Bengal Bouts fighters make first trip to Bangladesh in program's 79-year history to witness what they fight for

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

For the first time in Bengal Bouts' history, five Notre Dame boxers set their gloves aside to witness first-hand what it is that they are really fighting for in poverty-stricken Bangladesh last summer.

The boxers' trip to Bangladesh provided the opportunity to experience how the money raised from the competition benefits people in the impoverished country, said senior and Bengal Bouts president Mark Weber.

"In our 79 years of service to Bangladesh, not a single boxer had ever actually set foot in the country," he said. "There were many reasons I felt this needed to change - as a student, I saw the potential to provide a tremendous educational experience for our boxers, as the president of Bengal Bouts, I saw the opportunity to transform our connection with Bangladesh from a mere check into a real relationship."

Senior captain Leo Rubinkowski, senior Tomasz Castillo, senior Patrick Martin and alumnus Patrick Ryan accompanied Weber on the trip.

Castillo said the trip was a chance to understand what he had been fighting while boxing at Notre Dame.

"I've been part of the Boxing Club for four years. It meant a lot to be able to box for a good cause, and I was interested in knowing what we really do and what goes on in Bangladesh from a mere check into a real relation.

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Tipoff event opens tournament registration

By SAM WERNER
News Writer

The opening round won't tip off for weeks, but the Bookstore Basketball season officially began last night with the inaugural Bookstore Basketball Tipoff.

Students participated in two games of Knockout, one game of Hot Spots and witnessed a competition of "Horse" fought among business professor Carl Ackerman, president emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy and former Irish basketball player Tom Timmernann as the participants.

"We found that this might be an interesting way to get people out and not just promote registration, but also through registration comes more money for Jumplab," Bookstore Basketball Commissioner Laura Wolbeck said.

Bookstore Basketball donates each year's proceeds to

BP holds auction to raise funds

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

If you're looking for the opportunity to have meals with some of campus' most notable celebrities, including University President emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, Golden Tate and Jimmy Clausen, the Underdones and the Leprechaun, Brown-Phillips Hall has the event for you.

These dinners will be auctioned off at the 25th annual Meal Auction Wednesday night from 7:30-9:30 in LaFortune, co-commissioner of the Meal Auction Mary Beth Lee said.

All proceeds will go to the Meals on Wheels charity, Lee said.

Other celebrities being auctioned off for a dinner date include professor James McKenna, the trombone section of the band, University President emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, members of the women's soccer team and vice president of student affairs Fr. Mark Poomer.

Bidding will start at $5 per plate, but prices can go much higher, Lee said.

"I heard that a few years ago Brady Quinn went for $500 a plate," she said.

Lee said the winner of a meal will dine with the celebrity at a time convenient for everyone's schedules during the semester.
INSIDE COLUMN

Pondering Pokemon

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the societal ramifications of a seemingly innocuous cultural phenomenon from our past: Pokemon.

You could tell a lot about someone by their choice of starting Pokemon. The most popular choice by far was Charmander, because it would evolve into a Charizard, a lean, ferocious, fire-breathing dragon. Who wouldn't want a Charizard? Charizard was hot. Charizard was sexy. Charizard was sleek, powerful, and utterly destructive. The second most popular choice was Squirtle, which looked too cute as a baby to win any battles, but eventually it would evolve into Blastoise, a tank of a turtle with huge water cannons on its back. In last place was Bulbasaur, which would become Venusaur, a chompy looking but with a giant flower growing on its back.

The people who picked Charmanders were the kind with the competitive edge, the killer instinct, the drive to win. They were the Ferrari drivers, the supermodel fashions. Those who went with Squirtle were a little more temperate. They would be likely to drive something big and powerful but still somewhat practical, like a Toyota Land Cruiser. But who would choose Bulbasaur? Maybe they were not into brute force, preferring a good game of chess to rugby. Maybe they wanted more of a strategic challenge. Maybe it's what practical, like a Toyota Land Cruiser, that we would choose. Bulbasaur? Maybe they were not into flaunters. Those who went with the current crisis on Wall Street is at all times. We do, however, recognize that we are, in fact, nomenon from our past: Pokemon.

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THE DAY: AFTER WINNING AN OSCAR, WHO WOULD BE THE FIRST PERSON YOU WOULD THANK?

Blair Santasapir
Junior
Off Campus

"Kit Kellner & The Fest Family."

Simon
Senior
Gavnaugh

"Oscar the Grouch."

Bri Krackell
Sophomore
McGlaun

"Brad Pitt."

Megan Foul
Junior
Papaarilla West

"Grandma Elsie."

Claire Podgorski
Sophomore
Pongborn

"My mom."

IN BRIEF

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon is hosting "Charity Dance" today from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center base- ment. Admission is $1 and will benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Semifinals for Bengal Bouts will take place today starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Contact the Joyce Center ticket office for tickets.

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated Wednesday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for Feeding America and Lisa Jaworski, the Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will give a talk Wednesday titled "Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand" at 7 p.m. in 136 DeBartolo. All are welcome.

The 51st Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place in Washington Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Top college jazz bands will perform while being judged by five highly acclaimed jazz artists. Students at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross are admitted free of charge but must obtain tickets from the LaFortune Ticket Office.

Bengal Bouts finals take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu
**Profs debate green economy**

By MOLLY MADDEN  
News Writer

Two University professors presented differing viewpoints on how environmental and economic issues are affecting the United States at a lecture Monday.

Engineering professor Frank Incropera spoke of taking measures to preserve the environment and the present fuel situation that affect the United States and the global community.

"In my mind, energy is as critical as an issue today as food and shelter," Incropera said.

Incropera said while mother countries in the world rely on renewable energy resources as a power source, the United States depends on non-renewable resources for 80 percent of its energy needs.

"These are finite resources," Incropera said. "At some point we are going to reach our peak productivity with each of the resources and then there will be a gradual decline."

Incropera said even those with an optimistic outlook on the fuel situation predict that oil production will to decline in the year 2030. This makes the development and implementation of alternative energy sources increasingly important.

"At some point in the not-too-distant future, we're going to have to rely on other sources of energy," he said. Incropera said it will be difficult to begin developing on other energy sources because the United States is already from such a small scale.

"Right now in this country, solar power accounts for less than one percent of our total energy, and wind power only accounts for about two percent," he said. Incropera compared the American views on alternative energy resources to those of other countries.

"European countries that have invested in these alternative fuel technologies are at the cutting edge of this development," Incropera said. "In terms of economic growth, the United States is incredibly behind. When the time comes and we adapt to these new technologies, we're going to have to import everything."

Economics professor Amitava Dutt took a different stance on the issue. Dutt is in favor of continued use of non-renewable resources because it is cheaper.

