Students send thanks to generous benefactors

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Hand-written thank-you notes are not a lost art here on campus. Students stopped by the fourth annual Thanksgiving in February event Monday and Tuesday to write more than 500 letters of thanks to alumni donors who have contributed to the Notre Dame Annual Fund this year.

"Alumni donations make up a huge part of the financial aid that Notre Dame is able to give out and also help fund many of the activities that go on here," senior Emily Everett, co-chair of the Student Development Committee, said. "It's important for the alumni to hear from the students and know that their gift is appreciated."

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Annual Fund and the Student Development Committee, Thanksgiving in February provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the financial contributions alumni donors make, understand how these donations affect life at Notre Dame and personally show gratitude to the University benefactors.

"We have a list of recent donors and we ask that students come in and spend a couple of minutes writing thank-you notes to the alumni who have so gener-

SGA tickets announced

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Juniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith will be facing off against junior Meg Griffin and sophomore Emily Skirtich for student body president and student body vice president, respectively, during the election that runs from 8 a.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Friday.

Both tickets say they want to improve campus relations between students and the Student Government Association (SGA) during the 2010-11 academic year.

Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith have served as a member of the Student Activities Board (SAB) as well as on Dance Marathon and the Class Gift Campaign. Smith has been also participated in Dance Marathon and has served on the first year, sophomore and junior boards. Although both have never sat on SGA boards, they said they think that provides them with a "fresh perspective."

One of the ticket’s main goals, Chesley said, is working to connect campus clubs and SGA to create a better relationship.

“We want to see more integration of the clubs on campus, more support, more open communication,”

Lecture examines U.S. foreign policy

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

A Cornell University political science professor critiqued the lack of foreign policy progress of both the former Bush and current Obama administrations in a lecture Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Professor Matthew Evangelista’s lecture, titled “A ‘War on Terror’ by any other name … What has Obama changed?”, was partly based on Evangelista’s book “New Wars, New Laws? Applying Laws of War to 21st Century Conflicts.”

The lecture examined how policies regarding the war on terror have changed or not changed under the Obama administration, Evangelista said. Many of the lecture’s topics were focused on controversial topics like Guantanamo Bay, military torture and targeted killing using drone aircrafts.

Evangelista compared statements made by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld — like his description of Guantnamo Bay detainees as “the worst of the worst” — with CIA Director John Brennan’s and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta’s description of them as “enemy combatants.”

The lecture was sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for International Relations and Affairs, the International Peace and Justice Studies Association and the international relations concentration in the Department of Political Science.

Clitheroe, Ward, Rocheleau win Class Councils to take office April 1 after being elected with over 50 percent of votes

By SARAH MERVOSH
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The freshman, sophomore and junior classes decisively elected next year’s Class Councils, without the need for run-off elections. The winning tickets will assume their roles April 1.

Juniors Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner and Evan James won the race for Senior Class Council with 52.1 percent of the vote. They defeated their opposing ticket, juniors Tim Castellini, Jessica Leiferman, Brittany Johnson and Cole Patterson, who garnered 39.5 percent of the vote.

“I’m relieved and out of control excited. I’m so pumped,” said one of 2011 president-elect Clitheroe said. “I think we have a lot of new and exciting ideas for next year that really focus on being seniors and concluding our four years here,” she said. “I think our enthusiasm about our platform just kind of gives it a lot more oomph. We’re going to make it the best year we have had here.”

Clitheroe said by the end of the year, she would like to have a class rosary at the Grotto. In the fall, she said her administration will begin by focusing on an event to kick off the football season.

“We want to do something with the new season and the new coach … to get everyone excited,” she said.

Sophomores James Joseph Ward, William Thwaites, Tessa Fitzpatrick and Lauren Ruiling collected 52.9 percent of the vote to secure their position for see COUNCILS/page 6

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It's bobsled time

The Vancouver Olympics have sparked a deserved fascination with icy athleticism. Whether you're watching competitive curling, speed skating, ice skating and luge-ing, it's impossible to avoid one question. Where does someone's career in such an obscure athletic endeavor begin? How does one become a successful bobsledder on a worldwide level?

Notre Dame, and our education here, provides many answers to life's great questions. But on this nagging question, our expensive, world-class education is stunned into silence. But fear not! The Finests from Farley Hall have an answer to your dilemma — Farley Fiasco.

While Finests might not be able to help you with your career in curling or speed skating, we are certainly capable of helping you kick off your career in bobsledding — or something like it. Everyone has to start somewhere, and this is your chance to start your training.

Here's the Farley Fiasco plan to achieve the Olympic Gold in bobsledding:

Step one: Go to shop ND and register you and four friends (that's a team of five) for Farley Fiasco. The fee is $25, but obviously well worth it if it will even-ting your sportiness on ice. And give your hands to kids, so what's not to love?

Every $2 raised will put a book in the hands of kids, so what's not to love?

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OFFBEAT

Woman claims her love handles saved her life

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A Florida woman said her love handles saved her life when she was shot entering an Atlantic City bar. Samantha Lynn Frazier said she heard two pops when she walked into Herman's Place early Saturday. The 35-year-old then felt pain and saw blood on her hand after she grabbed her left side. Atlantic City police said Frazier was an innocent bystander.

Detective Lt. Charles Love said the gunman was aiming for a man who escaped with a bullet hole in his down jacket. The suspect remains at large.

Frazier told The Press of Atlantic City that “I could have been dead. They said my love handles saved my life.”

Puppet cleavage a no-no for Colo. bus shelter ads

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for advertising posters in Colorado Springs bus shelters. Lamar Advertising rejected posters for a touring production of the Broadway show “Avenue Q” because they show the cleavage of a fuzzy pink puppet.

Lamar account executive Jeff Moore says the company takes a conservative approach in Colorado Springs. The city is known for its political conservatism, and some conservative Christian groups have headquarters in the city. The poster has been replaced by one showing the face of another puppet. “Avenue Q” is a Tony-winning musical about twentysomething New Yorkers, both human and puppets, searching for life and love.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Professor calls on Church laity

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Fairfield University professor of religious studies Paul Lakeland delivered a lecture at Saint Mary’s LeMans Hall Tuesday calling for laity to assume more responsibility in the salvation of the Catholic Church.

The laity must be responsible to uplift the Church by paying close attention, practicing discernment, becoming understanding and acting responsibly, he said.

Lakeland’s lecture, titled “Catholicism at the Crossroads: Thinking From Below,” was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality’s Spring Lecture Series “Catholicism at the Crossroads.”


Lakeland’s lecture focused on his most recent book, “Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church.”

“Saving the Church starts in the local parish,” Lakeland said.

Lakeland discussed the ways in which the lay people must work to preserve the Church.

He said parishioners can begin by paying attention to the world around them, especially to three major factors which are affecting the Church.

One problem is the shift in Catholic demographic within the United States, Lakeland said.

This demographic, he said, does not consist just of the change in ethnicity, but in the age of the congregation as well.

“Connected to these demographic issues is the change in factors of participation in parish life, especially the decline in regular Mass attendance and the loss of religious literacy,” he said.

Additionally, Lakeland said the developing understanding of the relationship between consciousness and authority was another factor that requires extra attention.

Finally, attention must be given to the tension between the historical passivity of the laity and the emerging movement for a more participatory church.

“We need to be attentive to all three of these issues before we can turn our intelligence loose upon analyzing their meaning,” he said.

Lakeland also discussed why parishioners must practice discernment.

“We can only be discerning in a community of adults in which genuine accountability is systematically practiced by the laity,” Lakeland said.

The final step from thinking from below, Lakeland said, is understanding.

“This is the moment at which I believe we look at theological models,” he said.

