit, to get a different feel and to see how these new teams work out," Frilling said. "We've been practicing with these different teams the past two weeks, and everyone is looking good and excited to try these changes this weekend."

Notre Dame hosts Illinois at 1 p.m. Saturday and Northwestern at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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30 Land of a Million Elephants

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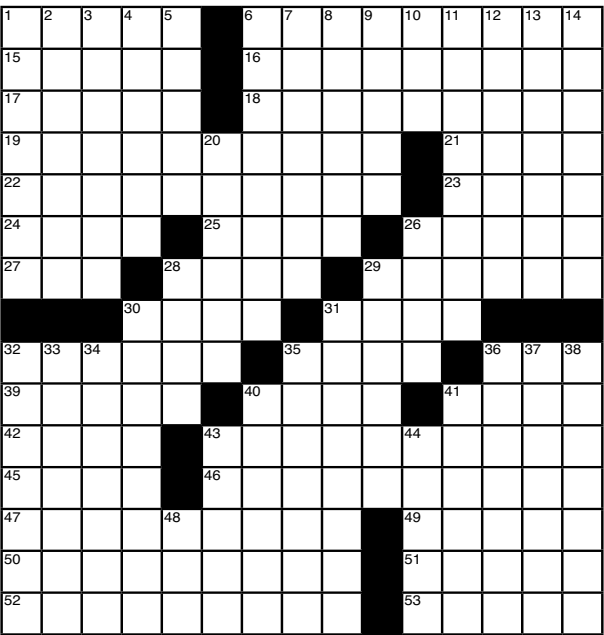
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- 6 Bicep builders' accessories
- 7 Process of mountain building
- 8 Walt Disney has more of these than anyone else
- 9 Great ___
- 10 Post-punk genre
- 11 Returns, as from a high level
- 12 Makeup of some jokes
- 13 Briefly
- 14 Stereotypical college drinker
- 20 OB's perform them
- 26 Bye for an Italian soccer team?



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- 28 Suffix after kitchen

29 Irk

30 Factor in a more healthful diet, perhaps

31 Food item once used as currency in Mongolia

32 Event with pairs and eights
- 33 Fresh angle

34 Add gradually, as to dough

35 Virtuoso

36 Certain table tennis grip

37 1941 Glenn Miller hit that spent five weeks at #1
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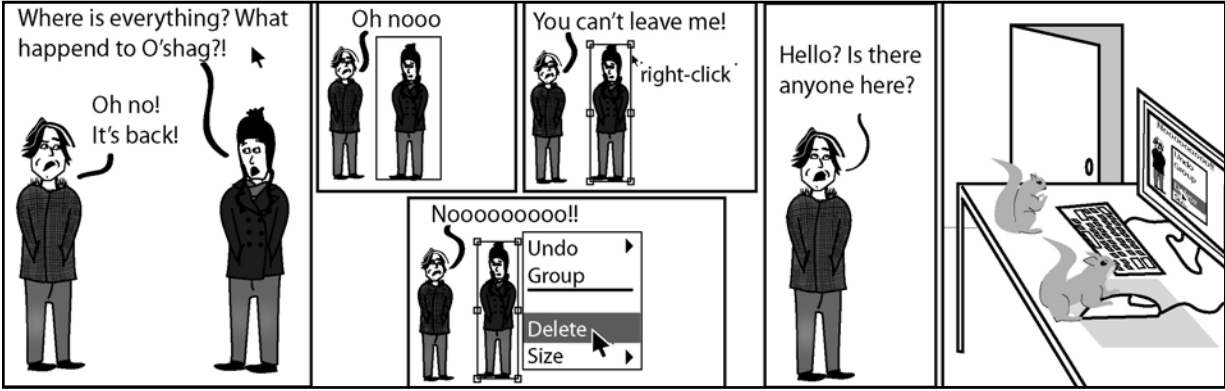
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a long, hard look at your goals and, if you aren't happy with what you see, it may be time to rediscover what you have to offer. New beginnings are always difficult but they can be exciting and rewarding as well. ★★★★★

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Road redemption

After loss, ND looks for road win in D.C.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

After suffering only its second loss of the season, both on the road, Notre Dame travels to the nation's capital to take on No. 14 Georgetown Saturday.

The No. 4 Irish had not lost in eight straight games before they fell to No. 22 St. John's Tuesday, and that was following a 15-game winning streak separated by a loss to top-ranked Connecticut. Now, Notre Dame (23-3, 10-2 Big East) looks to build up another streak.

"We've just got to bounce back," senior captain Ashley Barlow said. "We have to come in and work hard and get after it in practice. We practice hard. We've just got to transfer that stuff into the game."

Senior guard Lindsay

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins drives during Notre Dame's 90-66 victory over DePaul on Feb. 14. Diggins and the Irish look to get back to their winning ways Saturday at Georgetown.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to defend home court

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After suffering their first loss of the season against North Carolina on Jan. 31, the Irish host Illinois Saturday and top-ranked Northwestern Sunday.