"There is the view among economists that believes that people should do whatever they think is best for them," Dutt said. If they feel like using cheap energy sources, they should do it.

"Dutt is confident that the success of the market system and capital will continue to work even if we run out of fossil fuels."

"If the non-renewable resources begin to run out, the price will go up and get so high that no one will buy them," Dutt said. "We're forced to invest in alternative fuels," Dutt said.

Dutt also said that despite the good that can come from alternative fuel technologies, the cost might outweigh the possible positive outcomes that can arise.

"We know that technology will be creating a cut down on pollution, but you have to consider the cost," he said. "I don't think we can or should try to society as a whole as well."

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**BOG considers beauty conference**

By SARAH MAYER  
News Writer

Senior communications major Emma Farrell asked the Saint Mary’s Board of Governors (BOG) for a co-sponsorship to help sponsor a female beauty conference at their meeting this week.

The conference, in its second year, will be held in the Student Center later this spring.

Farrell said she hopes the conference will "deepen the understanding of what being a woman means while trying to resist what makes a woman seem to be."

In other BOG news:

• Student Commissioner Deirdre Hayden said she will be meeting with the Information Technology department at the College to find out how much it would cost to put a printer in the Student Center.

• Michele Peterson, the Student Activities Board (SAB) president, said SAB went to the National Association for Campus Activities conference in Nashville, Tenn. two weeks ago.

She said the group brought back many new ideas to bring to Saint Mary’s. Peterson said the group was interested in ideas like a Def Jam poet and a magician.

• Elections commissioner Professor Scott Dutt took a different stance on the final leg of elections is taking place next week. The elections for the Class of 2011 boards will be Monday on PHSM. The "Candidates" event for the class boards will be tomorrow in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

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**Professor returns to SMC to share works**

By MEGAN LONEY  
News Writer

With the support of the English Department and the Center for Academic Innovation, professor and Sherrard Sandburg Lunstrum returned to Saint Mary’s College to students a sample of her fiction reading Monday.

Lunstrum, who previously taught in the College’s English Department, read an excerpt from her newly published short story collection "Swimming with Strangers.""I am very homesick for Saint Mary’s. I truly want to be back at Saint Mary’s," Lunstrum said.

"I am very homesick for Saint Mary’s," she said.

"I tried writing about the Midwest, but I couldn’t do it." At the end of the fiction reading, Lunstrum answered questions posed by the students and gave advice to aspiring writers.

Read, she said, "I think you only come to writing if you love to read and you only become a better writer if you continue to read. While the work shop is essential for writers, I find that I learn the most from books."

She encouraged writers to persevere with their writing, even through a lengthy process.

The only way to get better is to wade through the stuff that is not good," said Lunstrum.

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**Board of Governance**

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Viewpoint Copy Editor and Systems Manager for 2009-10.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position and pays $12,000.

The Viewpoint position is open to any student. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer operations.

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Bangladesh," Castillo said. Additionally, Weber said the trip paves the way for future boxers to visit Bangladesh and take an interest in Bengal Bouts’ overall goals.

"It’s important for the other guys to know what it is that we do. We’re not just beating each other up; we actually have tangible results," he said. "It’s really important to know that [Bengal Bouts] is part of something bigger."

At the time, Bangladesh had been in the works for a long time, but serious plans to organize it began in the spring, Weber said.

"As a junior captain in 2007, I had become more familiar with the program and started seeing ways we could increase our impact," he said. "In the fall semester [of 2007], I began meeting with Holy Cross priests at the Missions Center in South Bend to discuss the possibility of making a trip to Bangladesh to film a mini-documentary story."

But over the next several months, Weber said the project expanded to include a production crew to shoot the documentary and a larger mission to establish relationships with the country. According to Weber, the expenses for the trip and documentary were made possible through generous contributions from Bengal Bouts alumni; however, the four boxers who traveled with him "made the personal decision to go on their own dime."

The Five Bouts boxers traveled throughout Bangladesh for two weeks, he said. "We traveled almost constantly, visiting dozens of Holy Cross schools and parishes, both urban and rural, around the country. Moving from the city of Dhaka to the tribal villages was like going to a completely different country," he said.

Today, Bengal Bouts is the largest single benefactor to the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh, Weber said. The money raised by the Bouts funded educational initiatives in rural Bangladesh. The region accounts for the poorest in the country. Weber also said the Holy Cross Mission has dozens of parishes and schools spread out in areas of need around the country to support the poor.

For Castillo, one of the highlights of the trip was having the chance to network in Bangladesh and meet the people whose lives have been improved through the Bouts, he said.

"We visited different villages far from the city of Dhaka. We talked to communities that actually receive the money from Bengal Bouts," Castillo said. "We also stayed with some of the Holy Cross brothers within the city of Dhaka and went to different sites that the Bouts support. We were making connections with the people there."

Weber said the trip also shed new light on the people of Bangladesh. "On television, all you see is starvation, suffering and despair. You see weak people reaching out to you for help. But the people I saw were not despondent but hopeful, not weak but strong," he said. "It’s not just about what we can do for them, it’s about what we can do together with them."

But Weber’s dream to experience Bengal Bouts’ impact in Bangladesh does not end as a journey across the world with a few of his boxing buddies. Upon returning from the trip, Weber partnered with Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns to create a new International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP). The six-week ISSLP will be offered this summer to four boxers who will provide educational assistance in tribal villages with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

The ISSLP will accomplish two objectives that Weber believes are part of the Bengal Bouts mission: allowing Notre Dame students to experience the Bangladesh missions, and donating human resources and monetary resources “to improve the quality of life in Bangladesh through education.”

According to the Center for Social Concerns website, the program is only available to Notre Dame Boxing Club members and will begin in May 2009.

“Having witnessed the missions in Bangladesh, that once mysterious ideal is now manifested in real people, places and personalities. With new knowledge comes a new responsibility,” Weber said.

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Gift certificates will be offered to a variety of businesses, including Five Guys, Chick-Fil-A, Applebees and Krispy Kreme.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Report on tainted blood released**

LONDON — The first extensive report into Britain's tainted blood scandal stopped short Monday of blaming individual doctors or companies for what is widely viewed as the National Health Service's worst treatment disaster.

House of Lords member Peter Archer's report called a "horrid human tragedy" but did not name any specific medical workers or pharmaceutical companies as being responsible for the deaths of around 2,000 hemophiliacs since the 1970s.

**Authorities look for escaped convicts**

ATHENS — The helicopter company offered "escapes...to idyllic destinations." But this wasn't the kind of flight it had in mind.

For the second time in nearly three years, a notorious bank robber was lifted out of a prison where he was being held along with his Albanian accomplice in a crashed chopper amid fire from prison guards. Within hours, hundreds of people who joined more than a dozen fan clubs on Facebook celebrating the pair.