“What models help explain to us out of our grassroots experience how to think about the Church today?”

Lakeland said the Church could be looked at in four models. He described the Church as a hospice, as a pilgrimage, as an immigrant and as a pioneer.

Finally, he spoke about the importance of acting as a responsible Catholic.

“The roots of lay passivity lie in ignorance of the responsibility of Christian discipleship that occurs in Baptism.”

Paul Lakeland
professor
Fairfield University

Panelists examine entrepreneurship

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

When senior Jeff Lakusta was a freshman, he never imagined that he would one day be the president of a successful, internationally recognized nonprofit organization.

“Beginning my journey at Governor’s School, I had already realized one person can make a huge difference,” he said.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of humanity is key,” Lakusta, founder of the Eyes on Africa Foundation, said in a panel Tuesday evening.

Student government and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies sponsored the event, titled “Be The Change: A Forum on Social Enterprise,” in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Five panelists discussed the goals, challenges and rewards of social entrepreneurship, as well as what it takes to be successful in it.

Melissa Paulsen, a project manager in the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, said it isn’t just about creating wealth, but also about creating opportunity.

“Social enterprise requires transformation, innovation and purpose,” she said. “It combines an economic engine with a social purpose.”

According to Paulsen, there are a number of resources available to Notre Dame students looking to start a social venture, including the Social Venture Competition.

“We can provide marketplace perspective and real world critical feedback,” she said.

Chris Fuchs, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate and founder of Better World Books, attested to the helpfulness of these resources.

“We didn’t know what we were getting into when we got started,” Fuchs said. “But the connections we made through the Social Venture Competition opened up a number of doors for us.”

Although there are a great deal of both business and logistical challenges in starting a social enterprise, the personal connections that come through the work make it all worthwhile, he said.

“The most exciting thing has been being able to evolve with the business and bring new people into the organization as it grows,” Fuchs said.

Today, the online bookstore generates $7 a minute for nonprofit organizations.

Lakusta saw the good he has done keeps him driven.

“If you make a mistake, keep pushing forward,” he said. “What you do helps so many more people than you’ll ever know.”

Other panelists included Sonia Menon, a junior and semi-finalist in the 2010 Social Venture Competition, and David Murphy, CEO of Better World Books.

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Student body president Grant Schmidt said this decision would be open to debate before a decision processes within the University. This proposal is controversial because of the time and money it will take for input how students will be sought for in the selection from the student body,” he said.

Many COR members thought student government must be overstepping its boundaries by demanding that student input be taken into account for all University academic decisions. Student body president Cynthia Weber said student government is not requesting to be involved in every decision that the University makes, but students who will be affected by such decisions should have a chance to voice their opinions.

“Corporation is not an appropriate avenue because the professors and deans have an expertise but we’re also scholars,” she said. “We want to be a part of decision making and we’re also scholars,” she said.

“They need to be involved in some way, and we want to make that phone call without the University controlling what we say, how and when it is made,” she said.

“We want to be a part of decision making on what student government wants ship.”

“We have an understanding that professors and deans have an expertise but we’re also scholars,” she said. “We want to be a part of decision making and also meet the growing needs in academic and student life, beyond the earnings from the endowment.”

Schmidt said because of recent discussion about revisions to the student body president, including planning the creation of an academic course on Saint Mary’s history. He said one of the main arguments against the passage is that many University officials believe that such a policy is already “unnecessarily” in place on campus.

“Even if it is in place, students have not been educated on what this position is all about,” Schmidt said.

“Not only should it be needed to be outsourced to Lu such that students can take that phone call without being deterred.”

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“The Senate and the Office of Residence Life and Housing will work together to develop and implement a policy for the 2010-11 academic school year.”

The policy would allow students to report medical emergencies without having to worry about awaiting a disciplinary record for breaking school rules.

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“It seems like a no-brainer because it goes to a very important concern.”

COR also discussed the recent passing of a resolution in Student Senate that proposes and recommends the passing of a student medical amnesty policy.

“We think it’s important for the students to hear from the students and know that their gift is appreciated.”

Emily Everett co-chair student development

Most alumni echo the same sentiments of thanks for student recognition of their donations. Everett said, “Many alumni will send us letters and let us know how much they enjoy talking to our student callers who call them from the phone center, and we know that our letters are also well received.”

“We encourage students to continue this tradition by participating in Thanksgiving in February in the future.”

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Chesley said. Schmidt said this would include members of SGA going out to meetings of other clubs when possible and hold hold more events that bring together club leaders to encourage dialogue.

The ticket would also like to increase knowledge and communication with the alumni network, Chesley said. “This College is built on the foundation of tradition and one of the things that attracted me to this college is the alumni base,” she said.

Chesley said she and Smith would like to increase the “presence of alumni on campus.”

The two said they recognize that their opponents’ experience may appear to place them at an advantage, however they believe they bring an “unbiased view.”

“Sometimes you just need to shake things up a bit with an outside perspective,” Smith said.

Chesley agreed, saying their view is “exactly how a student should see student government from the outside.”

“We have an understanding of what the students’ perspective is,” Chesley said. “We would be thrilled to dive in and learn SGA.”

Chesley and Smith said their main goal can be summed up in two words: community and integrity.

Both have studied abroad and they believe those lessons back to campus.

“Everybody is involved in some way, and we want to encourage students to be the face of Saint Mary’s, this community and not to take this for granted,” Chesley said. “We want to be by this face of Saint Mary’s whether they are here on campus or off campus and even when they graduate.”

Meg Griffin and Emily Skiritch Griffin, who currently serves as student body vice president and previously held the position of sophomore class president, and

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hunger-striking Cuban dissident dies
HAVANA — An opposition political activist imprisoned since 2003 died Tuesday after a lengthy hunger strike, members of Cuba's human rights community said.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who was jailed on charges including disrespecting authority, died at a clinic in Havana, his family said.

Zapata Tamayo, 42, was not among the island's estimated 22,000 dissidents, but he was well known. He was arrested in 2003 on charges of disrespecting authority, said Elizardo Sanchez, head of the Havana-based Association for the Promotion of Human Rights and National Reconciliation.

UK considers anti-libel tourism laws
LONDON — A committee of British lawmakers says the government should change the country's laws to stop "libel tourism" from stifling investigative journalism and free speech.

The chairman of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee said Wednesday that it was "a humiliation" that several U.S. states have introduced laws to protect American citizens from the enforcement of legal settlements in foreign jurisdictions such as Britain. A similar federal law is currently before Congress.

The committee, which has members from the three main political parties, said in a report that the government must act "as a matter of urgency" to redress the balance of libel laws that have "tipped too far in favor of the plaintiff."

NATIONAL NEWS

Two injured in Colo. school shooting
LITTLETON, Colo. — Teachers tackled and subdued a man armed with a high-powered rifle just after he shot two teenage students at a suburban Denver middle school that's just miles from Columbine High School, the site of one of the nation's deadliest school shootings, authorities said.

The seventh-grade math teacher who tackled the suspect, David Benke, is a 6-foot-5-inch former college basketball player who coaches a youth basketball team about 10 years, his wife Sandra Benke, told KUSA-TV. Other teachers quickly pilled on the suspect, who Benke said was "very distraught."

"Some staff acted very quickly, and very heroically," Jefferson County Sheriff's office spokesman Jason Kolcely said.

Pa. courts reconsider gay custody
HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Pennsylvania appellate court has rejected a 25-year-old legal distinction that would prevent the parent of a homosexual relationship from being used against the parent in determining child custody.

The eight-judge Superior Court panel issued its decision last month in a custody battle between a mother and father who were identified only by their initials.

