University announces education costs to go up for 2010-11 by smallest percentage since 1960

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Notre Dame has increased tuition by 3.8 percent for the 2010-11 academic year — totaling $39,919 when including room and board — marking the lowest percentage increase since 1960, according to a University press release.

The tuition is set at $39,919. Room and board will average $10,866 for the year.

The University raised tuition by 4.4 percent for the 2009-10 academic year, yielding a cost of $38,477. Room and board — totaling $50,785 when including tuition and the struggling economy and its effect on Notre Dame families.

“[Notre Dame] employs a fiscally conservative approach to investments and spending to make the best use of all our resources,” he said in the letter.

Jenkins said the administr-

Pink Zone fundraiser exceeds goal

Proceeds from women’s basketball DePaul matchup to benefit breast cancer research, awareness

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

It seems that even the Notre Dame women’s basketball team celebrated Valentine’s Day — and not just by playing with a lot of heart. As DePaul took to the court yesterday, it was met by an Irish team clad not in their traditional blue and gold, but in light pink.

Yesterday’s matchup was the second annual Pink Zone game, which raises money for breast cancer research and awareness. An audience that appeared in the Purcell Pavilion for the sold-out game were loud, excited and clad in pink as well. The Band and cheerleaders also followed suit, wearing pink shirts that said “Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer”.

During halftime, more than 100 breast cancer survivors from the South Bend community proceeded onto the court before a crowd that was at first hushed in silence, then moved to a standing ovation.

Donna Ancil is from South Bend and has been a survivor for 20 years and counting. When called onto the court, she shared her story with each audience member.

“Valentine’s Day is supposed to be about showing how we feel about someone else,” sophomore Jimmy Long said. “But we do that everyday.”

Other students who are in committed relationships at the University have issues with the day and the traditions of it.

“I think Valentine’s Day is an invention of Hallmark,” sophomore Jimmy Long said. “I’m single but I wouldn’t take a girlfriend out that night in protest.”

Edith Stein event spurs discussion

Conference addresses slew of controversial topics in lectures, panels

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The Edith Stein Project, sponsored by the Identity Project of Notre Dame and held in McKenna Hall, returned this weekend for its fifth year and addressed a number of divisive yet pertinent topics to college-aged audiences.

This year’s program, titled “No Man is an Island: Creature, Culture and Community,” featured a series of lectures dedicated to initiating discussion on human identity and relationships.

Panelists address a number of controversial topics the annual Edith Stein Project in McKenna Hall last year.

College celebrates sophomore weekend

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Following a long tradition of hosting a weekend celebrating the bond between students and their parents, Saint Mary’s College held its annual Sophomore Parents’ Weekend Friday and Saturday.

“As sophomores, we have conquered the battle of freshman year, and most of us would say that we love having Saint Mary’s College as our home away from home,” Cassie Palmer, sophomore class president, said.

“However, no matter how comfortable we are here, nothing can replace our bonds with our families.”

Parents were invited to visit campus and spend time with their daughters in a variety of scheduled campus events. Sophomore Parents’ Weekend is a valuable experience that I would recommend to every student,” sophomore Kamil Urbanski said. “It really is a wonderful time to show your parents your life at Saint Mary’s while also giving students the opportunities to create memories that will last for a lifetime.”

Students’ feelings on Valentine’s Day vary

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Valentine’s Day is a national holiday that traditionally celebrates love and romance. At Notre Dame, students’ views about the day of love vary, from those cynical about the holiday’s appeal to those who celebrate it as an expression of any kind of love.

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Valentine's bites

Anyone who knows me passably well and sees my name and headshot in an Inside Column on the day before Valentine's Day is more than likely expecting to read a bitter diatribe about how love is dead. Sorry to disappoint you.

True, the horrible holiday that took place yesterday is single-handedly killing love. No one denies this. I've decided, however, that the worst aspect of Feb. 14 and all it stands for is its proximity to Spring Break. On March 6, 10 of my friends and I will be jetting off to sunny Puerto Rico for a week of frolicking in the ocean, partaking in assorted alcohol-related debauchery and working on a tan that South Bend will no doubt suck away within days of our return.

Obviously, since people wear bathing suits to the beach, I've spent all my time since last semester's finals week trying to get in shape.

I've been on the treadmill for an hour a day, tried to tone my arms with the weights at Rolfs and forced my friends to sign up for RecSports abs classes with me.

Additionally, I've been subsisting mainly on chicken noodle soup, raw vegetables, small cups of yogurt and glasses of water. I even tried the Special K diet for a few days. It worked until I gave in and admitted how hungry I was. Those serving sizes aren't very big.

I think I've been doing a pretty good job. But Valentine's Day is ruining all of my efforts.

For the past week or so, I haven't been able to go anywhere without seeing some sort of unhealthy (and therefore extremely tempting) treat.

There are bowls of candy everywhere I turn. People selling Krispy Kreme seem to be camping out in Jordan Hall because I see them every time I cut through on my way to Rolfs. Even my parents, who are normally pretty good about healthy Valentine's Day gifts, sent me a box of chocolate-covered strawberries.

Incidentally, as I sat in my room typing this column just now, my RA knocked on my door and presented me with a Funfetti cupcake. This is torture.

I don't understand how I'm supposed to go grocery shopping and then do a well-meaning people offering the entire “eat sparingly” section of the food pyramid to anyone who walks by. One single baked good translates to a lot more gym time spent trying to burn off those obnoxious Valentine's Day calories.

This holiday is clearly promoting America's reputation as the fattest, unhealthiest nation in the world through the never-ending supply of chocolatey snacks. It needs to end. Immediately.

Unfortunately, I typed that last paragraph while stuffing my mouth with the Funfetti cupcake just like the bitter single person I am. Back to the treadmill.
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“Valentine’s Day is just an excuse for him to get me flowers,” she said.

Freshman Rich Estes said that he felt pressured into taking his girlfriend out for Valentine’s Day because of the traditional expectations of the holiday. “I really felt obligated to take her out,” he said. “I feel like Valentine’s Day is all about obligations.”

While many students have a skeptical view of the holiday, others believe that the purpose of Valentine’s Day is for individuals to spread happiness to loved ones.

Junior Chris Lee shares the more traditional view of Valentine’s Day and believes it is a time to demonstrate love through romantic gestures. “The holiday is centered on one person’s affections for someone in their life that is special.”

Chris Lee

Junior

The Conference is a really huge undertaking. We have dozens of people every year who help from organizing speakers to getting food. It is a really humbling experience to those of us who plan to have so many people willing to become involved,” Roman said.

She added that the student participants make the Conference possible. “We also want to thank all those who attended because what makes a conference is not the planning but the people who attend so we’re really just like to thank all the students who participated,” Roman said.

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Senior JoAnna Roman, co-chair of this year’s project, said the Conference is successful because it is the largest student-run conference of its kind on campus. “We feel the need to do much.”

Davidson, who received a present from Meehan the night before Valentine’s Day, said she will be giving him a gift later in the week but didn’t feel much anxiety about the demands of the holiday. “We joke that Valentine’s Day is just a day to tell everyone significant in your life how much you care about them.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli harem leader charged

JERUSALEM — An Israeli man who kept a cult-like harem of women and fathered dozens of children with them was charged in a Tel Aviv court Sunday with enslavement, rape, incest and other sexual offenses.

The 25-page indictment accuses 60-year-old Golron Rechomah of keeping women and children as “infected” figure who preyed on troubled women while treating them like “chattel.”

The indictment has capitalized the Israeli public since Ratzon’s arrest last month. Several of the women who came forward described their unconventional lives, describing their attraction to the man with flowing, long white hair.

According to detail in the indictment, at least 21 women bore a total of 49 children. It said he kept the women in a state of near-total obedience in crowded apartments in the Tel Aviv area, taking their welfare checks and making them take bank loans which he then confiscated.

