Saint Mary’s achieves School of the Year award

By KAT RADEMACHER
News Writer

Life’s a beach at Saint Mary’s College, according to the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference. There are plans to move the conference to a beach setting.

Last Friday, 140 college students representing 12 Indiana schools attended Saint Mary’s College for IRHOC ’98. Keeping with the conference’s theme, “Life’s a Beach,” the students dressed in beach gear, ready to learn and share ideas about leadership.

A year’s worth of planning to bring recognition to Saint Mary’s for the state of Indiana, finally paid off on last Saturday. Thirty awards were given to the College and several students. After a full day of attending a variety of leadership programs, the students gathered for a formal banquet that night to present awards and to close the conference.

A number of awards were presented, but the highlight for Saint Mary’s was winning the bid for School of the Year. Don Shaner, conference veteran from the University of Evansville, shared his thoughts about the conference.

“The ladies have been in GLACBRH (Great Lakes Association of Colleges & Universities Residence Hall Organization) for only two years and put on a flawless sub-regional conference. I can’t say enough about the staff and especially the co-chairs. They made our stay a memorable one and [they] provided a great way to get Indiana fired up with record numbers in attendance and record numbers of presenters and schools in attendance,” said Shaner.

In addition to winning School of the Year, Saint Mary’s also received four other awards. Amy Moskalik, co-chair of the conference, won the Outstanding Service award, as well as the Director’s Pin, the highest award a student or advisor can receive on the state level.

The director of IRHOC awards only seven pins, and three of them went to Saint Mary’s. The other two, the Director's Pines were awarded to Lori Gundler, the Hoosier Communication coordinator and other conference co-chair, and Kim McNeil, Regina Hall director who served as the IRHOC advisor.

Reflecting on the weekend, Moskalik said, “I think this conference and our awards show how far Saint Mary’s College has come and what Saint Mary’s can accomplish.”

Gundler also had a positive impression of the conference. “I am so proud of what we accomplished this weekend. The women of the conference staff and the Saint Mary’s delegation represented the school with class and pride and truly brought out the best in Saint Mary’s. It was an honor to work with all of them,” Gundler said.

McNulty elaborated on Saint Mary’s success. “This conference has been a wonderful experience for the women of Saint Mary’s College. IRHOC is a completely student run conference, and we showed the state of Indiana what the students of Saint Mary’s College can do.”

He was genuine. He was grounded.

Father James Foster

Memorial mass honors Brumbaugh

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

Still recovering from the shock of Notre Dame senior Justin Brumbaugh’s death on Feb. 8, those who knew, as well as those he did not, gathered to remember and celebrate the life of a person who was a friend, an intellectual, a basketball player, a storyteller, and a son.

Joining in prayer yesterday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart were friends, family, hallmates from Knott and Planner, and faculty, administrators, and clergy from the Notre Dame community.

“We have this tradition of a memorial mass as a liturgical way of bringing people together to celebrate the life of the person while helping everyone else to continue to move on,” said University President Father Edward Malloy, who presided over the Mass.

“I think if there is any example of the Notre Dame community rallying together, [Brumbaugh’s death] is it,” Malloy added.

He also said that he had received a number of letters from people outside the Notre Dame community who were friends of the Brumbaugh family, and who expressed how impressed they were by the support that came from the University and students.

Residents of Brumbaugh’s Knott Hall proceed into the Basilica for a memorial mass to remember and celebrate the life of Justin Brumbaugh (above). Programs (right) for the ceremony bore a sketched image of the senior.

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Addicted to it

Shannon Ryan
Saint Mary's Assistant Sports Editor

It started out innocently enough.

I stood in a line with a large crowd of students my freshman year, anxiously waiting to fill my cup with it. I knew that sweet substance we college kids refer to as liquid water.

But since that first taste, I think it has become a problem. So I'm giving it up for Lent, just as a trial period to see if I live without it and to realize if it is as serious as we make it out to be.

After my first swallow, I couldn't even stand it. The taste was overbearing and I practically gagged. It was too filling and heavy, not to mention unhealthy for my preferences. As my friends devoured theirs in seconds, I struggled to get mine down.

But, oh, how things have changed.

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I became an expert at this refreshment. I became an expert at blending.

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Some was even labeled, like this one that everyone in our dorm calls "the real stuff." It claims to be made of fairly natural ingredients. But, oh, how things have changed.

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At first my friends joked about my large consumption, but just recently they looked upon themselves to "intercede."

That's all I knew about my secret morning sneaks. As ashamed, I admitted the truth. I've been drinking out of a full or temporarily empty cup in my hand, I could relax and make conversation with ease. It somehow made any conversation seem okay.