Police launched a massive manhunt Monday for Vassilis Vlachos and his 25-year-old Robin Hood — and accomplice Akis Riza, throwing up roadblocks and checking the abandoned helicopter for fingerprints and DNA.

Police also announced the arrest of four prison guards and the helicopter pilot, who was found bound, gagged and with a hood over his head. The pilot said he had been hijacked by a man and a woman pretending an assault rifle and a hand grenade.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Justice Department seeks new ruling**

RICHMOND — The Department of Justice on Monday asked a full appeals court to rule that the federal government has the power to hold sex offenders in custody indefinitely beyond the end of their prison terms.

The filing seeks the reversal of a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said Congress overstepped its authority when it allowed civil commitment of "sexually dangerous" offenders in custody.

Born in St. Louis, Dolan began his path to the priesthood as a boy, setting up a play altar in his basement with cardboard boxes as the tabernacle. He attended a seminary in suburban York, and said he spoke briefly with Obama about the country's financial problems.

In 1985, he earned a doctorate from the University of California and was ordained in 1976. In 1989, he earned a doctorate in church history from Catholic University.

After working as a parish priest and professor, Dolan spent seven years as rector of the North American College in Rome, considered the West Point for U.S. priests, where he had studied for his own ordination.

"He's a very gregarious, optimistic, hardworking person," said the Rev. Greg Apparcel, pastor of the American church Santa Susanna in Rome, who knows Dolan from his years at the North American College. "He's very good at reaching out. I think his optimism and open nature will serve him well."

At the seminary in Rome, Dolan was known as a polished orator who wrote his sermons and notes in flowing cursive but rarely had to consult them. He walked the corridors talking to seminarians, and enjoyed smoking Cuban cigars in his down time.

He is "utterly genuine," said the Rev. Paul Holmes, a Seton Hall University vice president who was chair­man of preaching under Dolan at the Rome seminary from 1999 to 2000.

"What you see is what you get," Holmes said. "Dolan remembers visiting Dolan at the archbishop's residence in Milwaukee in 2005, when Pope John Paul II was close to death. Dolan asked his guests whether they mind­ed eating off TV trays in the living room so that they could watch the news. "He wouldn't let ceremo­ny stand in the way of human beings doing the most human things," Holmes said.

"Like other bishops of his generation, Dolan is known as a defender of Catholic orthodoxy, affirming church teaching against abortion and supporting the all-male celibate priest­hood."

But he also "understands the way to lead people to a richer, fuller life in Christ is persuading them. So punished, vindictiveness or pettiness of any sort is just not part of his nature," said the Rev. Steven Avella, a history professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

A year into Dolan's tenure in Milwaukee, about a quarter of his priests, including Avella, signed a public letter saying celibacy should be optional for future Catholic clergy.

Dolan responded by upholding the teaching of the church, but also praised the priests as good men.

**Local News**

**Recycling business under investigation**

WEST PALM BEACH — A jury convicted a Florida priest on Monday of stealing from his church, but the panel found that the embezzlement far less than the $48,000 prosecutors charged.

The Rev. Francis Guinan, 66, was found guilty of second-degree grand theft of more than $20,000 but less than $100,000 other than four hours of jury delibera­tions.

**French teen killed in Cairo bombing**

CAIRO — The French teenagers had finished a day touring Cairo's 650-year-old Khan-Khalili bazaar, gathering in its main square to hear a bus back to their hotel. Then the blast went off.

The explosion killed a 17-year-old girl with the group and wounded 24 other people. The blast was the first attack in three years targeting for­eigners in Egypt, and it raised fears of a blow to the country's vital tourism industry, which is already suffering from the global economic downturn.

The attack shocked the Paris suburb of Levallois-Perret, hometown of the more than 40 high school studen­tss who were on a tour of Egypt.

"We are faced with a dreadful drama," the suburb's mayor Patricia Balkany told France's RTL radio on Monday.

"The teens had spent the day wan­dering Khan-Khalili's labyrinth of narrow alleyways. The market is usually packed with tourists and Egyptians who buy trinkets from shops selling everything from belly dance outfits to pharaonic statues, or drink tea and smoke waterpipes at the numerous cafes.

At 6:45 p.m., the students gathered in the square in front of one of Cairo's most revered shrines, the Bussire mosque, one of the students told The Associated Press.

"That was the last thing, that was our meeting point," she said, speaking outside the hotel, her right leg bandaged from her thigh to her toe because of shrapnel wounds.

The blast was ignited by blood around the ankle and the tall, blond teen hopped on her good foot to get around. She declined to give her name or age to avoid publicity.

Pressed for details about the bom­ing, she said, "I have no idea, there was nothing but a boom and a light. I couldn't see anything."
Ackerman was eliminated. The ticket of Kevin Kimberly, Alex Malloy and Rachel Roseberry had two additional allegations brought against them, which resulted in the guilty of both violations, Perez said.

The allegations caused two special sessions of the Executive Committee and the Junior Council, one at 7 a.m. Monday, and another at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

Of the 1292 votes cast in the race, 1238 votes were for the ticket led by Kimberly, and 611 votes for the ticket of Zach Hillesland, Mary Stavole and Tim Castellini ticket.

The Pulse ticket received 47.3 percent of the vote, and the Kimberly ticket received 39.5 percent of the vote. The remaining votes were cast to abstain.

Perez said because the Kimberly ticket was guilty of two election violations, the Executive Committee delivered a decision against the ticket. Kimberly and his running mates, Perez said, would not spend any remaining campaign money between now and the run-off election, and offered to spend $75, which is provided for the election.

Perez said the sanction also included restriction of additional campaigning to word of mouth and the social networking Web site Facebook.com, where the ticket has a group page titled “Kimberly-Kelly Roseberry-Fernandez for Junior Class Council.”

Perez said the ticket would not be allowed to use any other online campaign tools. Existing posters can remain if the campaign wanted to。

Perez told The Observer he was not aware if the ticket had any backer.

Perez said he could not reveal the nature of any of the allegations or whether any of the candidates, or could be revealed who brought the allegations, according to guidelines set forth in the Student Constitution.

Additionally, Judicial Council president George Chamberlain said he would not release the information because it could be released in order to protect the candidates.

"It's important that we protect the integrity of the candidates," he said. "Dealing with the nature of the violations or allegations could further damage the campaigns, he added.

The tickets were e-mailed of the decisions of the Executive Committee shortly after 1 a.m. The results of the election — which were sent to all candidates were release promptly — were then unsealed.

Perez e-mailed the results of the election to the tickets around 1:30 a.m. and informed them that the run-off would take place Thursday.

