**ND students in Chile unharmed in earthquake**

University faculty, ACE graduate students, Congregation of Holy Cross members also safe after 8.8-magnitude quake strikes Saturday morning

**By MADELINE BUCKLEY**

Junior Cari Pick was chatting with friends online early Saturday morning in Santiago, Chile, when the Internet cut out and her building began to sway.

“My initial reaction was to stare out the window at nearby buildings to see if any of them were collapsing. Luckily, they were not,” Pick said of Saturday’s earthquake. “My host mother told me in Spanish that the safest place to stay was inside our building, which had been built to withstand earthquakes.”

Pick is one of 19 undergraduates and graduate students at the University of Notre Dame in Chile, living in Santiago and Concepción, that were unharmed in Saturday’s 8.8-magnitude earthquake near the capital city of Valparaiso.

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**Robinson Center celebrates ninth anniversary**

**By CARLY LANDOM**

For the past nine years, Notre Dame faculty, staff and students as well as members of the South Bend community have volunteered their time to better the lives of local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

The Center, an off-campus educational initiative sponsored by the University, celebrated its ninth anniversary Friday afternoon and gave thanks to the support of its volunteers.

Speakers at the event included University President Fr. John Jenkins and South Bend Mayor Steve Luke.

Jay Capongro, the founding director of the RCLC, was officially appointed to the position of the Director of Community Engagement for the University, a promotion effective March 1.

No announcements about his replacement at the RCLC have been made yet.

Friday’s festivities also included the recognition of various community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty and students who work to further the Center’s ventures.

In addition, the James Kapsa Take Ten Award was presented to a local school leader and awards were given to the top 12 schools in the Take Ten poster design contest.

The Take Ten Program is an outreach project of the Robinson Community Learning Center encouraging students to “Talk it out, Walk it out and Wait it Out”.

**Registration for Basilica weddings during 2011 year begins**

**By KATIE PERALTA**

Today, the first day couples can register for weddings at the Sacred Heart Basilica for the 2011 year, is perhaps one of the reasons the “ring by spring” mentality pervades for many a Notre Dame senior.

According to Amy Huber, Wedding and Baptism Coordinator of the Basilica, current students, alumni, University administrators and Sacred Heart parishioners are all eligible to sign up for weddings at the Basilica beginning today by calling in.

The process is competitive, as desirable spots fill quickly as the day progresses.

“You just have to be patient and keep redialing until you get through,” Huber said. “I probably take about 70-80 reservations [on call days].”

Huber said the Basilica accommodates only a certain number of wedding reservations each year, and that number is limited by certain days on which wedding ceremonies are disallowed.

“There are a little over 100 dates for 2011 to give out and the summer afternoon dates always go first as expected,” she said. “[Weddings are not held] on holiday weekends, JPW, Alumni Weekend, final vows weekend, ordination weekend, Freshman Orientation weekend and Commencement weekend.”

The fee for use of the Basilica is $750, and Huber said that figure includes not only the ceremony itself.

“It also provides a wedding reception, bridal and rehearsal parties, and a place to stay for the weekend. It’s [also] available for a wedding and reception the same day. It’s a big time saver,”she said.

“Samantha Malinieri Roth and husband Andrew Roth, both Notre Dame graduates, exchange vows at the Basilica in the fall of 2009.”

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Thank you

I would like to begin my term as Editor-in-Chief today by thanking those who make The Observer’s publication possible.

That starts with you, our readers. Thank you for holding us to the high journalistic standards to which we aspire, and thank you for pointing out our mistakes and for praising our successes.

We truly enjoy hearing from you and sincerely appreciate your constructive feedback. I look forward to making improvements, especially on our Web site. But should make your experiences with The Observer more valuable and enjoyable.

To our outgoing senior Editorial Board members, thank you for showing me how to handle computer glitches, tight deadlines and tough decisions with integrity, professionalism and class. And thank you for having the faith and confidence in me to lead the newspaper.

Regardless of what you say in the office at 1 a.m., I know you all care for me deeply.

To our dedicated, talented staff, thank you for all your continued hard work. I look forward to working with you over the next year as we build upon The Observer’s strong tradition. Thank you for your ambition, energy and willingness to blast Taylor Swift out of the office — all three help to keep us going.

It would be both cliché and misleading to say we all enjoy every single minute we spend at The Observer. When you work in a windowless office in the basement of South Dining Hall from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., once a week, there are going to be moments when you wonder what you got yourself into.

But the truth is, I know why I do it.

Working for The Observer has shaped my Notre Dame experience by challenging me to become not only a better writer and reporter, but also a better student, teammate, communicator and leader. Being a part of a staff of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students with an incredible range of talents, interests and personalities has refined my talents, expanded my interests and stretched my personality. And covering major campus stories and events has given me a perspective and a voice most students do not get.

I have never quite understood why seniors say they still get a rush watching their classmates pick up The Observer every morning.

But as I power-walked my way across campus Friday morning, late for a meeting on three hours of sleep after my first night overseeing the paper’s entire production, I finally understood.

There’s no helplessness feeling quite like being alone in the office at 4 a.m., working at an outdated, uncooperative computer that is the last thing standing between you and a queen-sized bed.

But there’s also no feeling of pride, accomplishment and relief like waking up and seeing the paper circulating around campus every Monday through Friday.

That’s why we do what we do. Thanks.

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IN BRIEF

The Hesburgh Library will be open 24-hours a day this week for midterms. Good luck.

An exhibit called “Markings by Koo Kyung Sook” will be on display today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Snite Museum of Art’s Milly and Fritz Keeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery. Admission is free.

Daily Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today.

The women’s basketball team will play Connecticut today at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Ticket information is available at 631-7356.

The registration for intramural spring sports begins Thursday at 8 a.m. The deadline is March 18. More information is available at RecSports’ Web site.

The women’s tennis team will play Indiana Friday at 3 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Center. Admission is free.

The Children’s Theater will perform Tomie dePaola’s “Strega Nona” Friday at the DeBartolo Mainstage of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Ticket information is available online at performingarts.nd.edu.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu

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OFFBEAT

Drunk mom allegedly runs through school with sword

MEPHIS, Tenn. — Police said the mother of an elementary school student drank a 40 ounce bottle of malt liquor before brandishing a sword in her child’s school. The woman, 32, apparently intended to confront the parents of another child who had been in a spitting match with her child the previous day.

According to court records, an employee at Riverview Elementary School in Memphis reported a drunk woman armed with a sword was running through the halls of the school and had threatened to cut her.

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Police said a 38-year-old man opened the door to his motel room.

Then grabbed a fire extinguisher and hit him on the head with a bottle of Worcestershire sauce, then grabbed a fire extinguisher and hit him on the head and face.