The father, who has an eighth-grade education, was barred from participating in the case, while the mother, who has a college education, was given the go-ahead.

The case was debated in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which on Tuesday voted 4-3 to send the case back to the lower court to be reconsidered.

LOCAL NEWS

House repeals employer tax increase
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House has passed legislation that would repeal an increase on taxes that employers pay into the government $1.6 billion in loans to remain solvent.

The increase on taxes that employers pay into the government was deeply in debt to the federal government.

TheVotre-controlled chamber voted 90-5 for an amendment to repeal the tax increase. The fund has been paying out hundreds of millions of dollars more in benefits than it has been taking in through employer taxes and owes the federal government $1.6 billion in loans to remain solvent.

Toyota recall won't be total fix
Congress hears testimony from defect victim and company's U.S. sales chief

WASHINGTON — Massive recalls of popular Toyota cars and trucks have not "totally solve" frightening problems of sudden, unintended acceleration but the company's American sales chief conceded Tuesday, a day after the Japanese president of the world's largest automaker must confront angry U.S. lawmakers.

Toyota house members listened in rapt silence Tuesday to the fearful testimony of a woman whose car unaccountably surged to 100 mph, then they pressed U.S. sales chief James Lentz on the company's efforts to find and fix the acceleration problems — actions many suggested were too late and not broad enough.

Lentz apologized repeatedly for safety defects that led to recalls of some 8.5 million Toyota cars and trucks, and he acknowledged the changes the company is making probably aren't the end of the story.

Putting remaining doubts to rest is of vital importance to tens of millions more Toyota owners in the United States and elsewhere, who have been reluctant to drive but with serious concerns about their cars. Toyota sales have suffered too, and a small army of dealers showed up on Capitol Hill Tuesday, arguing that this week's high-profile hearings are only targeting their company.

"We are vigilant and we continue to look for potential causes," Lentz told the House Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigation Committee. "My opinion, it's a sham."

The U.S. government is investigating the electronics question, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood told the panel. "We're going to go into the weeds on that and come up with answers, LaHood said. He said the company's recalls were important but "we don't maintain that they answer every question."

Lentz's appearance set the stage for Toyota's president — Akio Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder — to apologize in person on Wednesday. Toyota will accept "full responsibility" for the halting steps that led to the recall, according to prepared testimony released in advance.

He also will offer his condolences over the deaths of four San Diego, Calif., family members in a crash of their Toyota in late August.

"I will do everything in my power to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again," Toyota will tell the House Government Oversight Committee. "My name is on every car. You have my personal commitment that Toyota will work vigorously and unceasingly to restore the trust of our customers."

"Quite frankly, I fear the pace at which we have grown may have been too quick," he said. "I pray to God to help me," she said, fighting back tears.

N.Y. subway terrorist pleads guilty

NEW YORK — Distressed over the deaths of civilians in his native Afghanistan, a man who once operated a coffee cart near the World Trade Center site hatched a plan to join the Taliban and fight for the country and providing material support for a terrorist organization. The 25-year-old, part of what prosecutors consider one of the most serious U.S. terror threats since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, faces life in prison without parole when he's sentenced in June.

The jailer had previously volunteered information about the bomb plot to help him die a martyr in a bombing of the New York subway system, he admitted Monday.

"I had discussions with al-Qaeda leaders, including target locations, such as New York City subways," he said.

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U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington that the planned bomb- ings "could have been devastating."

"This attempted attack on our home- land was real, it was in motion and it would have been deadly," he said.

Zardari admitted using notes taken at an al-Qaeda training camp in Waziristan, Pakistan, to build homemade explosives with beauty supplies purchased in the Denver suburbs and cooked up in a Colorado hotel room. He then drove the materials to New York just before the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.
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statements that classified most detainees “noncombatants.”

“[Only] 8 percent of the detainees at Guantanamo were Al Qaeda,” Evangelista said.

The treatment of detainees was one of the main focus areas of Evangelista’s examination.

Evangelista quoted excerpts of Article 5 of the Geneva Convention, which calls for a determination of detainee status by “a competent tribunal.”

Evangelista said that vague terms typically imply a committee of officials from the military force itself.

“The people who decide … are the people who capture them,” Evangelista said. “There is no right of appeal.”

Evangelista said under these policies, officials often fall short of adhering to acceptable standards of treatment of prisoners.

“Of course, we know their human rights are being violated,” he said.

Torture, especially waterboarding, has become an especially hot topic, Evangelista said, as it has been contested on both legal and ethical bases.

“The only time it wasn’t considered a form of torture was during the Bush administration,” he said.

Targeted killings, like those initiated with the use of remote-controlled aircrafts to target presumed hostiles, have also come under fire in recent years.

Evangelista noted a problem in the inefficiency of the practice.

“The people being targeted … are not soldiers,” he said. “ Civilians are protected under the Geneva Conventions.”

The U.S. Supreme Court subsequently ruled that the U.S. had indeed violated the Common Article 3 of the Conventions, which states during armed conflicts, noncombatants and civilians should be treated “humanely.”

“The Bush administration responded by making legal many of the things the Supreme Court had declared unconstitutional in the Military Commissions Act of 2006,” Evangelista said. “So, how would we recognize if things have changed?”

He established three standards for evaluating the Obama administration regarding war practices: whether former policies were discontinued, whether the illegal practices were stigmatized and whether the crimes and perpetrators were investigated.

Evangelista said Obama’s initial language on the subject was vague, as he said detainees would either be released, detained in the U.S. for trial or handled in a manner categorized as “other.”

“This language worries people,” he said.

Furthermore, Obama’s failure to follow through with the closing of Guantanamo Bay, Evangelista said, falls short of the first qualification of change—discontinuing practices.

Evangelista said the shortcomings of the Obama administration, especially with regard to investigating the crimes, are associated with issues that date back to the Bush administration’s Justice Department.

The current administration has, however, succeeded in stigmatizing the practices, Evangelista said, referencing a statement by Attorney General Eric Holder that called waterboarding torture.

Evangelista offered a simple response as to why the administration has failed to identify and thwart practices deemed immoral and illegal by many.

“The politically attuned advisers got scared, I think,” Evangelista said. “The answer is politics.”

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Senior Class Council

They defeated sophomores Chase Riddle, Paul Moos, TJ Kelly and Megan Carey, who won 36 percent of the vote.

“We’re really honored to have this privilege to serve you guys,” Class of 2012 president-elect Ward said. “We’re excited for next year and we love the Class of 2012.”

Ward said one of the main goals of his administration will be to hold events with the sophomore and senior classes next year.

“I feel that our class is already pretty unified,” he said. “I feel like it’s time that we start getting unified with the classes above and below us because those are the two we’re going to be spending them most time with.”

Ward also recommended his opposing ticket and said he looks forward to working with them next year.

“Chase and those guys put up a great campaign and they’re all great kids,” he said. “They have great ideas too and it will be exciting to work with them next year.”

“Hopefully together we can crank out more than just the ideas that we had in the campaign,” Freshmen Brett Rocheleau, Kevin Doherty, Kathleen Kehl and Patrick Adams were the winning ticket for Sophomore Class Council. They won with 53.9 percent of the vote.

The Rocheleau ticket ran against two opponents — freshmen Richard Bevington, Ashley Armandariz, Elliot Pearce and Sadaf Meghani, and freshmen John McKissick, Brianna Nebling, Alex Drake and Ian Trudell.

Rocheleau said he was “thrilled” and “excited” to win the election.

With three tickets, we thought we were definitely going to go for a run-off on Thursday so knowing that the campaign is done is a relief,” he said.

Rocheleau said one of his main goals is to unify the Class of 2013.