Celebrated author, jockey dies

LONDON — Dick Francis, the best-selling British thriller writer and former champion jockey, died on Sunday in his home in the Cayman Islands. He was 89.

An accomplished horse jockey, Francis turned to writing after he retired from racing in 1957. He penned 42 novels, many of which featured racing as a theme. His books were translated into more than 20 languages, and in 2000 Queen Elizabeth II — whose mother was among his stories — honored Francis by making him a Commander of the British Empire.

U.S. rockets crash into home

Marjah — Two U.S. rockets slammed into a home Sunday outside the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah, killing 12 civilians after Afghanistan’s president approved an offensive to take care in its campaign to seize the town.

Inside Marjah, Marines encountered “death at every corner” in their second day of a massive offensive to capture this bleak mud-brick city filled with booby traps, hardcore Taliban fighters and civilians unsure where to cast their loyalty.

Marines confronted a fierce sandstorm as they ducked in and out of doorways and behind bullet-riddled walls to evade sniper fire. To the north, the U.S. Army troops fought skirmishes with Taliban fighters, calling in a Cobra attack helicopter against the insurgents.

Insurgents littered the area with booby traps and explosives before the offensive, and the sound of controlled detonations — about three every hour — punctuated the day along with mortars and rocket fire.

“Our children are very scared by the explosions. When will it end?” asked Zahir, a 25-year-old poppy farmer whose tiny, tattered helicopter was destroyed.

The civilian deaths were a blow to NATO and Afghan efforts to win the support of residents in the Marjah area, a major goal of the biggest ground offensive of the eight-year war which had a population of 80,000 before the offensive, is a Taliban logistical center and a base for their lucrative opium trade which finances the insurgency.

The rockets were fired by a High Mobility Artillery Reconnaissance Vehicle before troopers moved in and cleared out the details of those killed.

Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. forces scale back quake relief role

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The biggest U.S. military surge since Iraq and Afghanistan is scaling back a month after the troops arrived in haste to aid victims of Haiti’s catastrophic quake.

Eight U.S. teams have been leaving Haiti’s battered shores as thousands of American troops pack up their tents. The mission, however, is far from over.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates says the U.S. will be in Haiti for the long haul, although troop strength is down to 13,000 from a Feb. 1 peak of 20,000. Those who remain will accompany Haitians in an arduous struggle toward recovery.

Within a broad international relief effort, U.S. forces have provided some of the most visible support to a nation where education, government and infrastructure were nearly wiped out in less than a minute on Jan. 12.

They have shored up the capital’s quake-damaged port to operate at several times its pre-quake tonnage, while acting as a security and logistics mainstay for the U.S. food, medical and military ships, which have delivered life-sustaining relief to isolated villages.

The flow of injured quake victims to the USNS Comfort hospital ship has eased, but the need for medical facilities remains overwhelming in Port-au-Prince.

“We’re pretty saturated. This is the checkpoint,” said Air Force Maj. John Mansuy of St. Clairville, Ohio, the operating room nurse in a tented, full-service medical unit with zipper doors and a positive air flow to keep out choking dust that blankets a field in the teeming Cite Soleil slum.

His medical team takes in people strapped to stretchers — with fractures, open wounds and other life-threatening injuries — before rushing them offshore to the Comfort.

The U.S. military already is turning cer- tain tasks back over to the Haitians, such as daytime air-traffic control at Port-au-Prince’s damaged international airport, where commercial flights are expected to resume by Friday.

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Local News

New street signs simplify navigation

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A new breed of street signs has been installed throughout the city, making navigation at right or in bad weather.

The signs have begun replacing more than 15,000 street signs with highly reflective ones to meet federal regulations.

The new signs have a high-intensity metal sheeting that reflects light better than the old signs. Bloomington traffic manager Derek Nef said the signs look like they’re lit when head- lights hit them.

The new signs cost $25 apiece. The city plans to spend more than $375,000 when all its signs are upgraded.
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According to Palmer, the weekend began with an opening reception in the Student Center Lounge where College President Carol Ann Mooney gave a welcome address. Following the opening remarks, students and their parents were invited to participate in a silent auction and trivia game. A slideshow was also presented with baby and college photos of the women in attendance.

Students and their parents were provided with a brunch in the Stapleton Lounge on LeMans Hall Saturday morning. Following the brunch, the a cappella group Bollacappella performed a private show in the Little Theatre at Moreau Hall. Dance group Troop ND also performed. To educate families on College history, a display of Saint Mary’s heritage was exhibited at the Welcome Center.

In addition, students and parents were invited to a special Mass held at the Church of O’Loretto. My favorite activity was the Mass ... I would say this because the homily message by the priest was very inspiring,” sophomore Ellis Wasserman said. A special dinner and dance was held after the Mass for sophomores and their parents at the Hilton Garden Inn to conclude the weekend’s events.

“I would have to say that the dinner and dance was my favorite activity because it was nice to converse and socialize with different friends and families while spending time with my own,” Umbaugh said.

According to Palmer, 325 participants registered for the weekend.

“Sophomore Parents’ Weekend gives us the unique opportunity to see our two worlds come together, and to share our SMC experiences with our families,” Palmer said. Students said they enjoyed having their parents on campus and having the opportunity to spend the weekend with them.

“I really enjoyed getting to spend quality time with my family and show them things on campus that make Saint Mary’s unique and special,” Umbaugh said.

Wasserman also enjoyed the time spent with her family.

“It was a busy weekend, but I enjoyed spending one on one time with my mom because we love spending time together,” Ellis Wasserman, sophomore.

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of breast cancer for eight years. As she lined up to walk on to the court with her fellow survivors, she acknowledged the powerful emotions that emerged during the Pink Zone game.

“It’s empowering to be here,” she said. “It’s the local community coming together and being excited, and we know the basketball players are so supportive about all of this.”

Molly Duman Scheel, a medical student at the Indiana University School of Medicine and Notre Dame biology professor, is also involved in the fight against breast cancer. She studies Medical and Molecular Genetics, specifically the genetics of metastasis in a Ralston-Carmichael Hall laboratory.

Like Ancil, she was excited to see the community come together and also excited that the Pink Zone game acknowledged both support and research in the fight against breast cancer.

“It’s a nice event and brings together cancer researchers with cancer survivors and it’s a good way to raise money that will benefit people in our area.”

Molly Duman Scheel, biology professor.

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tion has been working to limit spending and cut costs in order to keep the tuition increases as low as possible.

As a Notre Dame education is an investment for families and students, Jenkins wrote that the University will “strive to match the enormous amount of time, talent and energy” that students and parents give to the educational experience.

Jenkins said the University’s financial aid program remains a priority.

In light of this year’s economic downturn, University scholarship assistance in 2010-11 will increase by 18 percent to $98 million. Notre Dame admissions remain “need blind,” meaning applicants are admitted without consideration for the ability to pay full tuition.

In the letter to parents, Jenkins said 95 percent of Notre Dame students graduate on time. “[Notre Dame] strives to develop the heart and the mind ... instill values and knowledge ... and inspire a lifelong mission ... as well as the capability to pursue it,” he said.

Graduate and professional school tuition also will increase by 3.8 percent, bringing total tuition to $39,310 for the Graduate School and $40,340 for both the Law School and the Master of Business Administration Program.

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In Brief

**Samsung unveils new smart phone**

**BARCELONA** — Samsung Electronics Co., the largest maker of cell phones for the U.S. market, on Sunday unveiled the first phone running Samsung's own "smart" software system, bada.

With bada, Korea-based Samsung is taking the TouchWiz system, now used on its touch-screen non-smart phones and making it the basis of a smart phone platform to take on Apple Inc.'s iPhone and Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry.