Officials at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital said the victim suffered from head injuries.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

“No, I can’t move objects with my mind.” — Steve Santay, junior Alumni

“Of course because David Blaine can really levitate!” — Johanna Kirsch, senior McGlinn

“Yes because I want to ride on the Magic School Bus!” — Carleigh Moore, sophomore Howard

“Yes, In a young girl’s heart.” — Jordan Matulis, sophomore Howard

“Of oh, oh, oh, it’s magic you know … never believe it’s not so.” — Courtney Boise, senior McGlinn

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

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CEO discusses changes in media

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

As expansion of the Internet over the past decade continues to revolutionize American lives, the ramifications for the news and communication business are especially profound.

This changing media landscape was the main focus of a lecture Friday by Harris Diamond, CEO of Weber Shandwick and the Constituency Management Group.

The lecture, titled "The Evolving Media and Its Consequences for American Society," was held in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

The lecture and discussion, part of Mendoza's "Ten Years Hence" speaker series, provided an insider's perspective on objective news, television and print media.

Objective news, Diamond said, is again turning to partisan and biased news sources both online and in television.

"Objective journalism is a reality that has only existed since the latter part of the 20th century," he said. [Prior to that], newspapers were very much partisan organs," he said. "They gave their readers what they wanted to hear."

The emergence of polarized media outlets again in recent years, Diamond said, is "in many respects nothing but a back to the future moment."

Diamond recognized the immense effect the accessibility of the Internet has had on media becoming more biased.

Diamond said the media has "democratized the news" and now have "increased quantity, decreased quality."

"In the age of information, it's hard to say too much information is a bad thing," Diamond said. He said this "democratization" can be beneficial, but also has adverse effects on the way people inform themselves.

"In this world of high-speed technology, lies are refuted immediately," Diamond said.

However, he said, the tendency of "slivers of truth" to spread rapidly is problematic.

"We manufacture controversy just so we can fill an hour of news," he said. "[Prior to that], newspapers didn't really understand that context.

Companies today, he said, must put more resources into dealing with media issues.

"The world right now is fascinated by transparency," Diamond said. "What most people really want is a free flow of information and answers to their questions."

In the face of corporate consolidation, Diamond said three issues are where the problem has been fixed, how the company initially reacted and what the company did for the people affected.

The massive expansion of the Internet also poses a major threat to television networks, especially with regards to news.

The mainstream media is going to struggle," he said. "In 10 years I don't believe there will be a 30-minute news at night. It's not the end of the world — it's just the end of an era."

The outlook for print media, he said, is even grimmer.

"The traditional sources [of information] are going to slowly disappear," Diamond said. "The world is . . . I don't see newspapers long-term surviving."

The problem, he said, is being fueled in part by newsgatherings themselves.

"There is no business model right now . . . for newspapers to stay in their current form," he said. "They're putting their content on the Web for free. . . . Newspapers are destroying themselves."

Despite the grim message, Diamond insisted that media itself is not on the decline.

"Obviously this year is going to be tough . . . Companies are still going to be looking for people who understand the digital world — those opportunities are only going to increase," he said. "I wouldn't confuse short-term difficulties with long-term opportunities."

They're still there.

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College bookstore holds fashion show

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Saint Mary's, 24th annual Spring/Summer Fashion Show held on Friday, is a chance for students to preview the new fashions for the spring and summer.

Saint Mary's Bookstore and House of Leather hosted the their annual Spring/Summer Fashion Show on Friday in the Student Center.

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SMC hall director receives award

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Responsible for supervising 10 residents and about 246 students, McCandless Hall and Opus Hall director Kady Shea received the Award for her work with the College Student Residence Hall Association (BRAA).

Shea has not only managed to keep the residence halls, but has helped make some vast improvements to the quality of life on Saint Mary's campus.

"[I really enjoy] getting to interact with students on a regular basis, and getting to know them personally, what's going on in their lives and just being able to help them as best I can with whatever is going on," Shea said.

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coordinator who will attend the rehearsal and wedding and will assist in all the details of the wedding liturgy,” she said. "Most of the couples met here, fell in love here and want to have the sacrament of marriage here," Huber said. "The Basilica is one of the most beautiful places on campus and our staff at the Basilica and Campus Ministry are wonderful in supporting these couples in all aspects of their preparation and liturgy."

Samantha Mainieri Roth, a 2009 graduate, married her husband Andrew Roth, a 2008 graduate, in the Basilica on Oct. 10, 2009. "The number one reason I wanted to get married at the basilica is because Andrew and I met at ND and it just symbolizes tradition in every sense to us," she said. "Just knowing how many previous ND grads got married there made it that much more special." A former Notre Dame cheerleader, Mainieri Roth said the date of her wedding was especially difficult to come by. "I knew I wanted the bye-weekend of the football season in October to be my wedding date because none of my cheerleader teammates would be out of town then since there wasn’t an away game and there are no weddings on weekends of home games," she said. "By the time Andrew made it through the phone line, after about 500 attempts, we were given the 9 a.m. slot because that’s all there was left for that day.”

According to the Basilica’s Web site, available wedding times are Fridays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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the abroad program’s classes at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica, a Catholic university in Santiago. The students arrived in the Chilean capital Thursday after completing a three-week program in the rural Chilean town of Linares. They were originally scheduled to start classes in the city Wednesday.

Pick said the students have been told, however, they will start classes March 8, and the academic facilities are relatively undamaged.

Junior Alex Barker, an Observer Sports writer participating in the Chile study abroad program, said the students were lucky they arrived in Santiago when they did. "The pre-program took place in a less developed area that was much closer to the epicenter [of the earthquake]. It took a great deal more damage," he said.

"Buildings we were in just last week now lay flattened and destroyed." Barker said most students are fortunate to be living in buildings meant to withstand earthquakes. "Most of us live in some of the nicest parts of Santiago so the houses are much sturdier, and from what I’ve heard thus far, did not take any significant damage," he said.

The Associated Press is reporting the death toll to be more than 700 with nearly two million displaced by the earthquake. With unreliable communication, Pick said many students are not sure how the next few weeks will go, but many will try to get involved in the relief efforts if possible.

"One of the main reasons many of us chose the Chile program is for its Chilean Poverty and Development service class, and once we find out what we can do to help, we will try to do whatever we can to get involved."

Cari Pick
junior

Photo Courtesy of Samantha Mainieri Roth

Samantha Mainieri Roth and Andrew Roth walk down the aisle at the Basilica after being married there in fall 2009.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australians bare all for photo shoot
SYDNEY — About 5,200 naked people have embraced each other on the steps of Sydney’s famous Opera House for a photo shoot by photographer Tunick.

Tunick, who is known for his nude group photos, spoke to the Associated Press for more than an hour in a variety of positions.

“It was difficult to get the straight participants to embrace the gay participants and vice versa,” Tunick said. “I was very happy that that last set finally got done and everyone came together (in a unit) tonight, frisked, and cooed, a loving kiss in front of this great structure.”