“Since our whole goal is to try to get the whole class more involved, sort of break down barriers so we can work more as a class,” he said.

He said he plans to do this by holding a dance for the freshmen class mid-April, holding more class events next year and looking at “Domecoming” in the fall, which would be comparable to other college’s Homecoming events.

“We have experience. All of us are a part of student government this past year so we sort of knew how the system worked,” he said. “We think that we’ll be very effective, next year when we’re on office.”

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**In Brief**

Chevron plans solar power plant

NEW YORK — Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it will build a solar power plant near a mine that is subsidiary operates in New Mexico.

The plant will generate electricity by spreading 175 solar panels across 20 acres at Chevron's styrenes complex in the village of Questa, New Mexico. Calif.-based Chevron, the country's second-largest oil company, didn't disclose how much it would cost to build.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative has agreed to buy the energy generated from the 1-megawatt plant. Public schools, tax offices and other buildings near the mine will use the electricity.

The government, however, is facing a $2 billion budget shortfall. It's under pressure to take additional measures to raise enough tax revenue to avoid a reduction in civil service wages and hiring while cutting the Value Added Tax, currently at 19 percent, and further civil service bonus cuts.

Obama seeks to repeal antitrust laws

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama urged Congress on Tuesday to strip the industry as he tries to revive his anti-crisis.

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Lessons from inside the ring

Andy Ziccarelli

I came to Notre Dame fully realizing that my experience here would be very different from my high school friends. Notre Dame is unique, I was told, and it is true. The gym is everywhere. At most schools, kids go out to bars or fraternity parties on Thursday nights, but you are more likely to find me in the Dillon Ball chapel at Mass there. Most schools would have given anything to have President Obama speak at their commencement, at Notre Dame it was controversial (to say the least). And most people tend to gain a little weight their freshman year, the so-called “freshman 15.” I, however, experienced the much less common “freshman negative 15,” thanks to another Notre Dame tradition: Bengal Bouts. Not that I knew what being a boxer meant when I signed up. It sounds cliché, but until you experience a boxing match, you really have absolutely no idea just what goes into it. It is the epitome of the individual sport. Once that bell rings, it is just you and the other person inside that ring: no timeouts, no substitutions and no way to escape. You’re trapped. The rush of adrenaline so completely takes over your body that you feel in the spotlight, makes boxing the most physically demanding sport in the world. Not once have I ever left the ring feeling as though I had anything left to give in my body. Now, as I sit here and look back at my Bengal Bouts career having just finished my third year in the program, I can honestly say it has been the single most influential experience I have had in my time at Notre Dame. Personally, I have given the boxing program a lot of myself over the past few years. I have given the Bouts money in the form of donations, an uncountable number of pushups and sit-ups and a hell of a lot of my time. I’ve even contributed to the blood stains that are on the canvas of the sparring ring in the boxing gym. However, everything that I have given to Bengal Bouts has been repaid to me in some way, and then some. Boxing has given me a sense of direction and purpose and, in college, it can be very easy to not have one. How many people swear that they are going go workout every day, and then two weeks into their resolution, they stop? Particularly as a college student, when there is nobody that can force you to do anything, people get lazy. As a boxer, though, you don’t have that luxury. If you miss a workout, enjoy it, but don’t be surprised if you happen to get popped in the face when you come back. More than that, though, Bengal Bouts gives you a chance to be part of a team; something I thought I was saying goodbye to forever when my high school days were passed. It is certainly an interesting dichotomy. In many ways boxing is the loneliest of all sports. However, during the season you train as a team and everyone who will fight goes through the same grueling workout day after day. Regardless of who comes out on top in the end, everyone has mutual respect for every other fighter in the gym because you know just how much they had to go through to get to the tournament. It is a brotherhood, something that can’t just be created and certainly not something that you can ever take away from anyone who has fought in the Bouts. The best part of the whole experience, however, is the fact that I learned more than I could imagine by putting myself through the program. I’ve learned that it is better to be tall than short (that one I can’t do much about, unfortunately). I’ve learned how to handle disappointment. Believe me, there isn’t a worse feeling in the world than the one you get after losing a 4 minute fight after spending four months of your life training for it. I’ve learned that persistence can be more valuable than talent. And I’ve learned (been reminded, actually) that I have the best friends and family in the world. people that took time out of their life to support what I was doing, even if they disproved of me doing it in the first place or if they spent the whole time hiding behind their hands. Boxing is not for the faint of heart. But if you have a strong urge to work extremely hard, experience an adrenaline rush like nothing you’ve ever felt before and discover more about yourself than you ever wanted to know, then maybe I’ll see you in the ring. Just don’t drop your hands.

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An argument against research

There was a Viewpoint debate a few weeks ago that discussed at length the reasons for which Notre Dame is not a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU) — an organization dedicated to research. While the primary focus of the debate was why Notre Dame was not invited to join the AAU, I want to propose something to Notre Dame: Who are we and what is it that we want to be? I understand that this question is exactly: do you want Notre Dame to join the AAU? And as an unanswerable question, which 80 percent of the enrolled students are undergraduates, Notre Dame should make undergraduate education its utmost priority. I imagine that many of us, myself included, would attend Notre Dame solely because it is not a large, faceless institution that readily allows research to supersede the educational necessities. Yet, we have a President, who in his inaugural address, asserted that he is simply committed to “maintaining [Notre Dame’s] traditional excellence in undergraduate teaching.”

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For me, this weekend is also an opportunity to examine my own development as a human being. How are my responsibilities? Is upholding the dignity of every human life the foundation of my actions? Am I becoming the student that is described in our Mission Statement? Am I truly an example of Christ’s love in the world? When I am completely honest with myself, I always fall short of the answers that I would hope for. I would like to invite you to do your own examination this weekend at the very heart of all, the field of human development is a part of our “distinctive mission” to build the kingdom of God on Earth. We must remember, however, that Jesus taught us that “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). Ultimately, authentic human development starts within me. In striving to be all that God calls me to be, I become “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14) that exemplifies the call to selflessly “love one another” (John 13:34) in all that I do.

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Putting people first

The theme of this year’s Human Development Conference at Notre Dame is “People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World.” Just like in the title of the conference, I believe that we need to put people at the center of the field of human development.

Seemingly, this should not be a hard task. In the era of globalization, we are more connected than ever to the world around us. Think of how much time we spend on our cell phones, e-mail, Twitter and Facebook (to name but a few). This technology ensures that we are always capable of being instantly connected to friends and family, whether they are a few feet from us or half a world away. In theory, we all should be masters of the art of communication.

But this is not the case. Our friends and family, whether they are a few feet away or a million miles away, are asking this question: Why, exactly, do you not want Notre Dame to join the AAU? As a fairly small university, at which 80 percent of the enrolled students are undergraduates, Notre Dame should make undergraduate education its utmost priority. I imagine that many of us, myself included, would attend Notre Dame solely because it is not a large, faceless institution that readily allows research to supersede the educational necessities. Yet, we have a President, who in his inaugural address, asserted that he is simply committed to “maintaining [Notre Dame’s] traditional excellence in undergraduate teaching.”

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She continues by saying how being a celebrity is such a burden. Boo Hoo. I mean, I don’t doubt this. I bet it really is a pain to have people follow you around, destroy your privacy and to become scrutinized by the public eye. What I do doubt is the legitimacy of her “I didn’t create this” claim. In 2008 Fox said, in an interview for a male magazine, that she once had a stripper girlfriend who “smelled like angels.” Turned out this was a lie.