I've realized that this is serious. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but if I'm not indulging in it, I'm often thinking about it. I don't want to be like this. It has been a waste of time, counterproductive, and occasionally claustrophobic.

That's why during Lent, I will muster all of my willpower and take an essential time out. Hopefully, I can reexamine who I really am and regain some control over my life.

So right now, I'm taking this opportunity to make a solemn vow that will make me a better student, a better friend, my friends and classmates, that for 40 days, despite peer pressure or craving, I will abstain from every flavor and variety of frozen yogurt.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Runners help fight leukemia, other cancers with marathon

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to raise $35 million for the support of research to cure leukemia and related cancers, over 15,000 people will participate in the Leukemia Society of America's first annual 26.2 mile Rock 'N Roll Marathon in San Diego this June.

Almost one-third of the runners will be preparing for the race by participating in the "Team In Training" program over the next few months.

"Team In Training" participants enter a five-month training program, during which they gear up for the marathon, which will be held on June 25.

MATTINGLY

"I've been running for leisure for about two years, and I read an article about "Team In Training" in "Runners World," I called the Chicago chapter and signed up," Henshaw said.

"We started training in February and slowly progressed; now I can run eight to 10 miles," she explained.

Throughout the training period, runners and walkers gather sponsorship money from friends, relatives, and co-workers. The funds raised are used to support research in search of a cure for leukemia and other related cancers, lymphoma, multiple myelomas, and Hodgkin's disease.

"I'm raising $3,000 for leukemia research and aid to families," Henshaw said.

"Right now I'm trying to 'sell' my body parts — like arms and legs — to businesses at home so they sponsor me. When I sell a part, like my arm, I write the business's name and phone number all over it, and they make a donation."

Other aspects of the training program include personal coaching, information clinics focusing on proper marathon attire, fund-raising incentives, and advice from a mentor.

"My mentor, Chris, is a man who has run the race before. He provides mental motivation. Since I can't make all the practices with the group in Chicago, he sends me e-mail about what they are doing. He's also taught me a lot about leukemia," Henshaw said.

Each runner in the marathon represents a "Patient Hero," a leukemia survivor or current patient. Henshaw's hero is five-year-old Emily Stone.

"It's neat that I'm running for Emily and that I know her. I don't know the pain she's feeling, but I know that I'm running and as tired as I get, I know that it'll never be as bad as what she's already been through. She's only five," she said.

Henshaw plans to run the marathon wearing a shirt on which she has written the names of several leukemia victims. She commented that since she began the training program, she has become more aware of how many lives are affected by leukemia, as well as the diversity of those working for the cure.

"There are men and women walking. There are 60-year-olds running. The people are all ages, shapes, sizes, and speeds, but everyone's got the same goal," she said.

"A year ago I didn't know anything about marathons, and I didn't know anything about running except for putting my shoes on and going out. Now I run with a purpose," Henshaw explained.

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood that occurs as a result of the mutation of DNA. If this occurs in the bone marrow, the result is leukemia, and in the lymph nodes the result is lymphoma.

These malignant cells are more able to grow and survive in the bone marrow, and begin to grow uncontrollably, replacing normal cells and inhibiting marrow function.

Leukemia can be either acute or chronic. The major difference between the two leukemias is the rate at which they progress; acute leukemia proceeds at a much greater speed than chronic. Which of these types develops is determined by the DNA mutation and the location of the malignant cells.

As leukemia proceeds, bone marrow functions less efficiently, resulting in an insufficient production of red cells, white cells, and platelets. This deficiency causes anemia, which leads to fatigue, weakness, and a pale color. Falling levels of white cells leave the patient more susceptible to disease, and the low platelet count permits prolonged bleeding from small wounds.

Diagnosis consists of a cell count under a microscope and confirmation by a bone marrow test. Current treatments for choice include chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants.
Campus Ministry This Week

Monday-Friday, February 23-27, 103 Hesburgh Library
Applications for NDE #51 (March 27-29)

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 pm, Campus Ministry-Badin Office
Campus Bible Study
You are invited to study the scriptures during lent. This is one way to learn about the message of the Lord and what we as followers are expected to do. The study will be James' Letter.

Wednesday, February 25
Ash Wednesday

Friday-Saturday, February 27-28, St. Joe Hall
Freshmen Retreat #16 for residents of Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Howard, Keough, Keenan, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West and Sorin. Please see your rector or stop by Campus Ministry, 103 Hesburgh Library.
Application deadline: Tuesday, February 24.