Samsung also makes phones based on other competing smart phone systems, and is getting closer to Android, a creation by Google Inc., and Symbian, of which Nokia Corp. is a major backer.

**Fishermen to rally against federal law**

BOSTON — Fishermen from around the country are planning to pack the steps in front of the U.S. Capitol this month to demand changes to a federal fisheries law that they see as killing jobs and eroding fishing communities.

"We're United We Fish" rally expect up to 3,000 people at the Capitol on Feb. 24 protest, including a bipartisan roster of congressmen and fishermen from as far away as Alaska.

"We rally because as various issues roll the fishing business, including questions about uneven law enforcement, restrictions on key recreational stocks and a switch to a new system of regulating Northeast fishermen. But Jim Hutchinson Jr. of the Observer Fishing Alliance, a rally organizer, said the overall goal is changing the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the federal fisheries law that was reauthorized in 2007.

Hutchinson said the law sets unrealistic fish stock recovery goals based on flawed science, then mandates harsh cuts for failing to meet the goals.

"This is about real people having real concerns and being put out of business, being kicked off the water," Hutchinson said.

"As a Point Judith, R.I., fisherman who is organizing a bus ride to the rally, thinks policymakers will be forced to pay attention when they see solidarity from a field traditionally filled with factions.

"The competition has always run so high," Jackson said. "Now it's come down to 'You know what, it's do or die, we're all in this together, regardless of what kind of fishing you do.'"

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spokeswoman Monica Allen said the agency 'will be listening carefully to what fishermen and others have to say that day.'**

She added that the U.S. has world-leading fisheries science and management, and fishermen will see the benefits.

"We estimate that once the nation rebuilds all fisheries, which we are on a track to do and required to do by law, the dockside value of our fisheries would go from $4.1 billion to $6.3 billion annually, a 54-percenter increase," she said.
Weather halts rescuers

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Rain, low clouds and predicted high winds Sunday grounded searchers seeking the body of a ConocoPhillips Alaska employee missing and presumed dead in an avalanche that killed the head of the company.

The avalanche hit around noon Saturday on the Kenai Peninsula buried Jim Bowles, 57, head of ConocoPhillips Alaska, and Alan Gage, 39, part of the company’s capital projects team in Anchorage.

Gage remains missing.

“The weather is not cooperating and it’s not conducive to search,” said Megan Peters, a spokeswoman for the Alaska State Troopers.

The men were in a party of 12 snowmobilers in the Grandview wilderness area, part of the Chugach National Forest, between the tiny communities of Moose Pass and Portage.

Bowles was buried for about 45 minutes before companions using avalanche beacons dug him out. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Gage apparently was not wearing an avalanche beacon, troopers said.

Pro-life Ga. billboard causes controversy

ATLANTA — The message on dozens of billboards across Atlanta is provocative.

Black children are an “endangered species.”

The eyebrow-raising ads featuring a young black child are an effort by the anti-abortion movement to use race to rally support within the black community.

The reaction from black leaders has been mixed, but the “Too Many Aborted” campaign, which so far is unique to only Georgia, is drawing support from other anti-abortion groups across the country.


“This campaign is in your face, and nobody can ignore it.”

The billboards went up last week in Atlanta and urge black women to “get outraged.”

The effort is sponsored by Georgia Right to Life, which also is pushing legislation to ban abortions based on race.

Black women accounted for 28% of the state’s population, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, black women were more than three times as likely to get an abortion in 2006 compared with white women, according to the CDC.

“I think it’s necessary,” Cheryl Sullenger, senior policy adviser for Operation Rescue, a prominent anti-abortion group, said of the billboard campaign.

“Abortion in the black community is at epidemic proportions. They’re not really aware of what’s actually going on. If it shocks people … it should be shocking.”

Anti-abortion advocates say the procedure has always been linked to race.

They claim Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger wanted to eradicate minorities by putting birth control clinics in their neighborhoods, a charge Planned Parenthood denies.

“The language in the billboard is using messages of fear and shame to target women of color,” said Leslie Bieve, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Georgia.

“If we want to reduce the number of abortions and unintended pregnancies, we need to work as a community to make sure we get quality affordable health care services to as many women and men as possible.”

In 2008, Issues4Life, a California-based group working to end abortion in the black community, lobbied Congress to stop funding Planned Parenthood, calling black abortions “the Darfur of America,” referring to the violence-wracked western Sudanese province.

Pro-Life Action League Executive Director Eric Scheidler said a race-based strategy for anti-abortion activists has gotten a fresh zeal, especially in the wake of the historic election of the country’s first black president, Barack Obama, who supports abortion rights.

“He’s really out of step with the rest of black America,” Scheidler said. “That might be part of what is shifting here and why a campaign like this is appropriate. It is kind of wake-up that disconnect.”

Abortion rights advocates are disturbed.

Spelman College professor Beverly Guy-Sheftall called the strategy a gimmick.

“To use racist arguments to try to bait black people to get them to be anti-abortion is just disgusting,” said Guy-Sheftall, who teaches women’s history and feminist thought at the historically black women’s college.
FLINT, Mich. — A fire that apparently started after a man fell asleep while cooking swept through an apartment building, killing the man’s young child and three others he was babysitting, authorities said.

The fire started at about 11 p.m. Saturday in a kitchen in one of the building’s six town houses, said Rod Slaughter, executive director of the Flint Housing Commission.

Neighbors spotted flames and smoke, and banged on the doors of the unit to wake the 28-year-old father, who escaped through a first-floor window, Fire Battalion Chief Andy Graves said.

They unsuccessfully tried to coax one of the children to jump from a second-floor window.

“They were able to reach one child, but they couldn’t get her to jump,” Graves said Sunday.

The children were between the ages of 1 and 4 years old.

Smoke detectors either were not working or the residents of the unit where the fire started did not heed them, Graves said. The apartment was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived.

Flint Public Safety Director Al Lock said firefighters arrived at the building within minutes of the emergency call.

“They did all that they could to try to reach the children,” Lock said at a news conference Sunday night. He said when the firefighters found the children they could not be revived.

Pink and blue balloons, teddy bears and candles were placed outside the burned town house in an impromptu memorial for the victims. The neighborhood is pockmarked by vacant lots and boarded-up single-family homes in a battered industrial city hard-hit by the loss of tens of thousands of General Motors Corp. jobs over recent decades.

Chiquana Richey, a former resident of the complex, raced to the scene after getting a call from a friend soon after the blaze broke out. The mother of two children returned there Sunday.

“I couldn’t imagine what it would be like to lose my children like that. I couldn’t live. I live for my children,” said Richey, 32.

Melinda Stewart, a neighbor whose three children played with the children who died, said she called 911 in a panic after the fire erupted.

“I was just screaming to 911, ‘The babies are inside,’” Stewart told The Flint Journal. It took firefighters hours to bring the blaze under control but it flared up again early Sunday, destroying Stewart’s apartment and possessions and those of other neighbors.

The fire spread through a common attic and damaged all of the six units in the two-story apartment building, part of a sprawling, low-rise complex.
As Operation Musturak (which means togetherness in Pashto) — aimed at Taliban strongholds in Helmand province — enters the fifth day of operations, NATO coalition forces are meeting with considerable tactical success. Opposition has been minimal and the show of force has, according to CNN, convinced many tribal leaders in the area that the coalition is there to stay. Still, commanders on the ground have emphasized that the operation is not yet complete and may still encounter significant complications. Placed into the larger picture of Obama’s planned surge, the operation illustrates the capabilities of American and coalition forces when effectively concentrated against the enemy. At the same time, it is impossible to judge the true effectiveness of the operation or the Surge at this time. In the past, initially successful operations have been unable to bring as much pressure against the Taliban as was hoped or were unable to hold out against Taliban counterattacks. Additionally, it should be remembered that there will be an additional 30,000 troops on the ground by the end of the Surge and it is impossible to say with certainty how successful this massive deployment will be until all boots are on the ground. Keeping Iraq in mind, many political commentators began claiming the Iraqi Surge was a failure before much of the deployment could be carried out.