When confronted about that, she replied “Whatever.” And then she talks about how very maternal she is and how she’s worried she’ll get caught up in everything that’s going on in her life and forget to have children “even though I would be able to provide them with an amazing environment.” Finally, she concludes about how she can’t trust girls in the industry. Everyone seems to resent her. Maybe if she kept a different attitude, things would be a little different. All it seems from this is that she leads a somewhat lonely life, where she doesn’t like being a celebrity and doesn’t trust her talent. I think Megan Fox needs a change of attitude. And we need to be more selective in the people we admire and pay many fortunes to. Whatever happened to all the Grace Kellys and Audrey Hepburns of the world? The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Tatiana Spragins at tspragin@nd.edu
February has never flown by so fast. Usually, these 28 (sometimes 29) days creep by like the hand of a clock once held in January at returning to campus and friends. Work finally begins to pile up, snow continues to fall, and the days just keep dragging. One enjoyable aspect of high school was always February vacation, a week-long break over President's Day instead of just a long weekend. It's a New England phenomenon that really breaks up the monotony of February. But here at Notre Dame, we don't even have three-day weekends, so the idea of a February Break is a laughable one. This year, though, there is something almost as good as February vacation to get everyone through the winter doldrums: the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. The 21st Olympic Winter Games have provided endless entertainment and distraction for the past week and a half. At almost every given moment, one Olympic event or another is playing, either live or on replay, on NBC, MSNBC, USA or another NBC syndicate. From ski jumping to pairs skating, half pipe to two-man bobsleigh, the opportunities for viewing and cheering on the Americans are limitless.

But why do we watch all these events? Why do we allow ourselves to spend so much time watching sports we have never before cared about in our lives? If you've recently found yourself transfixed for hours by men's and women's curling, you understand. The draw of these random sports holds over us is inexplicable. Never before in my life have I cared about curling, and yet I can now explain many of the rules and even some of the stats from the round robin men's match between the United States and Switzerland. I recently had a conversation with friends on this same subject. We all find ourselves entranced by sports like curling or speed skating and we do not know why. It's easy to understand our fascination with Shaun White and his gravity defying aerials, or the men's Olympic hockey team and their stunning defeat of Canada, but not some other sports.

I think that a lot of it stems from the desire to be involved. The Olympics have been a major sporting event, uniting city-states and nations, since the times of the ancient Greeks. We all, on some level, want to feel included in this international event that puts our favorite television shows on hiatus for two weeks. We all want to feel some of the power and magic surrounding the Olympics, the aura and history. Watching every sport, no matter how boring ice dancing is compared to the men's short program, helps us forge this deep connection to the Games. Another thing people love about watching the Olympics is whipping our ancient and possibly questionable family genealogy and basing our support for teams off of the family tree. You can't just root for Team USA during the Olympics — though they should be your No. 1 — because sometimes the Americans do not make the competition or are not competing in the heat currently playing at 11 p.m. on MSNBC. Instead, Denmark is competing against France in women's curling. Obviously, you choose to support Denmark because you are pretty sure that your family is 1/16th Danish (or was it 1/20th?). Or maybe German skaters are neck and neck with the Swedes, and you, possibly 1/16th Danish, have never forgiven the Germans for taking the state of Schleswig-Holstein from your already tiny country. Obviously, then, you chose to throw all your support behind the team from Sweden.

No matter your reason for watching or for supporting a certain team, the 2010 Winter Olympics will be there on at least two channels whenever you flip on the TV, at least until Sunday. So thank you Shaun White, Apolo Ohno, Rode Miller, and all other Olympic athletes for helping us through February. It would have been a rough month without you.

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Breaking into the music scene can be a daunting task. With lots of competition and the unpredictability of music tastes, it can be nearly impossible to make a name in the world of music.

While this is particularly true on a large scale, musicians are often faced with similar challenges even on the relatively small scale, like at a place like Notre Dame. Yet, there are always those bands that manage to stand out. The Revelin' Family Band, a band consisting of several Notre Dame seniors and a graduate student, has managed to do just that. Starting out small, but gradually gaining momentum throughout the school year, The Revelin' Family Band has provided endless entertainment and distraction for the past week and a half. At almost every given moment, one Olympic event or another is playing, either live or on replay, on NBC, MSNBC, USA or another NBC syndicate. From ski jump-\n
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Playing a variety of music from Carole King to Men Without Hats, the group is constantly adding new songs to its repertoire. Even within one show, the band can

be heard playing a variety of songs, making it surprisingly difficult to pin down their genre. “Purple Rain” by Prince has become a specific favorite among the band and fans.

“I think we feel a common catharsis when playing ‘Purple Rain’ with our audience that results in a frenzy of emotional expression,” Monroe said.

The Band has played at a variety of venues in South Bend, most recently performing at Club 23, Reckers and Legends. They have several gigs lined up for the near future, including Mulligan's, Club Fever and another appearance at Club 23.

For now, the band intends to continue playing together as long as possible. With all of the members graduating in the spring, it is inevitable that the band will have difficulties staying together. Still, with many of the members somewhat unclear about future plans, a tour of some sort is in discussion. If nothing else, all members of the band intend to continue playing music.

“Even if the band doesn’t survive, the music will live on,” Monroe said.

More immediately, fans and intrigued readers can catch Brad Monroe and Dave Lucas performing at Acousticafe Thursday at 10 p.m. in LaFortune. The duo, working under a side project “The Monroe Doctrine,” have become a staple on the Acousticafe circuit and have been known to play a variety of hits, including “Sexy Chick” by David Guetta.

Keep an ear open for news of The Revelin’ Family Band and check them out the next time they are performing around campus. It’s a great opportunity to support local talent and take in an awesome performance at the same time.

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Ricketts ready to bring Cubs into new era of prosperity

Associated Press

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"I want to do what I have been doing, play the game, enjoy the game, practice hard," Castro said through a translator.

Unmarried despite prevailing opinion, Castro has seven children by five different women.Ricketts is the Cubs' third baseman.

"That will be very challenging. That will be very challenging," Goldman said. "There's a lot of experience there that you want in your organization." He said that while he is in the last year of his contract, he has more involvement and is more visible and the fact that he's still playing, "is that we are going to be student ambassador for NYC Department of Parks and Recreation."

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But he spent much of last season on the bench, missing eight games with a pair of concussions and an ankle injury. Westbrook has been back in the starting lineup in club games since 2009.

Reid said with the news Tuesday morning, Reid said he would still have an opportunity to play for another team. Reid said he thinks Westbrook still wants to play.

"I don't know that for a fact, but I think he might want to do that," Reid said.

LeSean McCoy, who rushed for 637 yards with four touch- downs in 16 games as a rookie, will be the next man in Chicago's No. 1 running back.

"That's who's going to take the ball from here," Reid said. Westbrook's season went south on Oct. 26 when his hel- met collided with Washington linebacker London Fletcher's right knee and he suffered a concussion. Westbrook missed the last five games after suf- fering his second concussion in successive weeks against the Giants on Nov. 15. He was cleared to return for the postseason.

He eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark 20 times (including playoff) during his career, tying Frank W. Beeson's club record.

"Brian Westbrook is one of the most electrifying players in the history of this franchise and is certainly top five, probably top 10," Eagles chair- man Jeffrey Lurie said. "He was personally one of the my favorite players to watch each and every Sunday, and his playmaking abilities, leader- ship and values will be missed.

Westbrook is the second high-profile running back to be released in two days following LaBainston Tomlinson being shown the door by the San Diego Chargers. Both Westbrook and Tomlinson turned 30 last summer and have been sidelined by injuries that kept them from perform- ing at the level they displayed in their primes.

Westbrook's signature moment came in 2003. The Eagles appeared headed to a 2-4 start on Oct. 19, when they trailed 4-7 late in the fourth quarter against the Giants. But Westbrook returned a punt 95 yards to the Giants' 1-yard line with 1:16 left in one of the most memorable plays of the Reid era.