The run-off election will take place Thursday online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Students will be notified of election procedures via e-mail.

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Jumphys, a Jamaican charity that sponsors basketball clinics in underprivileged areas.

"It's a great charity," Wolbeck said. "And it promotes self-esteem and confidence in the young kids as well as basketball skills."

The first event of the night featured two open games of Knockout with a prize of free tournament registration for the winner. Senior Alex Klipchak won the first game and junior Ryan Hornecke took second place. Klipchak said his team hadn't decided on a name, while Hornecke's squad was called "Monsters."

Ackerman, Malloy and Timmermans were up next for a game of "Horse." Despite several high-difficulty shot attempts, including one attempted off-the-wall header, Ackerman was eliminated first.

"Malloy and Timmermans are just fantastic players with a great basketball background and it ended up being a part of it," he said.

Templeton won the matchup against Malloy by hitting a shot from behind the backboard. Despite the loss, Malloy said he was excited about the upcoming tournament.

"I've probably played in more tournaments than anybody," he said. "At least I'm in the top-10." Malloy said his favorite Bookstore Basketball memory is his senior year as he served as a captain at that time as president of the University. His team, "All the Presidents' Men," was playing a first-round game against a team of his niece and her roommates. After letting his niece steal the ball from him, Malloy said he grabbed her sweatshirt as she sprinted down the court. The picture was printed on the front page of The Observer.

"Nobody knew it was my niece," he said. "It looked like I was mailing some co-ed student," Malloy said with a laugh.

The final contest of the night was a “Hot Spot” competition fought among about a dozen students. The winners were chosen via free tournament registration. Freshman Michael Economou won the event, driving three straight three-pointers in the final seconds to secure victory.

"I wasn’t even thinking," Economou said. "Just looked to the basket, shot the ball and kept going."

The Tipoff event was hosted by Notre Dame basketball player Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers. They are undecided on whether they will participate in this year’s tournament, even though they are eligible as seniors. Hillesland and Ayers said they have enjoyed watching coaches and player players in local Bookstore games in past years.

"It’s always fun watching the old guys go up and down a little bit," Ayers said.

Even as a player who has battled Big East heavyweights, Hillesland said he was impressed with the quality of play in the Bookstore Tournament.

"There’s a lot of good talent from what I’ve seen," he said. "Especially towards the later rounds, the games are really exciting and entertaining."

Wolbeck said the Tipoff was a success and that the Bookstore Basketball organization would try to build on it in upcoming years.

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Catholics and eutanasia

Granda has a problem. The Fed s, it appears, are about to ration her health care. That could turn out her lights. The Obama health care reform creates a new bureaucracy under a Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 2000-3018.1. The Coordinator is mandated to develop an infrastructure that "reduces health care costs resulting from inefficiency and inequity." Medicare currently pays for treatments that are safe and effective. The stimulus opens the door to a cost-effectiveness standard pursuant to guidelines set by the bureaucracy. Under such a standard the availability of care could turn on Grandma's age, her productivity, etc.. The recession will intensify pressure to reduce medical spending on non-productive persons. In that guise it's a 75-year-old woman seeking a substantial medical procedure will be a predictable loser. A later column will discuss the stimuli in detail. For now, let's ask: If Grandma is denied a needed operation and is in bed with no hope of recovery, can you put her out of her misery? Is she on a feeding tube, can you withdraw it? Suppose she wants to die? The stimulus provides an added reason to address these issues, but they already arise with patients of all ages who are incurable, incompetent, or both. The legal and moral principles are clear.

A competent adult has the legal right to refuse any and all medical treatment, including the right to refuse food and water whether naturally or artificially provided. Of course, the law permits withholding of treatment, including food and water, based on the patient's intent previously expressed in an advance directive or otherwise, on his health care agent's opinion that the patient should die, he can be legally specified in the order in which the patient will want such withdrawal or, in some states, that it would be in his best interest. However, the latter two principles are clearly enunciated in Catholic teaching. First, you never lose a liberty once it has been assimilated by the patient's will. Second, the direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always a homicide, even when it is the patient's explicit and written instruction. In that case, i.e., when the patient wants the physician to stop all treatments, the law is clear and the patient's will prevails. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, issued a statement on August 1, 2007 (L'Osservatore Romano (English), Sept. 19, 2007) on the "nutrition and hydration of patients in ... with the directly and immediately evil end in view.

Whatever President Obama does to ration health care, each of us ought to be aware of the principles that govern our own care and the care of those for whom we have responsibility. Professor Emeritus Charles E. Rice is on the law school faculty. He may be reached at rice@nd.edu or (574) 631-4415. The Observer is a member of the Associated Press, so republication rights are reserved.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating." — Ronald Reagan

40th president of the U.S.
Dude, where's my freedom?

Insulated in our Notre Dame bubble, we have been arguing over whether we should condemn Michael Phelps for taking long rips, or if a boycott of Subway is more logical than it is to consume. However, I feel that we are missing out on a far more important story.

Geert Wilders, a freely and democratically elected member of Dutch parliament was invited to the British House of Lords to screen his controversial, anti-Islamic film, which was on a flight bound for London after growing over whether we should condemn Michael Phelps for smoking weed - irresponsible; a person that smokes weed -pothead. A person that gets high - pothead; a friend that continually chooses to smoke marijuana in their free time - a responsible pothead.

RESPONSIBLE POTHEADS

As a reader with an open mind, I'd like to voice some of the concerns that I have with Daniel Tostado's article "Beefed Madness is Insanitalon" (Feb. 2009). There seems to be a misconception between an individual that is irresponsible and an individual that is a pothead.

Let's clarify some issues, a father that can't quit smoking weed - irresponsible; a person that gets high - pothead; a friend that continually tries to rob a liquor store - irresponsible (and stupid); a person that smokes weed-pothead. The last one is a little confusing so try to stay with me: a person that develops 'amotivational syndrome' and loses interest in everyday activities because of a drug they are choosing to do - irresponsible; a person that goes to class, maintains healthy relationships, is active in sports, and chooses to smoke marijuana in their free time - a responsible pothead.

I know, it is difficult to comprehend such an oxymoronic statement -"A responsible pothead? Yeah right, get real." Careful though, we wouldn't want to form any prejudices. It would be wrong to categorize all potheads as drug addicts, criminals, and misfits. Potheads are people that like to smoke weed and get high. Sometimes they will even go to a movie, or out to eat. Maybe they will just sit around and watch TV, or listen to music. Or (and I know this might be surprising) they might even do something productive. You see, just because a person is a pothead doesn't mean that they are going to fail out of school, let down their family, be all their friends, and repeatedly try to rob a liquor store (or any other business venue for that matter). It might even be possible that a person who smokes grass could do something as extraordinary as be admitted to Notre Dame! Here we go again - "Haha, yeah right. Yeah right! Like their half-backed ideas and amodiation would meet the standards of this University?"