Another aspect of the Iraqi Surge applicable to Afghanistan is that both operations are only military operations and are only one aspect of a multi-faceted solution. To say that a military operation is a failure because it did not bring political unity is like saying an apple tastes bad because it does not look like an orange. Military operations are meant to provide military solutions and provide a certain level of security — nothing more or less. Just as much political and structural ground work remains to be done in post-Surge Iraq, the same will be true in Afghanistan when military operations begin winding down.

Despite the parallels one can draw between Iraq and Afghanistan, there are also many differences and certain approaches taken in Iraq that will simply not work in Afghanistan. While Iraq has its share of sectarian problems, it has a history — however troubled — of unification and Iraqis have shown an ability — albeit rarely — to overcome sectarian rivalries for the sake of a broader communal concept. Afghanistan, on the other hand, has long been a very fractured country divided into a patchwork of a variety of tribes and ethnic groups. It also lacks natural resources such as the vast oil reserves found in Iraq. Money, after all, makes things go more smoothly. Additionally, the Afghan government and security forces have — with few exceptions — proven to be shaky partners. President Hamid Karzai is well known for his back room dealings and flirtations with nefarious characters. And, there is a high turn-over rate in the Afghan security forces.

Afghanistan does have its share of problems, but this is not to say it is a hopeless situation. As tempting as it is to cut and run in the short term, such a short-sighted strategy will undoubtedly come back to haunt the United States as it has happened with so many other policies from America’s past. Rather, it is imperative that America take Afghanistan’s unique history, social structure and culture into account when hatching out its long-term foreign policy towards the region and Afghanistan in particular. Perhaps Afghanistan will never be a well-functioning liberal democracy but this is not essential for American security or necessarily worth the necessary investments in blood and treasure. Rather, the United States should try and establish friendly relations with Afghanistan’s rulers and strike a balance between pressuring Afghanistan to democratize and partnering with Afghanistan against enemies of the United States. Simply put, there is not enough public interest, or international support for lofty goals.

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Cloudy with a chance of meatballs

There are many things to like about North Dining Hall, from the large main room to its lovely employees swiping everyone in day after day. However, it is hard to be complacent, as there are things within those walls which seemingly defy logic or reason.

First, one has to wonder why North chooses to have Mini Swedish meatballs as an option. Not only are they terrible, but the real atrocity is that they replace the delicacy that is regular meatballs. Why mix Swedish with Italian? It is just a mess.

Secondly, it may blow some people’s minds, but grilled chicken that is available and not dry is actually preferable to other options. Why cook to the tune of Italian? Keep it pure, North.

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While such dialogue takes courage on both parts, there is nothing to fear because as Catholics we know the outcome, which is the truth of Love. However, I would invite the planners next year to give voice to the experience of faithful Catholics who do not identify as heterosexual.

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An earthquaking trend

At 3:59:34 a.m. CST on Feb. 10, a 3.8-magnitude earthquake hit Northern Illinois. Fellow countrymen felt the commotion in places such as Tennessee and Georgia. Comparatively, the devastating earthquake in Haiti registered 7.0 on the Richter Scale. Therefore, Haiti experienced an earthquake roughly 1,500 times stronger than the one in Illinois. If you believe that this means the earthquake in Illinois was 1,500 times less important... au contraire, mon frère. I must take a page out of my friend Pat Robertson’s book. Thus, I begin my rant:

“IT (the earthquake) may be a blessing in disguise. Something happened a long time ago in Illinois, and people might not want to talk about it. Illinoisans were originally under the heel of the Democrats. You know, Rod Blagojevich, or whatever. And they (the people of Illinois) got together and swore an oath to Barack Obama. They said, ‘we will serve you if you will get us free from Rod Blagojevich.’ True story. And so, Barack Obama said, okay it’s a deal. Ever since, they have been cursed by one thing after the other.” The rest, as they say, is history.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth, identity and Edith Stein

Many thanks to those who organized the Edith Stein Conference last week for their dedication to exploring religious, cultural and sexual identity. However, I would invite the planners next year to give voice to the experience of faithful Catholics who do not identify as heterosexual.

The Conference hosted Melinda Selmys, who lived as a lesbian for over seven years before “converting” to both Catholicism and heterosexuality. Selmys’ story was a nuanced one; she did not claim to be ex-gay and questioned the morality of the University’s current non-discrimination policy. However, if the conference desires to reflect upon homosexuality and Catholicism, planners may want to consider allowing someone to speak who actually identifies as homosexual, which they failed to do with both Selmys and in the two men chosen for the panel discussion.

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Olympics are brief time of world peace

The Olympics are here, again. After their habitual four years of dormancy, the Winter Games return to the world stage in Vancouver, British Columbia. While many people couldn’t care less about the Olympics, I have been looking forward to this for 17 months, since the Olympic flame in Beijing was extinguished.

And now I reflect on why the Olympics are so important to me, and why they’re important to the world.

It goes like this:

At a young age, it was instilled in me that the Olympics were a huge deal. My whole family would gather around the TV, enthralled with my dad’s ’60s philosophy “that these things only happen every four years, Bec. Enjoy them.”

While most kids wore out copies of Disney or superhero movies, I watched the 1996 Olympic Gymnastics team win gold and Dan Jansen finally win for his sister over and over again. I also secretly knew every word of the 2002 Opening Ceremonies, from many after-school viewings.

I wanted to be Dorothy Hamlin, a ’70s figure skater, for Halloween one year and I cried the day my “96 Atlanta hoodie got a hole in it.”

But my love for the Olympics didn’t stop in my pre-teen years; they have always been a part of my life. In high school I wrote a thesis paper on the inter-workings of Olympic judging. I even got to interview an employee of the International Olympic Committee. In 2008 I ate, slept and breathed Michael Phelps’ road to eight gold medals, and the original 1984 cover of Newsweek with Mary Lou Retton, the first American to win the all-around title in gymnastics, is hanging on my wall.

Last summer, I made a trip to Lake Placid to touch the actual goal where Mike Eruzione scored the game-winning shot against the Soviet Union in 1980, “Do you believe in Miracles?”

But really, miracles are what the Olympics are all about. The world takes more than two weeks off for peace; there is nothing more miraculous than that. It’s the world as I wish it could be. And that’s why I love the Games so much. They’re more than a collection of sporting events; they’re a global recognition that we are all human with indomitable passion and goodness.

So whether you will follow the Olympics this year or not, there is definitely a chance for amazing things to happen in Vancouver.

Eight years ago, in the shadow of the Sept. 11 attacks, NBC anchor Bob Costas summed up the tone of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and it still applies today.

“The (Olympic) Flame that is lit tonight is not like any other. It’s not the fire of destruction but a light in the darkness.”

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Tired of living in sweatpants and the lack of inspiration in not exactly fashion-forward South Bend? Turn your eyes towards Fall 2010 Fashion Week, which began in New York City Thursday.

Now, it is easier than ever to imagine that you are one of the elite in the fashion world, due to the ability to see entire collections online only moments after the shows finish. Some designers, such as Marc Jacobs, Calvin Klein and Michael Kors, are even live streaming their shows online, making almost anyone feel like they have a ticket to a big-name fashion show. Unfortunately, the week started out on a tragic note, as designer Alexander McQueen was found dead from apparent suicide on Thursday morning. This event has cast a somber tone on what should be an exciting time for designers, editors and all fans of fashion. Luckily, there is always enough activity and drama during Fashion Week to keep people on their toes and moving from one show to the other quickly. Who will be the new up-and-coming designer? Which designers will strike out? What are the new trends? The answers to these questions are revealed little by little after each show.