He never played 16 games because of a battery of injuries that defined his career, including injuries to his knees, ankles, ribs and back. He was severely injured, sparingly, if at all, in his final season.

If Westbrook fails to sign with another team, Reid would welcome him back to the organization in an unspecified role.

"He, to me, is a Philadelphia Eagle and he's the kind of people that you want in your organization," he said.
Bode ‘right there,’ but skis out of giant slalom

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller makes no apologies for his high-risk, high-reward style. It’s what earned him three medals in the first three races at the Vancouver Olympics, and what caused him to ski out in the giant slalom on Tuesday.

“I’m taking more risk than everyone else. That’s partly why I’m able to get medals. It looks easy when you make it,” Miller told The Associated Press in an interview after missing out on becoming the first man to win four Alpine medals at one Winter Games.

“When you crash like today, it’s like, “Oh, huh?” I did a good job today, too.” Miller continued, “I was right there. I was right on the edge.”

He’s constantly on the accelerator going down the mountain, taking chances few others would, and that gambler’s mentality has paid off richly for him in Whistler.

Until Tuesday, of course, when his attacking nature cost him. The other side of Miller surfaced, the one that was on display in Turin four years ago.

Miller chalked up his failure to complete the first run of the giant slalom to his aggressiveness and intensity.

Losing time on the upper section of the course, where he narrowly avoided a crash, he tried to make it up by going faster on the bottom.

This time, the 32-year-old from Franconia, N.H., couldn’t correct his line with that much speed. He came out of a right-hand gate in the second half of his run, and simply couldn’t bring it around in time for the next gate. He said he hooked his glove on a gate and “that’s all there is to it.”

Miller also told the AP that he had trouble picking up the bumps on the course because of the overcast conditions.

This light — I knew I had an issue this morning. I’m not one of the better skiers in flat light. I tend to move a lot more,” Miller said. “Some of those guys are so squared up and solid, the bad light doesn’t affect them that bad … I hit any of those little humps while I’m moving, if I can’t see them, I blow out.”

Miller blew off the media after his run. He elected to ski down the hill rather than stopping in the interview area, as skiers typically do after finishing a race.

With his giant slalom day over, Miller was intent on sneaking in some rest. He has one final chance, in Saturday’s slalom, to add a fourth medal.

IN BRIEF

Report: Woods apologizes to parents of preschool girl

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods has offered another apology, this time to parents of children at the preschool that his 2-year-old daughter attends, an Orlando television station reported Tuesday.

WFTV reported on its Web site that it has obtained a letter that Woods and his wife, Elin, wrote to parents of children attending Premier Academy to apologize for increased media scrutiny around the school.

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Chargers’ Jackson pleads guilty to DUI charge

SAN DIEGO — Chargers Pro Bowl wide receiver Vincent Jackson pleaded guilty to his second DUI charge. He has been sentenced to four days in jail and five years of probation.

Because it was his second DUI conviction, Jackson also will be subject to the NFL’s personal conduct policy and likely will face at least a one-game suspension next season. Jackson pleaded guilty in a 2006 DUI case and was on probation when he was arrested again in January 2009, just days before a playoff loss at Pittsburgh.

City Attorney’s Office spokeswoman Gina Coburn said Jackson was given the standard sentence for a DUI with one prior offense. This includes two penalties: a $2,408 fine and 10 days total of public service.

Wizards Howard tears ACL, out for season

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards said Tuesday that forward Josh Howard will miss the remainder of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Howard was injured Monday night in Washington’s win over the Chicago Bulls, only his fourth game with the Wizards since being acquired from Dallas in a seven-player trade on Feb. 13. He collided with the Bulls’ Flip Murray (notes) with 4:23 to play in the first quarter and stayed on the floor for a minute before being helped off the court by two trainers.

Howard started three games for Washington and scored 14.5 points a game to help the Wizards go 3-1 since the deal, which also sent starter Caron Butler to the Mavericks.

Bode Miller isn’t apologizing to anyone for skiing out of the giant slalom at the Olympics. Miller claims his high-risk, high-reward style of skiing is the reason he’s won three medals thus far in the 2010 Olympics.

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Michigan accused of major recruiting violations

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The NCAA is accusing Michigan of five potentially major rules violations under coach Rich Rodriguez, who admitted making “mistakes” but will be back for a third try at Michigan after two seasons heading the nation’s winningest football program.

“Rich Rodriguez is our football coach next year,” Brandon said.

By using of allegations — which Michigan received Monday morning, NCAA said Rodriguez “failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the football program.” He tracked neither what his staff was doing nor whether his players were following NCAA rules, particularly those limiting the time spent on practice and football-related activities, the report said.

It also said the athletics department failed to make sure its football program was complying with NCAA regulations. Brandon said the department “clearly made mistakes,” but “there was no charge of loss of institutional control” — an allegation that in previous cases has led to severe NCAA sanctions for other schools.

An accompanying letter from the NCAA to university President Mary Sue Coleman said Michigan “should understand that all of the alleged violations set forth in the document” are considered to be “potential major violations of NCAA legislation, unless designating as secondary.”

Brandon said he wasn’t sure he understood “the difference between ‘major’ and ‘minor’ and ‘secondary’ and ‘primary.’”

“They spell it out very specifically in their own language,” he said.

Another possible problem for Michigan is that it could be subject to the NCAA’s “repeat violator rule” because it was sanctioned in 2003 for not filing monthly forms, though the NCAA report released Tuesday said players more often exceeded the limit by two hours per week.

The players also said the amount of time they spent on football activities during the season exceeded the weekly limit of 20 hours and often exceeded the daily limit of four hours. They said football staff often watched off-season scrimmages that are supposed to be voluntary.

Near the end of last season, the school released embarrassing details of an internal audit that discovered Rodriguez’s team failed to file forms tracking how much time players spent on football during his first season and the following offseason.

The school report did not find issues of noncompliance — a key issue for NCAA investigators — but acknowledged the practice logs for football were not available to be reviewed when the audit was conducted. The forms since had been turned in on a timely basis, according to the school.

“My reading of the situation is we had a breakdown of communication,” Brandon said Tuesday. “We found we were not being vigilant in the way those [time records] were being filled and managed.

The time record system that the football staff designed “was too cumbersome to manage” and is being changed.

The decision to hold the infractions hearing in August means Michigan will have a distraction just as the Wolverines are getting set to kick off a new season in their refurbished stadium.

Brandon, who takes over as athletic director on March 8, called Tuesday “a tough day” and said the university was taking “full responsibility for those events that brought us to this point.”

“We will dedicate ourselves to learning from this and doing everything we can to prevent it from happening again in the future,” said Brandon, the outgoing chairman and CEO of Domino’s Pizza.

Rodriguez stumbled to a 3-9 season in his debut at Michigan, the team’s first losing season since the late 1960s and his 4-0 Wolverines stumbled down the stretch last season, leading to speculation about his tenure in Ann Arbor.

According to his contract, Rodriguez can be fired for cause if the NCAA, the Big Ten or the school determines he has committed a major violation of NCAA rules or has intentionally committed any other type of violation of NCAA rules.

Rodriguez, who signed a six-year deal worth $2.5 million per season, tearfully defended his program just five days before the season-opener, saying he and his staff have fol-
Heavyweight
Will ‘at the Edge of Darkness’ Burroughs def. Timothy Latham
In a downright dominating performance from Burroughs, the Law student never really had a doubt in his mind that he was going to put an end to senior Latham’s attempt at an upset. After Latham tried to put Burroughs on his heels with a quick combo right after the opening bell, a combo that Burroughs simply absorbed, Burroughs put Latham in the corner with one counterpunch. That’s where it ended.
Burroughs sent a flurry of body punches that landed with a thud in the ribcage of Latham. When Latham slid his arms down to cover, Burroughs pounded him a few times before the referee stopped the fight less than 20 seconds after the opening bell.