False. Some responsible people can do bizarre things like smoke weed and not be academically, socially, and physically impaired. Dare I say? Yes. You even go to school with some of these people — and they are just as smart, sweet, and spiritual as you are. Just like no one ever hears about the functioning alcoholic, no one ever hears about the functioning pothead, but they do exist. So, moving forward, let's refrain from using examples of irresponsible individuals as a standard to measure an entire group of people — now this is a half-backed idea.

Michael Hubert

Superpower showdown

In response to Jonathan Miller's Feb. 18th argument that telekenisis is irrefutably the superior superpower, I would like to submit my opinion that the ability to control time is far superior to any other power (including telekinesis). I feel that your portrayal of telekenisis is rather extreme. The greatest flaw of your argument is the magnitude of the powers described. Moving objects with your mind must require knowledge of each atom and what is connected to it. Your talk of moving objects (specifically, removing your foe's organs) begins to sound not like telekenisis and more like teleportation.

What I feel is the greatest flaw of your argument, however, is your omission of no doubt one of the greatest possible powers, time control. It may simply be your preference to move objects rather than stop time, but, just like telekenisis, time control can mimic other less worthy powers. Super speed can be mimicked by starting and stopping time rapidly while you move, strength by stopping time while you work out, and invisibility by simply stopping time while you perform whatever malicious deeds you like. As for taking down bad guys, the ability to stop time would also stop people in the middle of their motions. This would make epic battles between nemesis much less epic for you, but victory would no doubt be assured.

I know that every person is entitled to his opinion, and that the argument between all the superpowers will not be resolved by words; so, Jonathan, once we both get our wishes, I'll meet you out in Stepan Fields to settle this once and for all.

Oliver Chnell

School of gossip

Somewhere along the way I actually learned the lesson we have all heard before: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. And yet, we live in the age of JucyCampus, or CollegeACB or whatever. And of letters of attack on one another in the form of letters to the editor. And of rumors.

I could write about the mortal fiber I thought this university was made of, how its students would rise above these actions, how it breaks my heart to see bad things happen to good people. I could write about the sinful nature of slander (Lev. 19:16). Whatever works for you. Here's what has seemed to resonate among all people I have known, Dumers, Catholics, agnostics, whatever. Next time you have some awful thing to say about a person, without knowing them truly and deeply, think about that person hearing or reading those words. See that person huddled into a corner of his or her left, crying. See that person holding the rope with which they plan on using to commit suicide. Because, that dramatic or not, you do want to risk your words being the ones that pushed that person over the edge? So be nice to one another. Or at least be neutral. Think about where you heard things before you tell your roommate, best friend, and the kid who sits next to the kid who sits next to you.

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Letters to the editor

Tuesday, February 24, 2009
Joss Whedon, seems clear that she is remembering genuinely invested in her well personality, skill, or muscle memory to be flashes of the other lives she has lived, whatever the clients want, including the Dollhouse must have the right connections to surrender their bodies and minds contract that Dollhouse Dushku the opportunity to demonstrate her range as she plays multiple personalities in a single episode. There is also great potential for Langdon to be an interesting character. Viewers can feel his sense of compassion and a true understanding of right and wrong. The second episode of the show, "The Target," reveals how Langdon came to be a handler at the Dollhouse when an Active named Alpha went on the fritz and killed several people. It also further illustrates his bond with Echo. The premiere of "Dollhouse" is a promising one, as it offers a balance of action and thought-provoking ethical questions. With the show only a few episodes away from its premiere, it seems clear that whatever the clients want, including the perfect lover, a spy or an assassin. But when the job is done, their memory is wiped away and they forget everything. However, something is "wrong" with Echo. As the first episode progresses, it seems clear that she is remembering flashes of the other lives she has lived, and is increasingly curious about her real identity. Echo's handler, Boyd Langton (Harry J. Lennix), seems to be conflicted about his role in the Dollhouse. As an ex-cop, he seems genuinely invested in her well being. Already in the premiere episode, he comes in conflict with the boss of the Dollhouse, Adelle DeWitt. Fran Kranz and Amy Acker round out the important roles as bookish, computer-wrangling technician and doctor for the Actives, respectively. In a parallel storyline, FBI Agent Paul Ballard (Tahmoh Penikett, "Battlestar Galactica") has been assigned to uncover information on the super secretive and elite Dollhouse. Unfortunately, he is met with criticism from co-workers who think he is crazy and accuse him of investigating other investigations. The episode alludes that his obsession with discovering the truth has destroyed his marriage, and may lead to the demise of his career.

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There is a great mother load of music out there. Everything exists. And because of the Internet, we can find it all, listen to it all, download it all and love it all. Literally millions of songs are at our fingertips, if not billions.

From the highly ranked iTunes top 10 songs to the crappy Garage Band upload on your cousin’s music MySpace, music is being heard, interpreted, reinvented and produced at a rate so rapid there is no guarantee any artist will survive more than a few weeks, or months if they are lucky. And if you miss an artist, too bad, because they’re lost forever in the void of the muggles, but it is no longer the music muggle.

Music has one major flaw: it requires time to play. You need three minutes to listen to a song. You need 45 minutes to appreciate an album. And the only way to find music is to listen to it. We simply cannot love that much music. There is a limit to what can be popular, because we can’t listen to everything that “Should Be Popular.” Even if every radio station everywhere never repeated a song, we wouldn’t be able to get through it all.

No one would go for that anyway, because the beauty of music is falling in love with it, and a lot of times it isn’t love at first sight. We need to sit with music, to live with it, to associate memories with it, in order to claim it. And in the end, that’s all we really want to do. Muggle or guru, we want music that’s our own.

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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Christian Finnegans — a comedian known for his work on VH1’s “Best Week Ever,” stand-up specials on Comedy Central, and his role as “Chad,” the lone white roomate on “The Chappelle Show” — performed to a packed Friday night at Legends. Before going on stage, however, he gave 10 minutes of his time to a couple of plucky, freshman Observer reporters for a quick interview: I happened to be one of them.

He was sitting at a table talking to a friend, but when he saw us, he stood up and gave us a warm smile. We told him about our names, and immediately the butterflies went away. He was down-to-earth, and seemed as excited to be interviewed, as we were to interview him.

Shane, my fellow reporter, made the first move. “So, there’s a question I’ve been dying to ask you,” he said, using his best Dave Chappelle voice. “What’s the square root of this apartment?”

Christian’s attitude immediately changed from ready to openly joked: “What am I supposed to say to that?”