Dead fish stink up Rio lagoon
RID DE JANEIRO — Thousands of dead fish washed up on the shores of a popular beachside lagoon in Rio over the weekend, offering jugglers’ olfactory senses and leading the city to fight with disinfectant.

The official state news service Agencia Brasil said about 100 city employees working full-time cleared nearly 50 tons of fish ashore. There was no immediate estimate of how many died, but several species were involved.

Rio’s environmental secretary speculated that increased levels of a harmful algae may be the immediate cause of the sudden die-off Friday. She told Globo’s G1 Web site that authorities were still investigating, but the problem was not affecting the fish anymore.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ebert partially regains voice
CHICAGO — Film critic Roger Ebert says computer programmers have captured his voice from movie commentary tracks so he can talk to want to say and listeners hear a voice that sounds like him.

Ebert lost his ability to speak after surgery for cancer in 2006. He writes Sunday’s Chicago Sun-Times that a Scottish company has helped him regain a voice his grandchildren can recognize.

Ebert recorded commentaries for DVD movies before he lost his voice. A Scottish company called CernProc blended digital recordings of Ebert speaking to make his text-to-speech voice.

Ebert writes that the voice will be heard predicting Oscar winners on a segment of “The Movies with Ebert.”

He says he may be able to use the voice for radio and Webcasts.

Man shot to death in mall
DELAGRANGE, Ill. — Police say a man taken into custody following a fatal shooting at a busy mall has been released, and they’re now looking for a man who may have been wearing a wig and fake mustache.

Police just before 6:30 p.m. Saturday took a call that shots had been fired at the Dimond Center mall. They found 29-year-old Edwin Mata wounded outside a barber shop. He had been shot multiple times.

Mata was rushed to a hospital, where he died.

An off-duty Alaska State Trooper tackled a man fleeing the scene. Police say the man was brought to Anchorage Police headquarters for questioning and released.

LOCAL NEWS

Man caught using shoe camera
INDIANAPOLIS — Police arrested a Fort Wayne man who installed a camera in a shoe to look up women’s dresses at a shopping mall.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department says 40-year-old David Castleton Square Mall on Saturday and placed his foot under their dresses.

Police say an off-duty officer found that Delagrange had a sophisticated recording system with a camera attached to his right shoe and video and audio controls in his pockets.

Storm leaves 200,000 without power
PORTLAND, Maine — Nearly 200,000 homes and businesses were still without power Sunday as restoration efforts continued days after a slow-moving storm battered the Northeast with heavy snow, rain and wind.

More than 83,000 utility customers still lacked electricity in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The region had lost power.

Hundreds of utility crews from as far away as Michigan and Maryland continued removing trees that knocked down power lines and replacing utility poles that snapped during last week’s storm.

Dozens of shelters provided warmth and food at fire departments, schools and other places.

Even after spending three nights at a shelter in New Paltz, N.Y., 28-year-old Keith Crum of Marlboro, N.Y., said he was understanding of the ongoing power outage. He recently moved back to the area from South Carolina, where he worked cutting trees away from power lines.

“They’re trying to do the best they can with the power,” he said. “You get to take into account there are a lot of lines down.”

Bryan Bush lost electricity Thursday, but he used a power generator he owns to turn the lights back on in his home in Kittery, Maine. Neighbors without that option have been stopping in for show- ers, warmth and cups of coffee.

But with three utility poles still down in front of his home and wires crossing his driveway, he wasn’t too confident about getting power back anytime soon.

“I wouldn’t expect much before the middle or the end of the week,” he said.

Clinton heads to Latin America
Secretary of State to visit post-quake Chile, four other countries in weeklong tour
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s weeklong tour of Latin America is certain to focus on the earthquake in Chile, which she will also try to build support for fresh penalties against Iran.

Clinton will visit Santiago, Chile’s capital, Tuesday, touring a region that has been scheduled to go to Chile late Monday for talks with Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and President-elect Sebastian Pinera, who takes office March 11. But that meeting has been canceled as Chile struggles to recover from the quake.

Before Clinton left Washington on Sunday evening, she made clear she would show U.S. support for disaster rescue and reconstruction operations in Chile.

“Our hemisphere comes together in times of crisis, and we will stand side-by-side with the people of Chile in this emergency,” Clinton said after President Barack Obama canceled Bachelet to offer assistance.

The State Department issued a travel alert Sunday urging U.S. citizens to avoid nonessential travel to Chile.

Clinton starts her trip in Uruguay on Monday in promotion of the country’s new president, ex-guerrilla Jose Mujica and Argentina’s Cristina Fernandez, who will encourage Mujica and Fernandez to continue those policies, U.S. officials said.

Fernandez may raise Argentina’s dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands, but Clinton is not expected to bring it up. “This is a matter for Argentina and Britain and it’s not a matter for the United States to make a judgment on,” the top U.S. diplomat for the Americas, Arturo Valenzuela, said Friday.

After her brief stop in Santiago on Tuesday morning, she heads to Brasilia, Brazil, for talks with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whose support the U.S. is seeking for a new round of U.N. Security Council penalties against Iran over its nuclear program.

Brazil, a voting member of the Security Council, has been reluctant to additional penalties. Its leaders have expressed a desire to improve relations with Iran, and Lula plans to visit Tehran in May.

Clinton hopes to win Brazil’s backing for sanctions as well as a commitment to press Iran to comply with international demands to prove that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

“We will be telling our Brazilian counterparts that we encourage Iran to regain the trust of the international community by fulfilling its international obligations, which we feel that they have not fulfilled,” Valenzuela said before Clinton’s trip.

Clinton will also attend a meeting in Costa Rica of regional foreign ministers who will focus on improving economic conditions in the hemisphere. She expects to see outgoing President Oscar Arias, who brokered an accord that ended the political crisis in Honduras last year.

Clinton will also meet with incoming Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla before wrapping up her tour in Guatemala on Friday.

In Guatemala, Clinton will meet a group of Central American leaders, including Honduran President Porfirio Lobo, who took over in late January from an interim gov- ernment that had ousted leader Manuel Zelaya in a coup last June, leading to a political crisis.
Colleges enlist parents to stop drinking

Associated Press

At Virginia Tech, where tailgating and raucous apartment complex parties are time-honored rituals, university officials are turning increasingly to Mom and Dad to curb problem underage drinking.

This semester, the school in Blacksburg, Va., began notifying parents when their under-21 students are found guilty of even minor alcohol violations such as getting caught with a beer in a dorm room.

Although it’s common for colleges to alert parents of major alcohol offenses — or when a student faces suspension — Virginia Tech is part of a small but growing number sending letters home on minor ones.

The debate about how much to involve parents in such cases is a balancing act for colleges and universities. Officials want to hold young adults accountable as they venture out on their own, are well aware that drinking is part of the college experience, and also recognize potential allies in a generation of hands-on parents who can help when things go too far.

“I think it helps students open up to parents,” said Steven Clarke, director of Virginia Tech’s College Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center. “And parents can be helpful in setting boundaries students might need.