Kevin ‘The Long Beach Lumberjack’ Crepeau def. David ‘Dutch’ Stedman
In a much closer battle than the bout before it, the two southpaws had a great test of mettle. The bout started with an exchange that went both ways for a while, but when the junior Crepeau landed vicious a left hook to the body, senior Stedman hit the mat.
In the second, Crepeau came back out on the offensive. Stedman tried to counter, but did so ineffectively. After blow to the chest, Stedman staggered again. But Stedman kept battling back. After the bell rang to start the third, Stedman got right in on Crepeau and landed three consecutive left hooks to the body, seemingly knocking the air out of Crepeau. Although Crepeau was ahead in the fight for all three rounds, he just did not have anything left in the tank to finish Stedman off, but still won in a split decision.

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**Phils’ Werth hopes to build on breakout year**

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Sporting a thick, scraggly beard and long hair flowing beneath his baseball cap, Jayson Werth caused a stir with his appearance on Monday. After a breakout season with the Philadelphia Phillies last year, Werth’s performance should get most of the attention.
Werth batted .268 with 36 homers, 99 RBIs and 20 steals, earning a trip to the All-Star game in his first full season as a regular. The right fielder hit .275 with seven homers and 13 RBIs in the postseason as Philadelphia fell two wins short of repeating as World Series champions.
If Werth puts up similar numbers this year, he can really cash in. He’s entering the final year of a $10 million, two-year deal. It’s uncertain whether the Phillies will be able to afford Werth when he becomes a free agent next winter.
Werth made it clear he doesn’t want his contract situation to become an issue and he’s not going to keep discussing it.
"This is the first time I’ve been in a situation of dealing with a long-term deal and extensions and all that," Werth said. "This is the first time I’ve had that opportunity. We’ll deal with that when it comes. It’s not something I’m going to be focused on. Really, I’m here to play baseball. I’m not going to let the game hard, play the game the right way and win."

Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. already has warned that the team isn’t going to be able to re-sign all of its star players. Since winning the World Series in 2008, Philadelphia has given several players multiyear deals.

“I know how much they’re spending is an issue and I think it’s always an issue no matter what the situation is,” Werth said. "I definitely think that will play a part of it going forward. But that's something that my agent and the team will work out and hopefully it will work out and I’ll be in Philadelphia for a long time and continue to play with these guys. The game of baseball is weird like that. Guys come out and go. But with our situation here, we’ve had a lot of guys stay. I’m already a part of something special here and have been for a few years, but to continue that would be awesome."

As for his new look, Werth didn’t want to explain.
"It’s a cross between Jesus Christ and the Geico Caveman,” teammate Brad Lidge said.
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Matthew ‘Cool and Tough’ Paletta def. Michael ‘Nobody Puts Baby in a Corner’ Urciouli

Both fighters began the fight fiding their time before a flurry of punches opened the sparring, with Urciouli landing the majority. The fight was stopped midway through the first round when the junior Urciouli began bleeding when a previous cut opened up.

The senior Paletta landed more punches than Urciouli at the start of the second round, which was interrupted twice for blood on Urciouli. In the third round, Urciouli threw lots of punches; despite the volume, Paletta landed more solid punches, forcing the match to be stopped again. The fight continued to be back-and-forth until Paletta landed a body-head combination that rattled Paletta. The referee stopped the match there with 18 seconds left, deciding the match in Paletta’s favor.

Mike Doran def. Giacomo ‘Il Capo’ Minafra

Doran and Minafra began tentatively, with few punches thrown. The first round was marked by many dodges from each fighter, leading to many misses and misses. The end of the round was back-and-forth with combinations from each fighter, with the junior Doran landing the last before the bell.

The sophomore Minafra attacked Doran aggressively at the beginning of the second round. As the round progressed, Doran became more aggressive while Minafra picked his opportunities; at one point, Doran caught Minafra off balance and knocked Minafra to the mat.

The third round was opened by punches from Doran, who forced Minafra into a defensive strategy. Doran parlayed his momentum from the second-round knockdown into an unanimous decision victory.

Dominic ‘Warsaw War Hammer’ Golab def. Nicholas ‘It’s a ME’ Ponzo

The senior Ponzo came out and tried to be the aggressor right away, but the balanced junior Golab would not let it happen. Golab had a decided advantage in height and reach and used it to his benefit. When Ponzo wanted to get in on him and go to the body, Golab fired back with a quick counter, or eluded his attacks and made attempts of his own. Ponzo landed a good amount of shots to both the body and head, but Golab, a junior, absorbed everything thrown at him with grace and made sure he was always in control. By maintaining a constantly balanced, efficient approach that never put him in a vulnerable position, Golab outlasted Ponzo and eventually claimed the unanimous decision to advance to the final.

Irish edge Hofstra in season opener

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish return from Long Island undefeated following their season-opening victory against Hofstra yesterday. The Irish fought through the rain and cold to emerge ahead of the Pride by a single goal, 13-12.

Though the momentum swung back and forth between the two teams throughout the first half, the Irish showed their depth on offense by setting up plays with numerous players putting points on the board. Going into halftime tied at seven goals apiece, the two evenly matched teams waged a defensive battle throughout the much of the second half.

After securing the lead on an assisted goal by junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, the Irish were able to fend off the Pride for the final grueling 10 minutes.

“I’m really pleased with the win, its always going to be tough (against Hofstra) but they didn’t get flustered when they were down and they handled it really well,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

Blaney set the tone offensively, scoring six of the team’s 13 goals, including the game-winner. Junior Jackie Doherty and sophomore Megan Sullivan put on a clinical display at defense with some big plays in the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling was crucial to the team’s defensive effort, playing the full 60 minutes in the net while tallying seven saves in her first performance at the collegiate level.

“Two years ago it was one goal win too, they’re a really well coached team,” said Coyne. “I’m happy with the win, it shows our experience and confidence.”

The Irish will host their home opener against Duquesne on Saturday in the Loftus Center at 6 p.m.

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Michael 'The Silver City Slugger' Sayles def. Nicholas 'The Guillotine' Goode

Senior captain Sayles earned a split decision over the bigger Goode, a junior, to return to the finals. Sayles began the fight by evading Goode's punches and jabbing repeatedly to the body. Sayles ended up pounding Goode's body into the corner, though Goode successfully tied up Sayles to stop him whenever he got on a roll.

In the final round, Goode closed very strong, maintaining his energy against the quicker Sayles and landing a number of different powerful hooks to the head. Sayles triggered and fell towards the end of the round, but ultimately the advantage in punches landed throughout the bout was enough to pull out the split decision.

140 pounds
Michael Johnston def. Brian 'The Gold Fist' Heath

The two seniors came out with differing styles, and usually Johnston continued with a unanimous victory. Johnston landed a number of different heavy blows.

In the third round, Johnston went to the ropes and set the tone for an aggressive, hard-fought match. As the first round continued both boxers exchanged a flurry of punches from Gimlett and countering with headshots. In the second round, Gimlett would prove to be quick on his feet. The two fighters exchanged a flurry of jabs to Chapman's head. Oloriz exhibited constant energy and placed many well-timed punches. In the third round, Oloriz pinned Chapman against the ropes and set the tone for the win by unanimous decision.

163 pounds
Bout 1: Daniel 'Cabbage Patch' Maier def. Kevin Goodwin

Patrick Maier established himself as the dominant force early in the first round. Maier fought back with technique and placed many well-timed punches and jabs. The first round continued both boxers exchanging punches and evading Kissinger.