Thus far, critics are hailing the collections shown by Peter Som, Preen and Chado Ralph Rucci. Chado Ralph Rucci presented an upscale collection filled with luxurious fabrics such as fur and feathers. The Peter Som show had more of a bohemian feel to it, mixing prints and layering beads and tweed. Preen showed silhouettes with both masculine and feminine elements. There have been many other emerging trends that do not need to be saved for fall. Thin long-sleeved T-shirts layered under sleeveless dresses were shown at BCBG. Chunky knits, which are necessary for South Bend weather, were on display at Jason Wu and Lacoste. The latest style of blazer seems to be double-breasted, seen at Ruffian and I.A.M.B. One trend that hopefully will not be making a comeback in real-life wardrobes anytime soon is the maxi-skirt, which was present in numerous shows so far. That is just a little too reminiscent of late-1990s teenagers.

If just looking at the beautiful clothes in the shows is not enough, there is real entertainment to be found in the behind-the-scenes action of the fashion industry. Two excellent documentaries about giants in the fashion world came out in 2009: “The September Issue” and “Valentino: The Last Emperor.” “The September Issue,” the better of the two films, documents the making of the September 2007 issue of Vogue magazine, which is the biggest in the magazine’s history. It presents a captivating portrait of the mysterious editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, who is without a doubt the most powerful person in the fashion industry. The contrast between Wintour and creative director Grace Coddington makes for some of the most interesting dynamics seen in any film in recent years, but it is made all the more appealing for the fact that it is real. “The September Issue” will be released on DVD on Feb. 23. “Valentino: The Last Emperor” is also worth seeing. Valentino Garavani is one of the most important designers in the world. This film follows him at the end of his long career. It is rare to get an inside look at how a legendary designer works and to see what inspires them. “Valentino: The Last Emperor” is available now on DVD.

For those who would rather watch the rise of the future in fashion, look no further than the popular reality series “Project Runway.” Now in its seventh season, there is no doubt that this show has influenced the fashion industry. Past contestants Christian Siriano and Daniel Vosovic both showed collections in the last few days. If you need a fashion fix, these are great options to get an intimate view of the important, the legendary, and the newest style-setters in the fashion industry. Fashion Week has only just begun, and there is much more glamour and excitement still to come.
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It’s hard to place Lil Wayne in the rap canon. One thing is very clear: he is one of the most productive musicians of the past decade. In that time he’s released 50 other tracks as well as countless mixtapes. It almost seems as if the confusion is intentional. He’ll drop a top-10 hit like “A Millie” but then follow up with a song about playing basketball on a moon made of drugs.

Conversely, music, the other defining characteristic of Lil Wayne is his prolific drug use. As displayed in his music, his relationship with illicit substances is rather complex. While his raps profess most often profess love for them, at times they appear conflicted. It may be best said that his hand rolled misde- meanors are the closest thing he has to a muse.

Some time shortly after 2006, Lil Wayne transformed into a rap star. While he had been moderately successful as an underground musician before then, his mixtape work caught the attention of critics, mainstream fans and indie kids. Riding this wave of newfound momentum, “Tha Carter III,” his fifth studio album, sold over one million copies in the first week, earned eight Grammy nominations and transformed Lil Wayne into the brightest star in the business.

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As for Lil Wayne’s actual performance, it leaves much to be desired. While his distinctive vocal attributes serve his rock songs well, his failure to adhere to his own success formula results in an album that is completely lifeless. Lil Wayne's fruitlessly compiles beats, distortion and auto tune in an attempt at a futuristic sound, but instead sounds more like a computer program. He's gathered all the pieces that would make a rock album, but just didn’t put them together correctly. Most importantly, the album is completely lifeless.

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Scene Writer

Friday night, students, parents, children and professors alike trudged through the snow banks and roofs and rushing waterfalls. As the air continued, it became more and more powerful, finally wrote the piece, a lovely and moving air, for his first concert as well. A quiet beginning morphed into a rise of energy and spirit. The intensity only continued to increase with the majestic entrance of the trombones, giving breadth and emotion to the final movement.

The night spent in DPAC, with the Symphony Orchestra was extremely enjoyable, both the music and the atmosphere. DPAC, with its fantastic acoustics and comfortable seats, provided a lovely background for the melodic night of music.

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The Belles expected a battle heading into their season-opening match against non-conference opponent Case Western. Unfortunately, a seasoned Spartans team proved to be too much for the Belles to handle.

Saint Mary’s (0-1) kicked off its season on a sour note, dropping its first dual meet to Case Western (1-0) by a 72-28 score at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

A slow start doomed the Belles in their first match of the season. Despite the tough loss, the Belles gained valuable experience by playing such a tough team early in the season.

“The Belles might have taken a lot from the competitive match,”老大 Camille Gebert, senior Camille Gebert, said. “It will be a matter of adjusting to stronger teams like Case Western if we want to bring our play up a notch.”

Junior Jael Hurley agreed with Gebert’s assessment of the match. “Although Case Western was such a tough team, it was beneficial to play them because playing more challenging teams can help raise our games to a higher level,” she said.

The Belles’ lone victories came from the No. 4 and No. 5 singles positions, where juniors Franco Peluso and Mary Therese Lee managed close wins over their Spartan counterparts. After winning the first set 7-5, Peluso jumped out to a 4-1 lead over her opponent Corey Bowen. Bowen cut the deficit to 4-3, but Peluso held on for a 6-3 victory in the second set.

At the No. 5 singles position, Lee cruised in the first set en route to a 6-1 victory. The second set was back-and-forth, but Lee was finally able to close out victory rous 7-5. It marked the second win in a row for the Belles.

“At the bottom half of our singles team, we have our team really battled and won closer scores,” Gebert said. “I don’t think that the overall final score of our win was a good reflection of how we played or how we felt out on the court.”

The Belles started slow as they were swept at all three of the doubles positions. Both of the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles positions. Hurley fell 6-1, 6-0, while Gebert suffered a 6-0, 6-0 defeat.

Still, at such an early point in the season, the Belles were eager to stress the positives that came out of the match. “It was incredibly beneficial to start off the season with a tough match because it showed us that although we lost, we can keep up with teams at that level,” Hurley said. “I think despite our loss, all of us improved in some way from the match.”

The Belles will now turn their attention to the end of the week when they face Notre Dame and then the University of North Carolina. The Belles hope to continue their non-conference matches and try to remain tune-up prior to the start of their conference schedule.

“We will need to be ready to play from the start of the match, and we need to take advantage of any opportunities to gain early points with doubles,” Gebert said. “We need to focus less on the result and more on improvement in general during our non-conference matches.”

“Hopefully, [the Case Western match] will push everyone to step up for next week’s match and take our play to the next level,” Hurley said.

The match is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Belles did not end the weekend, and their season, the way they would have liked, finishing seventh with a total score of 241 at the MIAA Championships hosted by College of Wooster. But just as they had hoped going into the meet, many individuals emerged victorious and came out with huge accomplishments.

Freshman Ellie Watson started her first career dual meet with a bang on a high note, breaking the school record in the championship heat of the 500-yard freestyle. Watson lowered the time by 4.55 seconds, finishing first, second and third in the event.

The second day continued with a win in the 1,000 freestyle for Griffin, freshman Calla Poychrest and freshman Emily Pearl placed second and third in the event. The Belles had a strong finish in the 100 backstroke at 1:01.21, 1:03.51 and 1:04.68.

Other Belles advanced to the finals: Spittler finished 16th in the 100 butterfly at 1:02.90 and ninth in the 200 butterfly at 2:15.43 while Niemann and Birdiel tied for fourth in the 50 freestyle at 20.47 and 20.58.