The beefed-up parental notification policy is part of a broader strategy that includes alcohol-education classes and a “party positive” program that encourages responsible drinking.

The student reaction to the policy change, not surprisingly, has been less than enthusiastic.

“If you have one beer in the dorm and you get caught, I don’t feel like parents should be notified,” said Erik Pryslak, a junior engineering major. “Now that we’re all in college, we’re all adults. It’s kind of your responsibility to take care of yourself. If you want to make your parents aware you’re about to be kicked out of school, then it’s on you.”

Studies show that students who say their parents would disapprove of them drinking are less likely to drink heavily once they get to college, said Tohen Nelson, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health who has studied campus drinking.

At Virginia Tech, the school has operated on a “three strikes” system for years: Students get one strike for a minor alcohol violation and two for a major one — things like getting a BUI or vomiting all over a residence hall bathroom. Three strikes and a student is suspended for at least one semester.

After a spate of alcohol-related deaths on college campuses, Congress in the late 1990s changed student privacy laws to lower barriers to parental notification in cases involving students under 21.

When a student faces suspension, said Edward Spencer, Virginia Tech’s vice president for student affairs. Hence the change this semester — a move Spencer says also reflects changing times.

Parents of Generation X students were often reluctant to get involved when the school invoked an emergency clause in privacy laws and alerted them of alcohol problems, he said.

“The response would be, ‘You know, I’m leaving on a cruise. I’m going to a class reunion.’”

But today, parents of millenials tend to be more concerned about cell phone to children who studies show often idolize their parents — so it makes sense to go a step further in parental involvement, he said. “We’d like to strike a happy medium,” Spencer said.

But some parents complained that because they had not been notified of minor offenses, they were in the dark until a student was suddenly facing suspension.

“We pretty much have an occupation where we are able to help kids, play with them, tutor them and also give them advice about the world and guide them in their future endeavors,” Carter said about his two and a half years of varsity service at the Center. Members of the John Adams High School Jazz Band provided musical entertainment to guests, mainly consisting of parents of the students and elderly members of the community, Carter said.

Each semester over 250 Notre Dame students volunteer at the Center.

In a recent press release about his new promotion, Caponigro said he would continue to work to improve Notre Dame’s presence in South Bend and build relationships with both community leaders and ordinary citizens. He also expressed hope that these partnerships would last, sustain, and grow because they are the “foundation of the Robinson Center.”

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Virginia Tech resident advisor David Dorsett, left, chats with fellow dorm resident Matt Londrey about college drinking behavior Monday.
JFK runway closed for repairs

Repavement of airport’s largest landing strip will cause delays, higher ticket prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One runway, a whole lot of problems.

The main runway at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport will be closed for months starting March 1. Millions of travelers will experience delays — including some not flying anywhere near the Big Apple.

With about one-third of JFK’s traffic and half of its departures being diverted to three smaller runways, planes will wait on longer lines on the ground for takeoffs and in the air for landings. Delays at one of the nation’s largest airports will ripple to cities across the U.S., including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orlando.

Passengers using JFK also face another headache — higher ticket prices.

The American, Delta and other airlines have cut their schedules by about 10 percent for the shutdown period. They can raise prices because there will be a smaller number of seats to meet demand.

JFK’s Baby Runway, at 14,572 feet, is one of the longest commercial runways in the world. It’s a back-up landing spot for the space shuttle, which has its next mission on April. The runway is being repaved with concrete instead of less-durable asphalt and widened to accommodate today’s bigger planes.

The project will affect at least the first month of the peak travel season, which officially starts on Memorial Day. But the chosen four-month period was picked because it’s the driest in the New York area and unseasonably warm weather-related construction delays less likely. Of course, the flights Democratic senators will lose their seats.

A similar runway repair in the Minneapolis area last year created thousands of delays when it was slowed by unseasonably wet weather.

JFK is already one of the nation’s most delay-plagued airports. It ranked 28th out of 31 major airports in 2009 in on-time performance, according to the Department of Transportation. A delay at JFK, especially one early in the morning, can push back flights across the U.S.

The longest delays occur at peak hours — from about 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. ET and between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The airlines and the airport are making adjustments. Besides cutting flights, airlines are adding time into their schedules. So although flights may take longer, more won’t necessarily be considered late.

Sammartino also says JFK officials have added new taxi lanes at JFK, especially one early in the morning, can push back flights across the U.S.

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Is democracy liberal?

George W. Bush liked to talk about democracy and its many virtues. He even went so far as to make promoting democracy a central component of American foreign policy. I mention this because on March 7, Iraq will finally hold the elections that had originally been scheduled for Jan. 15.

Contemplating the many issues at stake in this election, I began to wonder if democracy is actually all that great. This is not to say Iraq's nascent democracy is hopeless — if anything, the past few months have shown Iraq has and will have rough patches but can work through its issues in a legal and productive manner (though there are many problems still to work out). Rather, my question should be seen more simply as investigating whether there are virtues inherent in democracy.

Often, we attach high-minded ideals of freedom of speech, human rights and other liberal ideas with democracy. In reality, these are concepts that are not integral to democracy but to liberal democracies like the United States and Great Britain. A democracy does not fundamentally ensure any rights, as a democratic government is merely one which is elected by the general populace — or perhaps a portion of the populace. Democracy can encourage political awareness amongst the populace which in turn can encourage freedom of speech and other liberal ideas. However, there is no guarantee that this will happen.

History abounds with ill-liberal democracies and democratically-elected governments destroying the very constitutions which allowed them to be elected in the first place. The most famous case occurred in Germany in 1932 and we all know how that turned out. Though Hitler never gained a majority vote, his rise to power illustrates how a democratic government can be manipulated into a dictator- ship. Other, more recent cases are Russia and Venezuela. Neither country is overtly authoritarian nor threatening to become so. However, neither country is exactly full of liberalism and free ideas. In Russia, there is little question Vladimir Putin is running the show. Also, given the many reporters killed in Russia over the past several years, I would not recommend anyone interested in pursuing a journalism career move to Russia. On the other hand, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez was very much legally elected and also very much abuses his power to strangle any opposition.

The point here is that casting votes does nothing to secure freedoms. If the above cases are unconvincing, just look at Hamas’ 2006 election in the Gaza Strip. The group’s entire platform is opposed to anything even approaching liberal ideas. And their actions are nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. He was living with family at time and going to school Gaza. The reason they tortured him? Money.

Freedom is not secured by casting a vote but by fighting for it. This does not necessarily mean violence — very rarely, in fact. Rather, one fights for his or her rights through education, laws, interest groups and civil disobedi- ence. The most important of these four ways to fight is education because an intelligent public is more difficult to dupe and less likely to easily give up their rights. Essentially, if one desires a liberal democracy, do not support democracy but liberal institutions — places that encourage a person to think for him or herself. Most particularly, this means promoting higher education.