Shane said he meant it only as an icebreaker, to which Finnegans responded, “I feel like we had a great rapport going, and then you go and use that icebreaker ... I feel like it created more ice between us.” After bickering for us a while longer, he paused and said, with the conviction of a man under oath, “but seriously, the answer is 14.”

We soon began talking about his career as a comedian — what it’s like to tell jokes for a living, have a special on “Comedy Central Presents,” make a comedy album, etc. He said he felt extremely lucky about being able to do stand up for a living, but that it was not the most stable field of work.

“Really, you’re always up and coming as a comedian,” Finnegans said.

The life of a working comedian is apparently not as glamorous as many of us would think. The majority of comedians cannot make their living alone from stand-up: the day after his first Comedy Central special aired, Finnegans said he had to go to his office job. Once you make it as a comedian, however, it’s still not easy. The majority of money does not come from TV appearances, but from touring.

“We’re kind of like musicians,” Finnegans said. “Most of [the money] comes from ticket sales.” But even touring is not easy, especially for comics.

Money is less abundant than it is for musicians, and the chance of bombing a show is a much, much higher. Finnegans, however, views bombing as good thing.

“If you’re not bombing on a semi-regular basis, you’re not trying hard enough as a comedian,” he said.

Comedy is all about finding new material, and the only way to do that is to go out on a limb at times. Still, this doesn’t make bombing any easier. Christian drew the allusion to “eating an unholy d*ck” before he remembered and promptly amended the statement to “a holy d*ck.”

When asked about touring through colleges, Christian said he loved it. Although, he did say his material does have to be adjusted for college crowds.

Different jokes apply to different crowds, he said, explaining he’s not going to tell jokes about crappy jobs and marriage to a bunch of college kids.

Students have yet to experience the slower flow of life after school. “They bounce between ambition and despair,” Finnegans said, at least until graduation.

“Then you realize that sort of nut-pitch of life.”

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When independent artists’ music is featured on television like the CW’s “Gossip Girl,” indie hipsters are often disappointed.
Kansas suspends one game for drug test

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Big 12 Conference suspended Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for one game on Monday for failing to appear before officials after a September laboratory raid in which he was alleged to have been involved.

Knight had been summoned as a witness before a federal judge in a perjury trial involving Texas' Sammy Anderson. Anderson was alleged to have provided the samples he collected during a September drug raid at the Bay Area Co-Operative, a send-up of the Bay Area Anti-Doping Laboratory in San Francisco, to Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants.

Bonds' personal trainer was summoned by judge in federal perjury trial

Bonds' personal trainer was summoned to testify Monday in the perjury trial of Sammy Anderson, who collected samples that were found to contain performance-enhancing drugs.

The son of Pat Knight was suspended for one game in the Big 12 this month for comments about the officials after a loss to Nebraska.

"I know the rules but sometimes you have to lay on a grenade to get your point across.

Coach Knight,

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Colts, Harrison go separate ways

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Marvin Harrison refused to take a pay cut. The Indianapolis Colts couldn’t afford to keep him without one. On Monday, the two sides reached agreement on one thing: Harrison will be a free agent.

Agent Tom Condon told The Associated Press that Indianapolis has agreed to release the franchise’s all-time leading receiver, although an official announcement is not expected until Tuesday or Wednesday.

The decision comes one day after team president Bill Polian said he hoped to cut a deal that would keep Harrison in Indy. When Harrison said no, the Colts said farewell.

"Basically, we were not able to come to any kind of agreement, it was not con­tentious and the Colts have agreed to release him," Condon said in a phone interview.

Team officials declined comment and a message was left by The Associated Press at the office of team owner Jim Irsay.

It’s not a surprising move because the Colts would save about $6 million, based on Harrison’s base salary. They would still be charged for prorated bonuses from the $66 mil­lion deal he signed in December 2004.

The Colts found it too expensive for a 36-year-old receiver coming off one of the least productive seasons of his career. Harrison ranks second in NFL history with 1,102 receptions and the move will disappoint many Colts fans, who embraced Harrison as a favorite. They referred to Harrison, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James as "The Triplets," and Harrison was one of the franchise’s most identifiable players over the last decade.

Eis proponent for too-tap­ping catches along the side­line and incredible grabs in the middle of the field helped the Colts build one of the league’s most successful franchises in this decade. But longtime teammates understood why Harrison wanted to become a free agent.

"I think whatever Marvin chooses to do for himself, he has to do," center Jeff Saturday said Sunday night. "I love Marvin as a friend and as a teammate."

Indianapolis took Harrison in the first round of the 1996 draft and when Manning arrived two years later, the tandem began a record-setting journey. They combined for more completions, yardage and touchdowns than any duo in league history.

Jenkins attempts to quell NFL doubts about size

IN BRIEF

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NBA

Barkley pleads guilty to charges

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Charles Barkley will serve time in jail after pleading guilty Monday to charges of driving drunk.

According to Scottsdale court records, the 45-year-old former NBA star pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges related to the same drunken driving arrest.

Barkley, who works as a TV analyst, is set to begin a five-day jail sentence on March 21. The Hall of Famer must pay more than $2,000 in fines and attend an alcohol treatment program. Under Arizona law, he’ll also be forced to install an ignition interlock device on his vehicles.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

Barkley was stopped by police Dec. 31 shortly after leaving a Scottsdale nightclub. He was arrested after failing a field sobriety test. He had a blood-alcohol level of .149 percent, nearly twice the legal limit of .08 percent in Arizona when he was pulled over.

"I think it's going to be good for me, to be honest. I need to make sure drinking is not a problem for me."

Charles Barkley  
TNT analyst

After a six-week leave of absence, Barkley resumed his studio analyst role for TNT last week.

"This is just my bad, no excuses," Barkley said in an interview with TNT colleague Ernie Johnson posted on NBA.com before he returned to work.

"I think that a DUI is unacceptable," he added. "That can't happen and I've got to challenge other people, not just celebrities or jocks. You have to really think before getting into a car and behind the wheel after you've been drinking."

Barkley conceded at the time he could face jail time. "I feel I can do anything that I put my mind to."

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NCAA Men's Basketball
Cards get road win over Hoyas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Louisville is in a crazy-good race for the regular-season championship of the Big East, where four of the nation's top eight teams sit atop the standings.

Georgetown, the two-time defending regular-season champion, is not a member of that quartet. The Hoyas are all but conceding that their only road to the NCAA tournament runs through the conference tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Louisville's upperclassmen topped Georgetown's youth 76-28 Monday night, led by Earl Clark's 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals. The No. 6 Cardinals (22-5, 13-2) overcame 16 turnovers with solid defense and good first-half shooting to win their fourth straight and move into a first-place tie with Connecticut.