The weekend ended with another triumph for Watson, who joined Lierz, sophomores Megan Price and Griffin in the 400 freestyle relay to a fifth place finish at 3:43.83 and a second-best time for Saint Mary’s.

Saint Mary’s finished 3rd in the 100 in the freestyle at 55.54 and Poychrest and Pearl took 12th and 15th respectively in the 100 backstroke at 2:16.08 and 2:19.54.

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May the road rise to meet you. May the winds be always at your back.

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May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. May joy surround you with his blessings.

May the road rise to meet you.


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to evince his match of the second round. Leduska’s unassailable strength and dominant control of the third round, though, as Lagory mercilessly fired shots at his foe, left Sullivan frightened by his own power经贸 war with China.

Joseph “Sweet Cheeks” Decker def. Kyle Bianco
Bianco came off the opening bell with a flurry of punches, but as time went on Decker established his control of the ring in the second round. For the remainder of the match, Bianco’s efforts did not impress the judges, and he was stopped in the third round by Decker. The sophomore pitched several jabs and punches in a fast-paced fight, but the veteran Bianco quickly and efficiently neutralized each attempt. Bianco used his longer reach to his advantage, as he clipped Bianco with a series of sharp uppercuts and strong right-left combinations, as Bianco attempted to hit him with a barrage of punches. In the third round, Bianco was able to secure the decision and take control of the ring, as he landed a flurry of punches on Bianco and set the tone for the remainder of the match. Bianco won by unanimous decision.

Nicholas “The Guillotine” Goode def. Josh Sullivan
The fight got off to an exciting start, as the two featherweights bludgeoned each other in the head relentlessly throughout the first round. The opening bell of the second round, the sophomore Goode was dominant as he established his control in the opening bell of the second round. As the veteran Sullivan pitched several jabs and punches in a fast-paced fight, the sophomore used his longer reach to his advantage, as he clipped Sullivan with a series of sharp uppercuts and strong right-left combinations, as Sullivan attempted to hit him with a barrage of punches. On the opening bell of the second round, Sullivan had the advantage as he landed a flurry of punches on Goode and set the tone for the remainder of the match. Sullivan won by unanimous decision.

Anthony “El Gigante” Lucisano def. Nicholas Bock
Neither fighter emerged with an advantage in the first round. After the first round, both boxers took advantage of the opportunity to rest and recoup their physical and mental stamina. The second round, both boxers traded punches with Sullivan, as Sullivan continued to dominate in the ring. The two boxers exchanged jabs and punches in the third round, as Sullivan, who had the advantage in the first round, maintained his domination throughout the remainder of the match. Sullivan won by unanimous decision.

Michael “Scottie” Kissling def. Demetrius “The Brawler” Dupont
The junior Kissling began to tire in the second round, as Dupont continued to dominate in the ring. The two boxers exchanged jabs and punches in the third round, as Dupont, who had the advantage in the first round, maintained his domination throughout the remainder of the match. Dupont won by unanimous decision.

Matthew “The Machine” Mullen def. the Bristol Brawler” Dupont
Despite a strong effort by Dupont, Mullen and his team were able to secure the win in the final round. In the first round, Dupont was able to establish his control of the ring, as he landed multiple punches and kept Mullen on the ropes. In the second round, Mullen regained his composure and responded with a hard strike to Dupont’s head. Mullen nearly lost his footing in the third round, as his punches made it difficult for Dupont to control the ring. The judges awarded Mullen the victory by unanimous decision.

Senior Kevin Goodwin and sophomore Andrew Osanka spar Saturday in the preliminary round of the Bengal Bouts. Both boxers are expected to advance to the quarterfinals, with Goodwin being considered the favorite. The two boxers were able to establish their control throughout the match, as Goodwin landed a flurry of punches on Osanka and set the tone for the remainder of the match. Goodwin won by unanimous decision.

Andrew Kristensdottir def. Philip “Shoes” Lettieri
Kristensdottir and Lettieri traded the momentum throughout the fight. Kristensdottir, a sophomore, took the lead early by landing a right hand on Lettieri, a freshman, and kept Lettieri against the ropes for the rest of the match. In the next round, Kristensdottir’s punches came up empty as Lettieri maneuvered around the ring before getting back in control. Lettieri rebounded again in the third round, but Kristensdottir continued to aggressively outbox Kristensdottir at the expense of Lettieri, as he threw punches without being hit. Kristensdottir put forth a strong final effort and planted punches on Kristensdottir’s neck late in the round. Kristensdottir won in a split decision.

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Bout Notes/Results

Matthew “Yo mamma” Murayama def. Thomas “Shake n Bake” Enzweiler
Murayama started this battle of juniors well as he ducked below the arms of the tall Enzweiler, who had trouble getting to Murayama’s head. The second round, Murayama’s advances and battle with defensive jabs by Enzweiler, as both competitors were struggling to keep up. In the third round, Murayama won a split decision.

Mike “It’s All About the Q” Quigley def. John “The Spaniard” Flores
Both boxers pitched several jabs and punches in a fast-paced fight, but the sophomore Quigley had the advantage as he landed a flurry of punches on Flores and set the tone for the remainder of the match. Quigley won by unanimous decision.

Kieran Bulger def. Robert “Hooligan” Enzweiler
The veteran Bulger overwhelmed his freshman opponent, pinning him against the ropes while showering him with shots to the skull in his debut match. After establishing his control in the second round, Bulger showcasing his footwork as Berger flailed his arms in vain, unable to land a solid hit on his opponent. After connecting with an uppercut to the head and a series of unan-

Michael “Face for the Radio” Maglli def. Stephen “Here opportunity to pull away in this hard-fought battle. The sophomore Maglli deflected and countered several early attempts by Mattingly and the two exchanged numerous jabs before the round was over. The junior was still in the match as the second round began, but gradually his energy waned as Maglli kept him on the ropes while parrying and deflecting most of the shots thrown his way. Maglli won by unanimous decision.

Tommy “The Hebrew Hammer” Ziccarelli def. Bobby Sullivan
Schanzer def. Christopher Bell
The senior Schanzner was dominant in the first round of the match. He landed many forceful punches to the sophomore’s face and the referee had to stop the fight at the 2:00 mark, as Sullivan was unable to continue.

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Bowie Powers def. Ryan Carey
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155-pound Weight Division

John “The Caucasian Asian” Crabtree def. Samuel Wengryn
After a first round in which both Crabtree and Wengryn got their fair amount of shots in, Crabtree took over in the second round. Despite law student Wengryn’s decided height advantage, the junior was able to land a steady dose of both head and body punches. With a wicked left hook the chin, Wengryn went down and Crabtree got the knockout.

Adam “Mad” Cowden “Disease” def. Eric Monzon
Cowden took an early lead over his fellow sophomore, a lead which he kept for the duration of the fight. Though Cowden brought Monzon to the ropes early in the first round, Monzon was able to escape before any crucial damage was done. Later on in the second round, Monzon started to tire and his throws were increasingly off target. The second round led to a poor performance by the judges to decide unanimously that Cowden was the winner.

160-pound Weight Division

John “My Body is a Wonderland” Maier def. Chad “Louisville Slugger” Lavelle
Both boxers came out swinging after the opening bell with senior captain Maier taking the more balanced approach and the freshman Lavelle emulating a wild, unpredictable strategy. After an even first round, Maier began to take over in the second, as the referee stopped to check on Lavelle. By the end of the third round, both fighters looked fatigued by the flurry they had played in the first two rounds. But, at the end of the final round, the referee ended up calling the fight in favor of Maier after a strong combination.