It is easy for a an elected official to destroy a country. It is much harder for a government to ignore or subvert a well-educated and politically aware public. And history has shown that education and political awareness often go hand in hand. Of course, whether promoting liberalism or democracy, the United States must make a conscious effort to work with and listen to its friends and allies. Perhaps this is the most important lesson as America’s politicians and pun- dits wait in anticipation for the results of Iraq’s March 7 elections.

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Black History Month: Where do we go from here?

Use resources

What saddens me about the current “conversation” in the Viewpoint section on poverty, wages and Notre Dame is not that many people don’t seem to understand the experience of living in poverty, but that they don’t realize that there are resources right here to help educate them on the issues.

We don’t need to hear the stories of vulnerable people working on campus for evidence (although they have, in the past, often strengthened our arguments “now,” April 28, 2008). Journalists have interviewed the working poor, social scientists have studied them. In Notre Dame’s annual surveys of working poor, the problems they face or how poverty affects every-one, one check out books like Shipper’s “The Working Poor,” Schullman’s “The Betrayal of Work” or Bourdieu’s “The Weight of the Underprivileged.” Or take a course offered by Poverty Studies (now called ‘edu-poverty’).

We have more than Catholic doctrine or living examples to offer the debate. Use your resources to make informed arguments for social change and justice (or to argue against them).

Concerning just wages

Just a few thoughts on the discussion of just wages and the working poor taking place in the course “Economics 101.” Those are the ones on the side who emphasize that the Church has no specific teaching on just wages — His teaching is completely otherworldly. There are those on the other side who seem to think that somehow the Church suddenly woke up in 1891 to talk about justice when Leo XIII wrote “Rerum Novarum,” having lived in darkness and ignorance before the industrial revolution. Sometimes it seems that serendipitously that’s when the Church finally started to agree with the author. But let’s just consider a few All Stars of the Catholic social doctrine.

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President Obama’s meteoric rise to Commander in Chief of the United States was a unique moment in American politics. His calm demeanor, level-headed orator, willingness to compromise and intellectual heft were combined in a campaign promising change. In the 15 months since his election, change has proven elusive, bipartisanship scarce and progressivism negligible.

In a climate where only 25 percent of the voting population approves of the work being done by Congress, there will be a natural backlash against the party in power. The man leading the dissent is Fox News pundit Glenn Beck. He’s a near perfect foil for Obama, he’s emotional to the point of crying on national television, has less than a semester of college education and isn’t afraid to speak impulsively. For a politician, his trait set would be a death sentence, but as he has said himself, he’s an entertainer. More important than any other personal attribute, Beck is very smart.

By the age of 13, Beck already had a job as a radio DJ. Immediately following high school, he went to work in radio. He was a natural as a morning shock jock in the same vein as Howard Stern. He found success in Houston and Baltimore and also found a wife with whom he started a family. As his Web site, GlennBeck.com, says, “at the age of 30, Beck lost his passion for radio – and everything else.” Drinking and drug abuse took their toll, destroying his marriage and radio career, leaving him with a divorce and job in New Haven, Conn., a long way down from many of his earlier stations. Having hit rock bottom, Beck began recovery. Alcoholics Anonymous helped him to quit both smoking marijuana and drinking and his second wife helped him find God through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Beck started over as a talk radio host in Tampa, Fla. On the radio waves, Beck experienced the beginning of a dramatic climb, taking his station from 18th to first in the course of a year.

Soon afterwards, Beck’s show went national and led to a talk show on CNN. Beck’s libertarian-flavored conservative views managed to mesh well with CNN’s typically liberal viewers, giving him the second highest-rated show on the network. Beck jumped ship and left to Fox News in late 2008, where his show has enjoyed even greater ratings, soundly beating the combined ratings of competitors CNN, MSNBC and HLN combined.

Settled in at Fox News, Beck has quickly become one of the most despised men on cable. His tactics, whether motivated by ratings or principles, often leave much to be desired. He’s no stranger to slinging ludicrous accusations under the guise of “just asking questions” nor is he afraid to question Obama’s birth, religion, racism or love of country. These underhanded methods have brought personal attacks against Beck, a boycott of his show by advertisers and roughly three million viewers every night.

Beck comes off as a far right jester, pointing out the flaws of power but concerned with becoming a joke himself. While his detractors may wish for that fate, he’s become an increasingly powerful force with each passing scandal. Beck has been instrumental in the public exposure of ACORN and just recently played a large role in the resignation of Van Jones, Obama’s director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Beck’s attacks on Jones are particularly insightful. While his public and political motives centered on Jones’ involvement with STORM, a far-left political group, his underlying personal reasons concerned Jones’ suggested boycott of Beck’s program through Color of Change. This mixture of political savvy with personal vendetta has become hallmark of Beck’s style.

For the past year, as Beck’s opponents grew, so did his following. In the infancy of his fame, Beck seemed destined to be a carbon copy of Rush Limbaugh, a classification Beck would no doubt take with a bit of pride. Instead, it seems Beck has a newfound appreciation of his power. Although he’s abrasive, partisan and flat out wrong at times, Beck may be taking his role seriously.

The first hint of this occurred early this year when Beck was asked to speak as headliner at the CPAC. Beck spoke directly to the disillusioned Republican and independent voter, candidly stating, “I don’t even know what they [Republicans] stand for anymore. And they’ve got to realize that they have a problem. ‘Hello, my name is the Republican Party, and I’ve got a problem. I’m addicted to spending and big government.”

It’s statements like these that have gained Beck both his audience and enemies, and statements like those from his CPAC speech may mark a dangerous step towards converting the former to the latter. Beck has also recently stepped off the party platform with respect to President Reagan (“I don’t think Reagan was a real Republican. He just maintained some shared values.”) and global warming (“You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with man).

This moment may end up being a watershed moment for Beck. It may be yet another dead end for the nomadic entertainer. More likely, this will transform Beck into a serious political player. He’s already proven his ability to grab and hold an audience, and now he may be proving he has something to say.

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It seems rather odd to call this a music “rewind.” Empire of the Sun’s album “Walking on a Dream” was only released in 2009. While the album was by no means overlooked or forgotten, it was an album that should have garnered much more attention than it actually did, given its quality and the timing of the album’s release in the wake of MGMT’s massive success with a similar synth-pop sound. It is an album that at first will seem foreign to most but with just one listen will have anyone smiling and taking to the dance floor.

Hailing from Sydney, Australia, and armed with a style of music that makes them awesome for the same reasons that MGMT are awesome, Empire of the Sun has a flare for the “out there” that gives the duo a Lady Gaga-like quality. They created a dance floor dream of a record on their debut album, “Walking on a Dream.” There’s a daring quality to every bit of the duo, Luke Steele and Nick Littlemore, that more than just creeps into their music. Much of their 10-track LP takes on a “love it or hate it” quality. The first half of the album, until the track “Delta Bay,” showcases something real special. Songs like “We are the People” and “Half Mast” play like funk-pop bliss at its best, giving each track that sort of airy, cloud-nine feel that puts the “awe” in “awe-some.”