"We are treating these matches like our national indoor since we didn't make it to the tournament," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "I think we will be excited to play both teams for different reasons."

First this weekend, the Irish will take on the Fighting Illini, who are not currently ranked in the NCAA but still boast a highly respectable program in collegiate women's tennis.

"Illinois is coached by Michelle Dasso who was an All-American at Notre Dame and was my assistant for three years," Louderback said. "With Michelle coaching at

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Ninth-ranked Notre Dame opens season against No. 2

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish open a new season ranked ninth in the pre-season USILA coaches' poll, and have been picked to finish second in the newly formed seven-team Big East. But Notre Dame's only concern right now is opening the season against No. 2 Duke Saturday.

"We don't look too far

ahead," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We aren't going to worry about goals and expectations for the season. That only means we had a good team at the end of last season. We're getting into this game and are concerning ourselves with a very experienced and strong Duke team."

And the Irish are right not to be thinking ahead of Duke. The Blue Devils finished the 2009 season with a loss to Syracuse in the national

semifinals, and are ready to prove themselves stronger this season. With a roster of 17 seniors and fifth-year seniors in addition to their younger players and returning All-Americans, including the nation's top attacker Max Quinzani, the Blue Devils return a strong attack.

However, Notre Dame has proved itself to be a force in the past as well, finishing the 2009 season with a 15-1 campaign and the No. 7 seed

entering the NCAA Championship. The Irish won both the Great Western Lacrosse League regular-season and tournament titles in the conference's final season. With the creation of the Big East's men's lacrosse league, they might have a slightly greater challenge with rivals such as Syracuse, Georgetown, Providence, St. John's, Rutgers and Villanova. "[Duke] is going to be a challenge, but more than that

we need to play with concern for our own team in our first game of the season," Corrigan said. "We need to play with the lacrosse IQ and the athletic intensity that can distinguish our team."

Returning for Notre Dame are six starters and 16 letterwinners, including first-time senior captains Mike Creighton, Neal Hicks and Kelley McKenna, as well as

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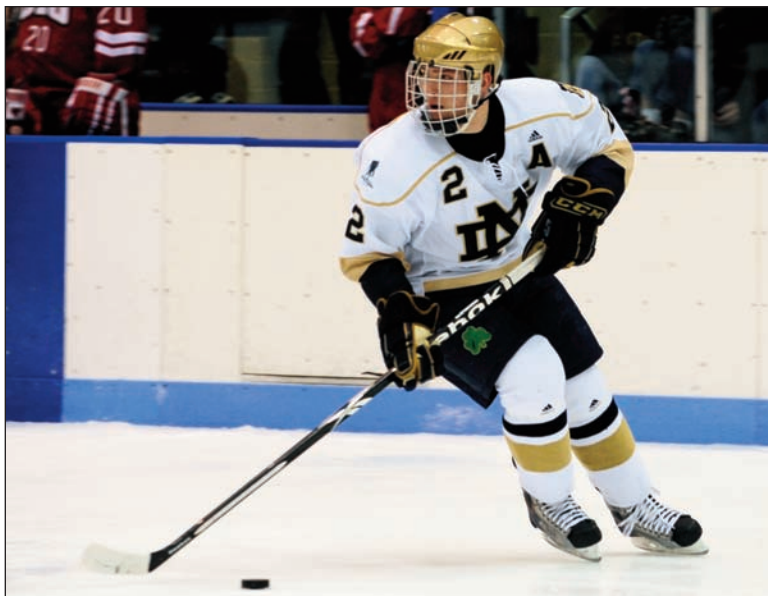
Two return from injuries

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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With only two weekends left in the regular season and Notre Dame looking up from 10th place in the conference standings, the Irish are simply seeking momentum, beginning in a two-game series this weekend at Bowling Green.

Notre Dame (12-13-7, 8-10-6-2 CCHA) was tied for fourth in the CCHA when it headed up to Western Michigan two weeks ago. A Broncos sweep and a week of inaction dropped the Irish to third from the cellar in the conference, and a first round bye in the conference tournament was all but ruled out, a fact senior defenseman Kyle Lawson could not help

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Senior defenseman Kyle Lawson will finally have relief on the back line as junior Ian Cole returns this weekend against Bowling Green.

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BASEBALL

Squad heads south for '10 season opener

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As the Irish lace up the cleats for the 2010 season opener against Mississippi Valley State this weekend, the ultimate goal in the back of their minds will be a bid to the College World Series. Fourth-year Irish coach Dave Schrage says that's exactly where a trip to Omaha should be: the very back of his players' minds.

"I know it's cliché, but we've just been focusing on getting better every day and trying to be the best team we can be," Schrage said.

"We've been through January, and we told our guys we don't want to talk about Mississippi Valley or Omaha or winning the Big East. We want to talk about getting better every day."

Notre Dame has made significant strides over the past two seasons, improving its win total steadily from 28 in 2007 to 36 in 2009. The year's team features 7 returning position players and 12 pitchers, an asset Schrage believes will be invaluable early in the season.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame lost two of its most produc-

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