In the second round, Kray abandoned throwing punches and got tangled up. In the third round, Kissinger took control of the fight, the judges ultimately awarded Kray the win by unanimous decision.

166 pounds
Jason 'Pretty Boy' Miller def. Matthew Gimlett

The two seniors opened with Gimlett focused on going low and attacking Miller's body, but Miller was able to counter and land punches when his senior classmate was out of position in prepared for a body shot.

The second round was much more even, eachucz earned a split decision each other early and not many big punches were landed. For a good part of the round the injured Kober bided their time before Miller came on strong in the third round. Gimlett combination that drove Gimlett into the corner.

The second round was nearly as close. The fighters exchanged a flurry of punches and jabs against Miller's body. The two fighters exchanged a flurry of punches and jabs against the ropes. Each fighter would not be taken advantage.

As the second round began, Kissinger again attacked Kray into the corner and landed a number of punches and got tangled up. In the second round, Kissinger took control of the fight and the judges ultimately awarded Kissinger the win by unanimous decision.

173 pounds
Alex Kissinger def. Kevin 'The Night Man' Kray

Kissinger came out on top, but Kray nearly fell out of the ring. In a close after fight, the judges ultimately awarded Kissinger the win by unanimous decision.
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Lindsay Schrader played in her first game since spraining her left ankle on Feb. 14. In 20 minutes of action, she scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Missing the game was not even a question,” she said.

Junior captain Ashley Barlow added 11 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Senior walk-on and crowd-favorite Alema Christiansen, playing in her first career start, grabbed the first rebound of the game and scored its last two points.

While senior forward Erica Williamson did not manage her Senior Night goal of scoring — or even attempting — a 3-pointer, she added two points, three rebounds, three assists and one steal to the Irish effort.

“It was our class, the five of us,” Lechlitner said. “We were just trying to have a good time.”

Melissa Lechlitner Irish senior

“It was our class, the five of us. We were just trying to have a good time.”

Lindsay Schrader

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with time.

“You just can’t put someone in there on this kind of thing until it’s better,” he said.

In Harangody’s absence, junior forward Carleton Scott will start. Scott made his first start against Louisville and had nine points, six rebounds and three blocks in 34 minutes.

“I thought Carleton Scott maybe took a step forward into some new territory that we’ve been kind of waiting on,” Brey said.

The bench also saw more playing time: freshman Jack Cooley played 19 minutes and freshman Mike Brogan played 10.

“Our young big guys did a heck of a job,” Brey said.

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break ing loss that snapped a four-match win streak. The loss was to No. 10 Tennessee, 5-2.

“It’s really important for us to stay focused, and the girls know that,” said Louderback.

Crucial to the girls’ continued success will be sophomore Kristy Frilling. Frilling leads the Irish with perfect records in both singles and doubles in the spring season. She is 8-0 at both No. 1 singles and doubles, chalking up some very impressive victories over top-ranked players. This weekend alone, she defeated No. 85 Rachael White of Illinois and Northwestern’s No. 12 Maria Mosolova.

Frilling has taken out five nationally-ranked singles opponents in all this year. On the doubles side she has been just as impressive. Frilling pairs up with teammate senior Kali Krisik at No. 1. Against No. 11 Georgetown was a possible time for Harangody to return but was not certain that he would be ready.

“This group that has played 100 minutes without him will continue to play without him until it’s really ready,” Brey said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles edge Albion to advance to MIAA second round

Saint Mary’s triumphed over Albion 61-59 in a game that was not decided until the last two possessions were in the books and earned a first-round MIAA tournament win.

The Britons jumped out to an early 10-6 lead from which the Belles quickly recovered and took a 16-12 lead. After a 13-0 Albion run the Belles fought back, but an Albion 3-pointer with 2 seconds left in the half extended the Briton advantage to 10 points.

The second half opened with each defense prevailing until Albion took their largest lead of the game at 34-22 3 minutes into the half. Saint Mary’s responded with a 12-2 run of their own that was capped by a dagger 3-pointer from sophomore guard Katie Sullivan.

Though Albion fought back to a 4-point advantage, the Belles were able to create another run, this time 14-2 to give Saint Mary’s a 48-40 lead with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Each team continued to reel off runs until the game was tied at 59 with about a minute left to go.

The Belles missed an opportunity to take a lead, but Albion could not capitalize, missing a shot that was rebounded by senior forward Anna Kammrath with 24 second left in the clash. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney took the ball on an end-to-end drive into the lane and banked the deciding layup in with 13 seconds left.

The Britons had a final opportunity to force overtime — or even win the game — but Saint Mary’s played solid defense, forcing the last Albion shot to clang harmlessly off the rim and sealing the Belles’ victory.

Sophomore guard Kelley Murphy paced Saint Mary’s with a 16-point, nine-rebound effort, while sophomore guard Maggie Roman added 11 points and five assists on five-for-shooting.

Kammrath’s biggest rebound was one of 10 on the night, all of which came in the pivotal second half.

Belles coach Jennifer Henley also earned her 100th career win in the victory, which placed the Belles in a second-round tournament game at No. 2 seed Calvin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Squad hopes to keep momentum vs. OSU

By JOHN HELMS

Sports Writer

It was a storybook night for Notre Dame’s senior class. In front of a sell-out Senior Night crowd, the No. 7 Irish defeated Marquette 82-67 in a performance buoyed by the team’s five seniors.

Senior captain Melissa Lechlitner, who hails from Mishawaka and has spent her entire basketball career in the area, scored a career-high 23 points to lead the team.

“Senior Night is always an emotional night. I wasn’t sure how I was going to come out.”

Fifth-year senior and captain

Buckeyes will be especially hungry, considering they are coming off a heart-

Irish senior Melissa Lechlitner handles the ball during Notre Dame’s 82-67 home victory over Marquette on Tuesday.

Senior Chris Cugliari, left, connects with a right hand against sophomore Brian Robillard Tuesday during a semifinal match in the 133 lb. weight division. Cugliari advanced to the finals.

The senior forward bruised a bone in his right knee during Notre Dame’s 90-87 loss to Seton Hall on Feb. 11 and missed the next two games. The Irish (17-10, 6-8 Big East) have lost three straight.

“He’s not ready to go, after watching him practice,” Brey said on his radio show. “And I don’t know when he’s going to be back. That’s the reality of what we’re looking at today.”

Irish coach Mike Brey said.

Luke Harangody has been ruled out of tonight’s game against No. 12 Pittsburgh, Irish coach Mike Brey said.

The senior forward bruised a bone in his right knee during Notre Dame’s 90-87 loss to Seton Hall on Feb. 11 and missed the next two games. The Irish (17-10, 6-8 Big East) have lost three straight.

“Notre Dame will be short its star for the third straight game.”

Luke Harangody out for Pitt showdown

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Squad hopes to keep momentum vs. OSU

By JOHN HELMS

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Sunday marked a first in Notre Dame women’s tennis history as they upset the top ranked team in the country, Northwestern. This afternoon marks their first match after the historic win, as the Irish will try to keep their momentum going and avoid a letdown after such a monumental victory.

The win was huge for the Irish’s self-image. Two weekends ago, the team failed to qualify for the National indoor tournament, and were sentenced to a weekend by themselves in South Bend. Northwestern, meanwhile, won the tournament.

“The kids were upset with their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to get some of their respect back,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

“I think it’s one of the few times we’ve competed as an underdog.”

Now the Buckeyes are faced with an equally daunting task, backing up the impressive victory against the dangerous No. 17 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes will be especially hungry, considering they are coming off a heart-