Although often compared to MGMT and other new indie-dance ilk, Empire of the Sun is no copycat nor are they a flash in the pan. Yes, the album trails off a bit — just so that there are no secrets here, it trails off more than a bit — but when the duo are actually concentrated on being true to their weird selves and making good, enjoyable music, that music plays like candy — sweet, blissful and purely irresistible. Speaking of purely irresistible, Empire of the Sun’s second single, the angelic, atmospheric “We Are the People,” exemplifies the band’s dance-y warmth and ability to turn any subject into something coated with sunshine-y optimism. The song’s prelude, “Half Mast,” a three-minute tale of longing that foreshadows “We Are The People” and its heightened sense of loss, opens and continues in the most dream-like fashion of any song on the album, with its soaring synthesizer playing in the background.

The album’s sole blemish, and a large one at that, is that the latter half of the 10 tracks sound as though they’ve lost the airiness of the first five tracks. The album shifts gears at “Delta Bay,” but never really reverts back to the style that makes you want to put the first five songs on repeat and just listen to them over and over again. And that’s probably what you’ll do — forgo the last five songs in favor of five (or maybe four) of the best tracks of any album released in 2009.

There’s a journey on this record, one highlighted by seductive melodies, memorable falsettos and monster hooks that get in your head and have you dancing endlessly. That’s the great success here, and despite the band’s lackluster second half of songs, it’s the first half — especially from “Standing on a Shore” to “We Are the People” — that shows that Empire of the Sun is a band you definitely ought to know.

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**MLB**

**New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes meets with federal investigators last week to discuss Dr. Anthony Galea, a Canadian doctor who is facing charges related to a banned drug. Galea is also linked to Tiger Woods and Barry Bonds.**

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Mets shortstop Jose Reyes said Sunday he met with federal investigators last week regarding a Canadian doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug.

Dr. Anthony Galea is facing four charges in his country related to the drug known as Actovegin, which is extracted from calf’s blood and used for healing. His assistant also has been charged in the U.S. for having HGH and other drugs while crossing the border in September.

Galea is known for using a blood-spinning technique — platelet-rich plasma therapy — designed to speed recovery from injuries. Besides Reyes, he also has treated several other professional athletes.

“They just asked me basically how I met the guy and stuff like that and what he did in my body,” Reyes said. “I explained to them what he was doing. I don’t worry about anything. I didn’t do anything wrong.”

Al.com reported Saturday that national federal officials have told several athletes to expect grand jury subpoenas in the case. The Web site cited three anonymous sources familiar with the investigation.

The New York Times reported in December, citing anonymous sources, that the FBI opened an investigative 
gat into Galea based in part on medical records found on his computer relating to several professional athletes.

Reyes said he met with investigators from the FBI for about 45 minutes at the Mets’ spring facility after they contacted him Thursday morning. One of his agents, Chris Leible, also was present.

The Daily News of New York was the first to report the meeting.

Reyes, who missed much of last season with right leg problems, said he spent five days in Toronto in September and was treated by Galea three times during the stay. The shortstop was asked by investigators if he used HGH.

“The asked me if I injected with that. I say ‘No,’” Reyes said. “What we do there, basically, he took my blood out, put it in some machines, spin it out and put it back in my leg. So I explained to them that.”

Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said the team was aware of the situation, and manager Jerry Manuel said he isn’t worried about it becoming a distraction.

Reyes said he felt better for a while after the treatment but his leg still didn’t respond when he tried to run full speed. He had surgery in October to clean up some scar tissue remaining from a torn hamstring tendon behind his right knee.

**In Brief**

**O’Neal to have thumb examined, miss game INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers center Shaquille O’Neal will have his injured right thumb examined Sunday by Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore.**

An MRI Saturday confirmed the injury was a significant sprain. O’Neal, who was hurt during a win at Boston on Thursday, will miss Monday’s game against New York.

The team has not provided any timeline for his return.

With O’Neal out of the lineup, Anderson Varejao will continue to start at center. Former backup Zydrunas Ilgauskas, traded to Washington for Antawn Jamison, is now a free agent following a buyout from the Wizards. Ilgauskas is free to sign with any team, but will have to wait until March 21 under NBA rules should he elect to re-sign with the Cavaliers.

**Cable challenges Russell to win back starting QB job INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Tom Cable thinks the best thing for Oakland’s quarterback situation is a competition.**

That means former No. 1 pick JaMarcus Russell will have to win back his old job.

“I have not put a lot of thought into this at this point,” Cable said when asked about naming Russell the starter. “JaMarcus is working and doing the things he should be doing right now. He’ll get himself prepared to compete for the job. I think that’s the only way to look at it.”

Cable did not respond to questions alluding to the lawsuit filed by a former assistant coach who claims Cable broke his jaw during a training camp altercation. He said only that he doesn’t have “that many distractions.”

He also acknowledged the team hoped to sign defensive end Richard Seymour to a long-term deal after putting the franchise tag on him earlier this week.

**PETA backs off of Tiger Woods at吸毒 outing FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has nixed a plan to use Tiger Woods’ image on a billboard urging people to spay and neuter their pets.**

PETA previously announced it would erect a billboard in Windermere — near Woods’ home — with his picture and the words: “Too much sex can be a bad thing...Always spay or neuter!”

The group, which is known for edgy campaigns, says it decided to put the Woods billboard on hold after talking with the golfer’s attorneys.

PETA wouldn’t say whether Woods’ attorneys threatened to sue.

Instead of Woods, the ad will feature South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, whose widely known dalliances have also made frequent headlines.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Notre Dame tops Duquesne in season opener

By CHRIS ALLEN

Notre Dame’s home opener against an inferior Penn State squad but were able to come away with a 12-8 win Sunday in their home opener.

“We competed well as a team,” he said. “[However,] we made the day tougher on ourselves than it needed to be.”

No. 3 Notre Dame (2-0) got on the board first when sophomore midfielder Megan Krebs scored the first of her three goals just three seconds remaining by junior midfielder Zach Sullivan, as well as improved play of freshman goalkeepers Ellie Hillung.

“I have a lot of confidence in Ellie,” Coyne said. “She’s going to be a great goalie for us. Just in the short span between this game and the last game she’s implemented a lot of the things we’ve been working on. She regrouped nicely and her play was a lot better in the second half.”

The Irish will continue their non-conference schedule with a noon game at Lotus Sports Center against Dartmouth on March 7.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Senior hat trick leads Irish over Penn State

By ALLAN JOSEPH

The Irish struggled at times against an inferior Penn State squad but were able to come away with a 12-8 win Sunday in their home opener.

“We played too much defense. We did a terrible job clearing the ball,” he said. “We were erratic in most phases of the game.”