Colin “The Lion” King def. John “The Boy Who Lived” Foster
Even though the freshman King fell early in the round, he bounced back quickly in his defeat of Foster. After getting back up again, King rushed the sophomore into a corner energy-etically and showed Foster both left and right hook shots. In the second round, King easily started to gain the upper hand in the fight. In the third round, Cowden served Monzon a series of combinations and forced Foster to the ropes. In the second half of the round, Foster dodged causing King to lose his balance and almost fall for the second time of the fight. Just as Foster looked like he was in good position to weaken King, King was able to take advantage of the fact that Foster was not protecting his chin. King was the winner in a split decision.

James “Jimbo Slice” Bowen def. Michael “Secret” Labriola
In the first round, both the freshman Bowen and his sophomore brother Labriola were looking for combination punches to defeated Cunningham by unanimous decision in Bachinskas’ favor. After a good exchange in the third round, Kander landed a vicious left right before the final bell and claimed the unanimous decision.

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ior Ouderkirk got the better of the opening bell and clinched a victory.

Steven Brownwell def. Caleb Landman

Even though the senior Laux started off strong, throwing the majority of his punches, he was defeated by Brownwell with a technical knockout halfway through the second round. At the opening bell, the junior served Laux a right-hook shot that Laux was not able to recover from. During the second round, Brownwell took over the fight, pinning Laux to the ropes numerous times before the referee called the fight.

Keenan "Mr. Chops" Duffey def. Nick "Missile Crisis" Perez

Perez went on the offensive immediately after the initial blows in this battle of sophomores, bloodying Duffey with a right hook to the body. Under Du
ffey’s pressure, he was able to get in a solid body shot and knock Duffey out of his own. In the second, Duffey continued his domination and came out as the aggressor. But Miller was able to turn it around again and put Savage back on the ropes. Through a steady barrage by both boxers in the third, Miller landed a solid right hook shot.

Jason "Pretty Boy" Miller def. Michael Savage

In the first round, Savage was struggling to get a rhythm. He was unable to get the shots he needed to so

chair the final bell. In the final round, Abercrombie threw combination punches that led to his unanimous vic-
thor. The opening bell enabled him to prevail over the younger fighter in a unanimous deci-

sion. After a close fight, pinning Laux to the ropes, Mitchell claimed the victory, but Mitchell con-
tinued to fight despite his inability to keep up with his opponent. Kissing won by unanimous decision.

Jose Aguirre def. Andrew "Fists Don’t Lie" Mitchell

"This Isn’t Where I Parked My Car" Mitch

Several successful punches put Mitchell in a hole, but Mitchell came back with a flurry of his own. In the end, Aguirre took the match in a split decision.

Kevin "The Night Man" Kray def. Tyler "Everyday I’m Hustlin’" DeBoer

The first round consisted of a constant exchange between the two fighters. Both boxers used the other blow for growth. After the initial rounds, both fighters were able to get in solid punches to the head. Kray no

only landed punches to Dipiero’s head and body. The second round was an explosive one with both boxers handling the exchanges in a dominating manner. Kaspar won by unanimous decision.

John Bollman def. Alexander "McGoats" Lewis

Bollman dominated all three rounds of the match, cornering Lewis multiple times. Despite ending the final round with a shot to the face from Lewis, Bollman eas-
ily took the match in a split vote.

David "Played and It Pleased the Lord" Fernandes def. "The Flying Otter" Twardzik

The first round brought a quick advantage to Fosselman when he knocked Twardzik twice, despite Twardzik’s height advantage. Twardzik came out fighting at the beginning of the second round and his strong push continued throughout the second round, but Fosselman came back even stronger in the third, making the match a very competitive one. Fosselman’s successes of the first round carried over, and the judge declared him a unanimous winner.
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Giacomino “Il Capo” Minafra deﬁned Brian “Polish Thunder” Salk
to keep Minafra off the offen-
sive and wild style to a unani-
mosity over his fellow sophomore, but things became more and more consistent.

John Zivalian deﬁned Christopher “The Jersey Devil” LaCosta
to keep his offensive and his
powerful shots, but LaCosta
was using his height to stay in
the match. The ﬁnal round played out fairly even, with both ﬁghters com-
ing out ready. In the end it was the
rival Zivalian who came out on top by a split decision.

Senior Andy Nester and graduate student def. “Feroz” par
in the preliminary round of the Bengal Bouts.

Within seconds of the bell, Hsu took control and main-
tained it throughout the match, swinging constantly as fresh-
man Toombs tried to hold off the punches. The second round
began just as the ﬁrst had, as Hsu cornered Toombs time and
time again. Toombs came into the ﬁ nal round stronger than
the previous two, but his efforts fell short of the raw strength of
Hsu. After three rounds of brawling, Toombs was awarded a unanimous victory.

John “Pap” Tehoula deﬁned Brian “Half-man, Half-hair”

The ﬁghter didn’t give in and
made any of his fellow
fighters seem to have good
control until the end, especially
when things slowed
ly in the ﬁrst round, knocking
Loisegoff the ground. Lopez
showed through in the ﬁnal
round. Despite a good slew of
powerful shots, but Straccia
refused to back down in the
second round and continued his
powerful shots into the end,
especially when Tingey spent
much of an offensive attack.

Jason Healy deﬁ ned Joseph Tingey

The junior Healy physically
dominated the overmatched
MBA student Tingey en route to
a technical knockout. Healy’s
punches were so powerful and
relentless that Tingey spent
most of the ﬁght in a defensive
stance and was unable to
answer for the technically
impressive Tehoula, who held
his ground and pounded Diz with numerous headshots in
what appeared to be an easy victory for the junior. Tehoula
physically overpowered his inexperienced opponent in all
three rounds and by round two he was content to defend him-
self and strategically land jar-
ing headshots to Diaz as he
coasted to the unanimous de-
cision.

Heavyweight Division

Kye “Chief” Roque deﬁned Jeffrey “Bronell” O’Neill

Roque’s height advantage
instantly proved to also be an overall advantage. A shot to
O’Neill’s nose early in the ﬁrst round ended the match with a
victory for Roque.

Timothy “Silky Smooth” Latham deﬁned Nolan “Keep On

Welsh

In a very close bout, the two
heavyweights traded crushing
blows for three rounds. Welsh
used a lot of a size advantage
to stay on the offensive, but ul-
imately the senior Latham used
his experience to win more
punches and score the split
decision victory by main-
taining his poise on the de-
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No. 4 Hope College vanquished Saint Mary’s 94-75 Saturday in a victory that guaranteed that the Flying Dutch would have a share of the conference championship and dropped the Belles into a tie for third.

Hope (22-10, 14-0 MIAA) jumped out to an early lead, but Saint Mary’s (12-11, 7-7 MIAA) kept it close in the early minutes. Up two, however, the Flying Dutch reeled off a 9-1 run in three minutes to extend their lead to 22-12. Though the Belles stopped that run, Hope came right back with another to take its advantage to 37-19.

As has been the Belles’ trademark, however, the Belles did not give up. Junior guard Liz Wade converted a steal into an assist of sophomore guard Maggie Ronan on a 3-point play, cutting the Flying Dutch advantage to 42-34 with 2:46 left in the first half. The Belles were led by sophomore forward Kelley Murphy’s double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds, sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney’s 14-point performance, 11 points from sophomore forward Jessica Centa and 10 from Wade.

Wade added five steals, bringing her total to 91 on the season, surpassing the previous school single-season record of 90, which has stood for over a decade. Hope was led by a 16-point, six-rebound effort from junior center Carrie Snikkers. Freshman guard Liz Ellis also added 16 to the Flying Dutch’s total, while senior swing player Phiana Greene chipped in 14 points, six rebounds, five assists and six steals in a fantastic all-around performance.

The Belles will have their home finale Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against Olivet as they try to hold on to the championship ahead of Geary, who posted a 33-15.