So much for Louisville coach Rick Pitino's early season thought that the regular-season champ would have five or six losses.

"I was hoping to be 12-6," said Pitino, whose team improved to 7-1 on the road in conference play. "I thought that would be a very good season, in this league in this year, but we've been a great road team."

The Cardinals started 9-for-9 from the field — their first miss coming near-ly 11 minutes in — and were 7-for-7 from 3-point range well into the second half. The marksmanship was more of a necessity than a luxury because they were so careless with the ball, but the initial shooting burst was enough to build a lead that kept Georgetown at bay throughout the second half.

"I thought we were doing a good job, but we were just turning it over too much," Pitino said. "That was killing us."

Samardo Samuels, Terrence Williams and Preston Knowles added 10 points apiece for the Cardinals, who had a 17-point first-half lead cut to eight in the second half. Louisville shot only 15-for-25 after the 9-for-9 start, but the defense forced 14 Georgetown turnovers and held the Hoyas to 31 percent shooting after halftime.

Chris Wright scored 12 points, and Greg Monroe had 10 for the Hoyas (14-12, 5-10), who have lost nine of 11 as they continue their challenging spin through the nation's basketball elite. Georgetown has played six teams currently ranked in the top 10, and they'll make it seven against No. 10 Villanova on Saturday. The Hoyas are 2-4 in those games.

The loss also dropped the Hoyas to 12th place in the Big East, just six weeks after they were ranked No. 9 in the country.

Asked about his team's NCAA tournament chances, coach John Thompson III said: "If there's one good thing about being in this conference it's that you get to go to New York and you get a chance to fight and you get a chance to win. We have to continue to improve and we have to be better when we get to New York, it's as simple as that."

Samuels got the better of Monroe in the battle of freshmen centers — at least while the game was still in the balance. Samuels got behind the Georgetown center to score two of the Cardinals' first three baskets and finished 4-for-5 from the field. Monroe, by contrast, didn't take a shot until a wayward 16-foot jumper more than 5 minutes into the game and went 4-for-7.

The Cardinals didn't miss a field goal until Clark's short jumper barely hit the rim with 9:01 remaining in the half, but by then Louisville already had 26-13 lead. Clark's 3-pointer gave Louisville a 41-24 lead with 5 minutes to play in the half, but Georgetown's Jessie Sapp scored the final seven points of the period, including a bank-shot 3-pointer at the horn that cut the lead to 41-31.

The Cardinals started the second half with turnovers on their first three possessions, but Georgetown could only cut the deficit to eight. The Hoyas had trouble solving the full-court press and couldn't find an offensive rhythm, with Wright finishing 3-for-12 from the field, DaJuan Simmons 1-for-8 and Sapp 3-for-10. "Once you lose and go through a stretch like we're going through, you don't feel as good about yourself," Thompson said. "It's as simple as that."
Robinson’s 41 leads Knicks past Pacers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In another spectacular offensive performance, Nate Robinson’s biggest play of the night had nothing to do with the defensive roots.

Robinson scored a season-high 41 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 26 seconds left, and the New York Knicks beat the short-handed Indiana Pacers 123-119 Monday night.

Robinson scored 32 in the second half and matched a season best with 28 points and 21 rebounds, traveling the best basketball of his career in the last couple of weeks, and surpassed last sea­son’s total with their 24th victo­ry.

Jim O’Brien said he expects will miss the rest of the season with an injured right knee. Then they were forced to go without point guard T.J. Ford, who was expected to play but couldn’t because of the flu.

“I thought we played a very spirited game, played with a lot of guns,” O’Brien said. “We were missing three starters. We played well enough to win on the total wins, both of which are school records. However, the team is not content with all of its suc­cess.

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Saint Mary’s will try to continue regular season success in MIAA tourney

By BOBBY GRAHAM

Sneaky Winer

It has been a record­breaking season for the Saint Mary’s basketball team.

The Belles, under the direction of coach Jennifer Henley, registered 13 MIAA conference wins and 15 total wins, both of which are school records.

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The previous close matchups could possibly make this a trap game for Saint Mary’s, which cannot afford to make many mistakes if it expects to win. Several untimely miscues could end in an unfortunate opening-round loss for the favored Belles.

All year, the Belles have looked to senior forward Erin Newsom to lead the team and she has done just that. Newsom came up huge in both of the previ­ous games against Adrian, scoring 15 and 22 points in the respective contests.

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classmen with the majority of scoring. So far this season, they have held their own. “Maturity has been a key and the competitive spirit our younger guys have displayed has been remarkable at times.”
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Irish coach

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tend on the national level, the young guys must really “lock down the lower posi­
tions.” They will get a chance to do just that as the Irish will face off in a home match against another top-25 opponent in Texas A&M. The match against the Aggies is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Wednesday night first and keep improving our position and putting pressure on the committee and people above us in the standings and put our­
selves in great position for the Big East tournament (New York.),

Added forward Luke Harangody: “We can’t control it. All we can control is the next game. We can’t look at that stuff and try to piece things together and figure out where we’re going to come out.”

But at The Observer, we have no quibbles about analyzing the standings. Here’s how everyone stacks up heading into the final few games:

Fighting for first:
No. 2 Connecticut (25-2, 13-2), No. 6 Louisville (22-5, 12-2), No. 1 Pittsburgh (22-5, 12-2), No. 8 Marquette (23-4, 12-2)

This race at the top is every­thing a college basketball fan could hope for. Four great teams, all tied in the loss column, slugging it out for the title in the last few games. Marquette has the toughest remaining schedule — consider­ing its next three games are against Connecticut, Louisville and Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh and Connecticut still play each other one more time, this time in Pittsburgh, on March 4. Pittsburgh looks like it could win the national title right now, but if Pittsburgh and Louisville both win out, the Cardinals will

build the tiebreaker over the Panthers for the No. 1 seed in the Big East tournament. (Louisville beat them 69-63 on Jan. 17).

The second tier:
No. 12 Villanova (22-5, 10-4), West Virginia (19-8, 6-8)

Villanova is a lock for the Tournament and if the Mountaineers take care of business, they are in as well. West Virginia’s remaining games are against Cincinnati, South Florida, DePaul and Louisville. The Mountaineers could go 4-0, but 3-1 is more likely. Worst case scenario, they probably go 2-2, losing to Cincinnati and Louisville, but that would still put them at 10-8 in conference with 21 wins overall, giving them a solid shot at making the Tournament.