Corrigan said he was pleased with the fact that Notre Dame was able to get stops at the end of the game when Penn State was threatening but felt that the team was not really in control of the game and that they must do to win games and hopes that his players took a step in that direction. Though he saw much to improve, he said he did see one thing he liked.

The Irish look to continue their winning ways with a three-game road trip over Spring Break to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face Loyola (Md.), Drexel and Houston to face 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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — So much for all that confidence the Denver Nuggets had built up during their two impressive wins against the Los Angeles Lakers earlier this season.

The defending NBA champions picked up on the playoff vibe inside Staples Center on Sunday and got things back to normal, despite a poor-shooting effort from Kobe Bryant.

Lamar Odom scored nine of his 20 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 12 rebounds, helping the Lakers overcome an 11-point third-quarter deficit and pull out a 95-89 victory against the team they knocked off in last year’s Western Conference finals. Pau Gasol added 15 points and 14 rebounds.

“It was nice to be in somewhat of a pressure-cooker,” Bryant said. “It’s been two years now where we’ve beaten them in the postseason, so I’m sure they’re fed up. They played with a lot of energy and intensity, and we had to step up against them. It was a playoff type of intensity.”

Ron Artest added 17 points and tied a season high with six steals for the Lakers, who trail the Cavaliers by one game for the league’s best record. They lead Denver by 5 1/2 games for the Western Conference lead.

“We slowed our offense down,” Nuggets coach George Karl said. “They picked up the pressure on us in the second half and we didn’t have the perseverance to pass the ball or penetrate before the pressure came. Our whole thing with Kobe was to try and keep him and keep him away from the rim and off the free throw line. We got that done pretty much the whole game.”

Bryant was just 3 for 17 from the field, finishing with 14 points and 12 assists. He was 1 for 9 during the first three quarters — the only field goal coming on a layup with 5:37 left in the opening period.

“God knows I love the triangle (offense), but I kind of had to get into a playoff mood a little bit today — just put the ball in my hands and let me make the decisions. But I missed a lot of shots,” Bryant said. “My jumper was off. So I’ve got to get back in and work on it so it’s consistent again, after being off for a long time.”

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for Denver before fouling out for the second time this season with 2:13 to play and the Nuggets down by four.

“Their defense was really aggressive in the second half and made adjustments to what we were doing,” Bryant said.

Lakers guard Derek Fisher , who picked up two fouls 57 seconds apart during the first 2 minutes and went to the bench, didn’t get his third until he fouled Chauncey Billups behind the 3-point line with 5:15 minutes to play. Billups made all three free throws to tie the score at 82. But the Nuggets did not make a field goal over the final 4:10, ending their three-game winning streak.

Odom, Lakers top Nuggets

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Sport Writer

Notre Dame ended its three-match winning streak in style this weekend.

The No. 41 Irish defeated Michigan State 6-1 Saturday and No. 31 Wisconsin 4-3 and Toledo 6-1 Sunday.

“It was a great weekend for Notre Dame tennis at the Eck Pavilion,” coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Sunday proved to be our best match of the season as we outgunned a talented Wisconsin team that had earlier beaten No. 14 Florida State in Tallahassee.”

It was sweet revenge for our guys who lost twice to Wisconsin by identical 4-3 score in matches that could not have been closer.”

Notre Dame swept the doubles and sophomore Casey Watt’s win at No. 1 singles clinched the win over the Spartans. It was Notre Dame’s 21st consecutive win over Michigan State.

The Irish won the doubles point to jump ahead with a 1-0 lead. At No. 3, junior David Anderson and freshman Ryan Fagundes defeated Michigan State’s Spencer Talmadge defeated the 45th-ranked Spartan duo of Denis Bogatov and Clark Richardson 6-2. Watt and junior Stephen Havens battled their way through a tough match to win 8-7 (7-2) over Austin Brooks and John Stratton.

Sophomore Samuel Keeton broke ahead for Notre Dame when he defeated the Spartans’ Will Davis 6-0, 6-4 in straight sets at No. 6 singles. The only Irish loss of the day came in the form of freshman Illas Moros’ fall to Stratton 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 loss at No. 5 singles.

Against Wisconsin, the Badgers commenced the day by securing the crucial doubles point away from the Irish to begin a very tough match.

Watt and Havens won 8-5 at No. 1 doubles over the Wisconsin duo of Moritz Baumann and Patrick Peterson while Fagundes defeated Davis and Fitzgerald falling 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. Junior Luke Rassow-Kantor at No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge closed out the doubles with an 8-3 loss to Ricardo Martin and Michael Dierberger.

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The Irish again swept the doubles division over the Rockets as they mixed up the pairs. Fitzgerald and Davis topped the 68th-ranked duo of Likiikilimokum and Aleksandar Elezovic at No. 1. At No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge won 9-7 over Bryant Dudzik and Terence Wogan while Toledo’s Leonardo Henriques and Leo Sarria lost 8-3 to freshman Michael Dierberger and junior Matthew Johnson.

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ND ends losing skid behind Watt’s efforts

By KEVIN BALDWIN

Sports Writer

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Senior Gerbert leads Belles to first road win

By KEVIN BALDWIN

Sports Writer

The Belles’ season is off to a promising start as they took home their first road win Sunday over North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

The Belles won the match 8-5 at No. 1 doubles over the Wisconsin duo of Moritz Baumann and Patrick Peterson while Fagundes defeated Davis and Fitzgerald falling 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. Junior Luke Rassow-Kantor at No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge closed out the doubles with an 8-3 loss to Ricardo Martin and Michael Dierberger.

The Irish were true to their name as the fought back with wins in Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 singles. Watt defeated Baumann again 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a back-and-forth match at No. 1 position.

Bayliss said Watt’s win was the highlight of the day for Notre Dame.

“Casey changed his tactics and began to counter with more to turn things around,” Bayliss said.

Stahl, Anderson and Keeton all also contributed to Notre Dame’s success.

“Anderson was aggressive from the baseline and Keeton was a really good player with precision,” Bayliss said.

The Irish again swept the doubles division over the Rockets as they mixed up the pairs. Fitzgerald and Davis topped the 68th-ranked duo of Likiikilimokum and Aleksandar Elezovic at No. 1. At No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge won 9-7 over Bryant Dudzik and Terence Wogan while Toledo’s Leonardo Henriques and Leo Sarria lost 8-3 to freshman Michael Dierberger and junior Matthew Johnson.

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173 pounds

Matthew "Cool and Tough" Paletta def. Alex Kissinger

Paletta and Kissinger met in one of the night's most anticipated matches, an all-out slugfest that brought the crowd to its feet.

In the opening bell, the fighters attacked each other. Both seniors went after each other, throwing punches at an unbelievable pace. As the first round continued, Kissinger landed more punches, while Paletta preferred to block and throw fewer but harder punches.