The strong showing by the trio of Irish divers highlighted a great start to the Big East Championships, which saw the team take home the award for Most Outstanding Diver at Trees Pool at the University of Pittsburgh. Villaflor’s victory in the 1-meter was in come-from-behind fashion. Villaflor was sixth at the end of the preliminary round but posted a score of 347.00 in the finals. Taking it to the top spot, ahead of Irish diver Nathan Geary, who posted a 326.75 in the finals. Villaflor led coming out of the preliminaries with a score of 373.65 to hold on to the championship ahead of Geary, who posted a 33-15.

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The Ducks were unable to shut the Irish out as junior Erin Marrone singled and made her way around the bases for the only two total runs, and Bowe took over to finish out the game. "It’s hard for freshmen to go against these Division I hitters," Ganeff said. "But they both got in there, got their feet wet and did a really good job."

"Our matches with Michigan are always emotional."

Bobby Bayliss Irish coach

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work the zone and find some great shots for her.”
The contest’s scariest moment came in the first half when senior guard Lindsay Schrader stepped on senior guard Ashley Barlow’s foot while after a loose ball. Schrader fell to the floor, was helped off the court and did not return to play. It was later announced that she sprained her left ankle, and her status is currently day-to-day.

It was hard for us because down a fourth player with them playing a zone like that ... we were forced to put a guard inside, and in the first half it really wasn’t working,” McGraw said. “Then in the second half Barlow was able to go inside, and coming up with eight assists, she was able to really work the high post and find Becca down low.”

Picking up the slack left by Schrader’s absence, Bruszewski credited her career day to the team’s balance and ability to find the open shooter. “I think it’s just any given day anybody on this team can get double figures, get a double-double,” Bruszewski said. “At the same time we made some mistakes out there we shouldn’t have missed. We put ourselves in a position to win but couldn’t do it down the stretch.”

After looking out of rhythm offensively in the game’s opening minutes, Hansbrough began attacking the Red Storm defense from the inside and outside. The junior hit his first five attempts from the field, scoring 12 of Notre Dame’s first 15 points.

While St. John’s kept pace, trailing just 15-14 early, Abromaitis keyed a 7-0 run to give Notre Dame (17-9, 6-7) an eight-point lead with 10 minutes remaining.

Barlow’s eight assists were a new career-high for the senior. She also contributed nine points, six rebounds and five steals.

Notre Dame will travel to Queens, N.Y. Tuesday to take on No. 25 St. Johns. Tip-off will be at 7 p.m.

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Abromaitis led the Irish offensively with 24 points on 7-of-11 shooting. “Everyone had to step up and obviously we missed ‘Gody out there,” Abromaitis said.

“We did it down the stretch.”

After slowly making up ground on the Red Storm, a Tyrone Nash layup put the Irish within a field goal at 49-47. Nash tallied 16 points working the post without Harangody underneath.

A 3-pointer from Jackson, who missed his first seven shots from the floor, tied the game at 52 with less than eight minutes to go. The game remained close down the stretch with both teams fighting hard to drive the basket and drawing fouls. Down 64-60, Abromaitis converted a 3-point play off of a nice look from Nash to close within a point with a little over two minutes remaining.

After forcing a St. John’s turnover, Abromaitis hit another 3-pointer, his third of the game, to put Notre Dame up two.

“We’re a lot better than what we played today. We didn’t take care of the ball at all.”

Tory Jackson
Irish senior

Despite shooting over 50 percent from the floor, Notre Dame (15-14 early, 15 points.

A b r o m a i t i s
Irish junior

With less than a minute to go, Red Storm guard Dwayne Tardy hit a huge 3-pointer to slow the Irish momentum and put St. John’s back up. Notre Dame responded by going back into the post to Nash, who drew a foul and converted two clutch free throws for a 68-67 lead.

“My guys got me open down there to go to work, and I’m comfortable with that,” Nash said. “I just tried to take advantage, and I had to work harder without Luke in there.”

The Red Storm went to their leading scorer Kennedy on their next possession, who drove the basket and was fouled. Jackson attempted two deep 3s in the closing seconds, but neither came close.

The Irish will next face Louisville at the Purcell Pavilion Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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ND Women’s Basketball

Playing for hope

Bruszewski scores 25, Schrader hurt in win

By CHRIS MASOU
Sports Writer

Following No. 3 Notre Dame’s 90-66 dismantling of DePaul University in the annual Pink Zone game, the Irish may consider wearing their pink and white jerseys on a regular basis. Led by the career-high 25 points of junior forward Becca Bruszewski, the Irish moved into sole possession of second place in the Big East standings while raising over $70,000 towards cancer research and awareness.

“...I was really pleased with the offense,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I thought we moved the ball well. We shared the ball well, we made some good passes. We were able to get it inside to Becca, and she had just a great day on the offensive end. Just really, we were able to look for baskets.”

ND Men’s Basketball

Irish fall by one point to Wolverines

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish, coming off a tough loss to Duke last week, were not able to pull out a victory over Michigan Saturday, falling by a score of 4-3 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

“Our match with Duke was a disappointment from a competitive point of view,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We simply did not win enough big points. We held match points at No. 2 doubles to clinch the point, but didn’t reach out and take it. We had match points at No. 5, won the rubber at No. 6, and served twice for the first set at No. 4, but came away with a tie game to show for the effort.

The Irish always have tough matches against...”

ND Softball

Squad falls against top teams in opening play

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish saw some of the nation’s toughest competition at their first tournament of the season, the Kajikawa Classic at Arizona State. The Irish finished the weekend at 1-4.

“It was our first weekend out, and we looked like it was our first time on dirt compared to the teams who had been playing already,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganell said. “If we make some adjustments we’ll be on the right track for this coming weekend.”

The Irish started off their season by slaughtering Creighton University 11-3 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were unable to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington.

Against Creighton, junior pitcher Christine Lux and sophomore Dani Miller put the Irish in the lead, which they held for the rest of the game.

Unfortunately Miller was injured during the game and...”

BENGAL BOUTS

Nearly 200 boxers begin fighting in preliminary round

By KEVIN BALDWIN, KAITLYN MURPHY, MOLLY SAMMON, MATT ROBISON, KAITLYN MURPHY, MOLLY FINNERAN
Sports Writers

After months of training and a few weeks of dedicated fundraising, nearly 200 — 196 to be precise — Notre Dame men fought in the preliminaries of the 2010 Bengal Bouts Saturday. The annual event raises tens of thousands of dollars for the Holy Cross Brothers Missions in Bangladesh. The prelims consisted of 93 fights split between two rings, and began at 1 p.m. Nearly eight hours later, the field was set for Tuesday’s quarterfinals.

133-pound Weight Division

Michael “Boricua” Perez def. George Warner

The 80th Bengal Bouts got off to an energetic start as these two fighters sparred through three intense rounds. Footwork was key in the first two rounds as the junior Warner parried the punches of the senior. Perez eventually connected on a devastating cross to Warner’s face. At the start of the third round, Warner came out swinging, trying to make up for lost ground from the previous rounds, though he was backed into a corner and had to remain on the defensive. Perez won by unanimous decision.

Brian “Ghost Hands” Robillard def. Thomas “Tucker” Corr

Although the fight began evenly, sophomore Robillard outlasted freshman Corr. Robillard’s experience was evident, as he fought hard throughout the entire match and utilized his powerful combination of speed and quick footwork. Although Corr made a strong effort in the final round, the judges award Robillard the victory by unanimous decision.

Jonathan “Nightman” Lagay def. Collin “A Reading from the Book of the Prophet” Feduska

Lagay and Feduska traded blows back and forth throughout the first round of the match. The sophomore Feduska, fighting with his left arm in a sling, landed a shot to Lagay’s mouth just prior to the bell. The senior’s attacks came up empty as the quick Feduska managed...