Fighting for their lives:
Providence (16-11, 8-7), Cincinnati (15-8, 7-7), Syracuse (17-10, 7-7), Notre Dame (15-10, 6-8)

The top four teams may be duking it out for No. 1, but here’s where the real nail-bitt­
ing will take place in the next two weeks. There’s still time for each team to make a case for a Tournament bid with a strong finish to the regular sea­

son and a couple wins in the conference tournament. Key games down the stretch:

Syracuse and Cincinnati are the only two of this group that still have to play each other. Syracuse also has to travel to Marquette, while Cincinnati has to face West Virginia at home.

Too bad everyone goes to the Big East tournament: Seton Hall (14-12, 5-10), Georgetown (14-12, 5-10), St. John’s (13-14, 4-10), South Florida (9-18, 3-21), Rutgers (10-17, 3-13), DePaul (8-19, 0-14)

Under previous Big East rules, there would be a dogfight this year for the 12th and final conference tournament posi­
tion, with four teams still in the running for it. But since every­
one goes to New York this year, there’s no drama to speak of, just bad basketball.

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of many hotly-contested bouts tonight. The rest of the 48 remaining boxers will fight for a place in the finals this weekend.

Along with Bourrouches, there are seven more defending champions stepping into the ring, including senior Kris Perez, Perez, who is undefeated in his career, is going for his fourth straight title. He takes on Kieran Bulger in the 140-pound division semifinals tonight.

Senior captains Mike Lee and Dan Rodgers are each trying to take the next step towards a third Bengal Bouts crown. Lee, who transferred to Notre Dame at the beginning of his sophomore year, is also undefeated in his career. Jim Hasson, who has won both of his fights this year in unanimous decisions, will try both of his fights this year in the second fight of the night. The action is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

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leads the team in scoring (16.7 points per game), rebounding (8.9) and 3-point field goal percentage (.314).

Sophomore guard Erica Morrow has also lit up the scoreboard for Syracuse this season, averaging 16 points per game while shooting .295 from beyond the arc. This season, Morrow has spread the wealth offensively this season, and has four players scoring in double figures. Barlow leads the team with 12.8 points per game, followed by senior guard Lindsay Schruder at 12.2, junior point guard Melissa Lehchlitner at 10.7 and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski at 10.3.

Bruszewski has been one of the top performers for the Irish of late, and had scored in double figures in five straight games before the Connecticut loss, in which she ended just nine points.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw attributed Bruszewski’s recent success to her more relaxed approach to the game. “Becca’s just playing well in the last couple of games,” McGraw said. “I think it’s a little bit easier when you’re a sophomore playing. You don’t have quite the same pressure on you, you can just go out and play your game.”

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NBA

Harris hits halfcourt shot, Nets beat 76ers

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devin Harris hit an unbelievable long half-court shot at the buzzer and the New Jersey Nets snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 98-96 victory over the slumping Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

With players from both teams surrounding the scorer’s table, the referees watched replays of Harris’ shot for nearly three minutes before signaling the basket was good.

Seconds earlier, the 76ers seemingly nailed down the victory when Andre Iguodala sank the second of two free throws to give them a one-point lead with 1.8 seconds to play.

The Nets quickly inbounded to Harris, who bobbled the ball after bumping with Iguodala and then heaved in the winner from in front of the scorer’s table.

Harris finished with a game-high 39 points, but his 22nd shot of the night will be one he never forgets, especially if it helps key a run to the playoffs.

Vince Carter added 10 points, including a driving layup with 1.2 seconds to play that tied the game at 95.
**BENGAL BOUTS**

Lone heavyweight fighters to square off in finals rematch

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The first Bengal Bouts champion of 2009 will be crowned tonight in the Joyce Center.

The heavyweight championship fight features sophomore Kevin Crepeau and defending champion Will Bourroughs.

Crepeau and Bourroughs will be fighting for the first and final time tonight as the only two boxers in this year’s heavyweight division. Crepeau weighed in at 234 pounds and Bourroughs tipped the scales at 239.

“It’s kind of nerve-wracking because that first fight you always get to see where you are,” Crepeau said. “Nothing is the same as when you actually fight, so you don’t know if all your training has been enough until you actually get in there.”

Tonight’s battle is a rematch from last year’s final when Bourroughs, a law student, proved to be too much for then-freshman Crepeau.

“Last year he gave me a pretty good beating, so this year I think I’m going to come with something a little different,” Crepeau said.

Last year, after a fairly even first round, Bourroughs pulled away in the second and opened up on his opponent in the final round, ending the contest before the final bell.

“One he had me, he just hit the gas,” Crepeau said.

To his credit, the rookie was the only fighter that Bourroughs did not put on the canvas. Crepeau said he used the loss as motivation in his training this year and thinks he is better prepared the second time around.

“I know what I have to do,” Crepeau said. “I just have to do it and that’s not that easy.”

They know each other’s style after sparring many times leading up to this year’s fight. The title fight should be one

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

A building block

Hoopsters prepare to face ‘Cuse after tough game against UConn

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame begins its final push to the postseason tonight when it takes on Syracuse at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish are coming off a hard-fought 76-66 loss to top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut on Sunday, in what was the smallest margin of victory this season for the Huskies. Despite having several opportunities to win, the Irish allowed a 22-1 Connecticut run and fell by the wayside in the second half.

Notre Dame left the game with two weekends left in the conference schedule, think the Irish have both

Left, Irish junior guard Ashley Barlow dribbles during Notre Dame’s 73-66 loss to Louisville last Wednesday. At right, teammates Brittany Mallory, left, and Frederica Miller cheer from the bench during the setback against the Cardinals. The Irish will face Syracuse tonight.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS**

Irish head into home stretch

Players say they are only concerned with one game at a time

All season long, Notre Dame’s players have tried not to look at the Big East standings and get caught up in the speculation of who’s going to finish where.

With two weeks left in the conference schedule, think the Irish have both

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Kentucky hands ND loss at Eck Pavilion

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell prey to Kentucky 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Monday. The loss drops the Irish back down to 5-8 with a record of 0-4-0.

Even with the return of senior Brett Helgeson, the team could not muster enough points to defeat the high-powered Wildcats, who move to 8-2 on the season.

The doubles team of sophomores Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Wait got the Irish started off on the right foot, emerging victorious in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 match.

Kentucky an early 1-0 lead.

The singles lineups for both teams were dominated by youth, as only two upperclassmen competed between both teams. Those two — Helgeson for Notre Dame and Bruno Angstinelli for Kentucky — faced off in No. 1 singles. Angstinelli emerged victorious in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 match.

Havens and Watt were the only two players to earn a point for the Irish. Havens knocked off Kentucky’s Brad Cox in three sets at second singles and Watt defeated Graeme Dyce 6-4, 6-3 at fourth singles.

With Helgeson the only upperclassman to provide consistent contributions to the team this season, Irish coach Bobby Bayless has