The second round was just as energetic as the first one. The fight was stopped three times in the second round when Kissinger's nose began bleeding. Each round was throwing punches that bordered on wild, and connecting enough, the referee stopped the fight. When Wallace's corner could do nothing, the referee stopped the fight his hardest, however, until they leave Notre Dame. They are all amazing guys."

"It's been sweet. The guys in this program are amazing," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how they will do not only in boxing but after they leave Notre Dame. They are all amazing guys."

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to get a first-round bye in the conference tournament. “We’ve had guys that stepped up and are playing really well together,” Hansbrough said. “Nobody really cares how many points, we’re just all trying to win together. I think that’s a rarity in college basketball.”

The Hoyas (19-8, 9-7) couldn’t keep up with the Irish on the boards, even with Harangody still sidelined because of a knee bruise to his knee suffered on Feb. 11 against Seton Hall. Notre Dame rebounded 10 of those offensive, compared to Georgetown’s 15 total rebounds.

“I think we were really fighting the whole night trying to get in position, not accepting block outs,” junior forward Tim Abromaitis said.

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Dame needs a victory or a loss to No. 18 St. Johns to look up the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament and a double bye.

The Irish fell to the Huskies (29-0, 15-0) 70-46 on Jan. 16. McGraw said a different mentality and a renewed intensity would be key as the Irish look to close out the regular season with a historic upset.

Unfortunately we’re not going to learn a lot from the last game we played them because we played so poorly,” McGraw said. “What we want to do now is go out and play our game. I think that we need to go in with a different attitude.

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And we played on the defensive end as well.

Hansbrough stole the ball on the next possession and was fouled as he made the layup, then sank the free throw to give Notre Dame a 13-point lead. The play capped a 12-3 Irish run.

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133 pounds

Chuck “Cougur” Cugliari def. Mike “The Silver City Slugger” Sayles

The two senior captains battled for eleven rounds, with Cugliari besting Sayles in a unanimous decision.

“I was please that the two of us left it all in the ring,” Sayles said. “I think this was both of our best matches and it doesn’t matter so much winning or losing as it does going in the ring knowing you can and leaving it all out there.”

In the first round, Cugliari’s evi- dence of his strength in strength seemed to wear down the defenses of the smaller and speedier Sayles. His strong jabs kept Sayles backpedaling as the senior stayed on the offensive. By the end of the round, Cugliari had cornered Sayles back on the offensive, working Sayles into the corner and finish- ing the round with huge and pun- ishing combos.

In the second round the two fight- ers emptied their tanks. Cugliari’s powerful jabs were again too much for the toll on the smaller Sayles, whose defense weakened as he tired late in the second. When the bell to- came, to the two fighters wrapped each other up constantly, a sign of the obvious physical toll the fight took on them. In the end, Cugliari’s consistent and punishing attack scored him the unanimous decision.

“I feel like a million bucks right now,” Cugliari said. “After four years working for this, this is a dream come true.”

140 pounds

Alberi Toscano def. Michael Johnston

This battle of entertaining fighting styles went the distance, with the sophomore Toscano scoring a unanimous decision over the senior Johnston.

“I have been training for eight or nine months, fought an even fight highlighted by big punches as Slaney scored a split decision victory. The Observer used his long jab to keep Slaney at bay, but Slaney’s defense was strong.

In the second round, things turned. Initially, Cugliari’s reach seemed impossible to contend with, but once Slaney got inside he punished his younger opponent with huge blows. A punishing hook from Slaney that sent Cugliari back on the ropes with a loud display of emotion, the result of four years of training cul- minating in the unanimous victory over Ortenzio.

“I spent four years training,” Maier said. “Four years, and this is what I want to do. It’s a great way to go out.”

163 pounds

Jordan Bucci def. Matt Hopke

The senior Bucci and the sophomore Hopke had been the most interesting stories of the night, because the two had been roommates since their first day on campus and housemates.

“We’ve been roommates since freshman year sharing a bunk,” Bucci said. “I don’t remember ever saying ‘good luck’ to a guy who’s about to hit you, so it was a weird experience for both of us.”

The fight began tentatively, with each fighter feeling out the other’s strategy. Bucci and Hopke each threw a few punches, but neither gained the upper hand in the first round. Hopke seemed to be more willing to throw punches, while Bucci chose to pick his shots carefully, dodging housemate’s punches. Near the end of the first round, the fighters showed no signs of energy and each pummeled the other’s body, but neither could gain an advantage.

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**Champions crowned**

14 finals bring end to month-long journey

By CHRIS ALLEN and ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writers

124 pounds

Jack “Rico Suave” Lally def. Steven “505” Riversa

The freshman Lally came out with energy in his Bengal Bouts debut and the only fight in the 124-pound weight division, crushing the senior Rivera en route to a victory by technical knockout.

“I was able to land some good combinations and just back him off,” Lally said. “I thought I was successful at landing some solid punches.”

Lally’s speed was too much for Rivera and from the opening bell he took control. Early on in the first round the action was stopped twice to protect Rivera after serious combos from Lally to the upper body and face of the senior. After the second stoppage, Lally...

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame tops Seton Hall, a prelude to Connecticut tilt

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following two consecutive road losses last week, No. 7 Notre Dame turned in a complete performance Saturday, crushing an overmatched Seton Hall team 72-47 in South Orange, N.J.

Although the game was briefly tied at 18, the Irish put together a 12-2 run to close out the first half and put the game to rest.

“We played as well as we’ve played in a long time,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “The second half was really great, our balance, our depth. I was really pleased with just the overall team effort, which is something that has been lacking in the last couple of games.”

In her second game back from an ankle injury, senior guard Lindsay Schrader scored 12 points to lead an Irish offense that shot 56 percent from the floor, its best percentage in conference play all season. Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner added 10 points, as Notre Dame (25-3, 12-3 Big East) appeared to have regained its rhythm on offense with Schrader’s return to the lineup.

“We’re hard to guard when we have a lot of people contributing,” McGraw said. “We rebounded well today, we had a lot of assists. Everybody did what they could do, and I thought we took great shots. We didn’t shoot a lot of threes, we really tried to get inside a little bit more, and we were very successful with it.”

Several players approached double figures in scoring for the Irish, who handed the Pirates (9-19, 1-14 Big East) their sixth straight loss and 15th in 16 games. Freshman guard Skylar Diggins and senior guard Ashley Barlow chipped in nine points apiece, and junior forward Devereaux Peters added eight points and eight rebounds. Barlow’s nine points Saturday give her 1,432 in her distinguished Irish career as she surpassed Irish assistant coach Nide Ivey for sole possession of 11th on the all-time scoring list.

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Junior Todd Miller (1-0) picked up the win for Notre Dame (4-2), tossing 1 1-3 scoreless innings of relief. Although disappointed in his team’s performance against the Hoyas in the tournament, Irish coach Dave Schrage said he’d take wins any way he could get them.

“We played three very similar games, we didn’t play very good defense,” Schrage said. “I know...