Friday-Saturday, February 27-28, Lindenwood Retreat Center
Learning To Talk About Race Retreat

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 27-March 1, Fatima Retreat Center
Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #50

Sunday, March 1, 11:45 am, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass
Guest Celebrant: Rev. Edward Branch, Atlanta University Center
Voices of Faith and Rejoice! Gospel Choirs
Guest Conductor: Mr. Kevin Johnson, Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City

In progress, Hesburgh Library Concourse
"A Glimpse Into the Soul" - An Art Exhibit
The artwork of Belinda Bryant '01 and Alan Easter '01 will be on exhibit.
Twenty-nine die in India election violence

NEW DELHI, India Leftist guerrillas set off a mine Monday that killed five soldiers sent to guard polling stations in India's parliamentary elections. The explosion and other attacks raised the elec­tion-related death toll to 29 over two days. The soldiers were traveling to polling stations in Andhra Pradesh state, where voting in India's staggered national elections picks up again Saturday. Another 37 soldiers were injured in the attacks blamed on the outlawed Communist War Group, which had urged a boycott of the vote. Balloting Monday in Nagaland and Mizoram, two remote northeastern states, was the third in a six-day series.

The two-day death toll through Monday from the El Nino-related storms was 28. More than 200 people were reported missing. Leftist guerrillas have stepped up attacks in recent days, seeking to disrupt the election's second phase.

Clinton cautiously backs Iraq deal

WASHINGTON President Clinton said Monday he would give his approval of the agreement to end inspections in Iraq if Iraq doesn't reneg on the deal it hammered out with the United Nations.

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Associated Press

Several apartment complexes lie in ruins yesterday in Winter Garden, Fla., after torna­does swept across the central region of the state. Officials have reported nearly 40 fatalities, thirty-eight people were injured in the hottest-hit areas. More than 250 people were injured, including a 16-year-old girl who was blown 150 feet out a window into a pasture. David Myers had a broken foot after being hurled against a wall. "I'm just lucky to be alive. I've been thrown off of my horse out of airbags, but that's the hardest I've ever been slammed against," he said.

The pink playhouse he built for his 6-year-old daughter, Brittany, lay in a pile amid the shattered glass of a bedroom window. Brittany was sent to stay with relatives while Myers and his wife and brothers cleaned up.

El Niño fueled the storms that blew in off the Gulf of Mexico just before midnight Sunday, spitting out tornados from the Tampa Bay area on the Gulf to Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast. Georgia also was affected, with floods closing roads and schools Monday after as much as five inches of rain fell Saturday night.

In this retirement haven for thousands from the Midwest, West and Northeast, Josie Wolfe searched for her medicine amid the scraps of wood, metal paneling and pink insulation that remained of her mobile home.

"It's all gone," cried Mrs. Wolfe, who moved from Dayton, Ohio, after the tornado. "This was our whole life. I'm 73 years old and you can't start over at 73. What good is it? You work so hard and now there's nothing. I wish it would've killed me."

She and her husband both escaped unharmed. She eventually found her medicine, along with her wallet containing $4 she won at Bingo earlier that night.

One man was holding his 18-month-old baby in his arms in his mobile home near Kissimmee, about 15 miles south of Orlando, when a tornado roared through before dawn.

"The baby was in the father's arms, and it got sucked out into the tornado," said Osceola County Fire Chief Jeff Hall. The child's body was found by late afternoon; it wasn't immediately known if it was a boy or a girl.

The level of devastation I saw here was of that caliber, " meteorologist Dave Sharp said.

Some of the tornados may have had wind speeds as high as 210 mph, said Bob Ebaugh of the weather service.

More than 133,000 people in central Florida lost power at the height of the storms.

"To have that number of strong and violent tornados concentrated in a small geographical area is unprecedented for Florida. It is a historical event. It's of that caliber," meteorologist Dave Sharp said.

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Siefring said. "In the past there has been a
big lack of money for clubs. Now they can put on more and
bigger events," Siefring explained.

The new funding will be dis-
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Foster found what Brumbaugh
called his "words to live by." The
phrase which conveyed Brumbaugh's love of sports was,
"Always remember, today is a
good day to play basketball."

Although Foster emphasized
Brumbaugh's love for basket-
ball, he added that, "He was
more than a basketball play-
er. He worked hard in his stud-
ies and was at the top of his class. In the
eyes of many, he was a model
student, an ideal human
being."

Foster closed his homily by
recognizing Joyce and Keith
Brumbaugh, Justin's parents,
who attended the Mass.

"I want to thank you for shar-
ing Justin with us. You will
always be part of our Notre
Dame community," Foster said.

For more information on
Brumbaugh's web page to find
his family's web page to find
more about Brumbaugh's life,
"Foster said. "People said
he could read a phone book and
remembered every word he had
said of
memorized,"

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCOLARS

TOGETHER, [BRUMBAUGH'S
DEATH] IS IT.

"Always remember, today is a
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Computer center expands, gets new name

Special to The Observer

The name of the Notre Dame Computer Store has been changed to the "IT Solutions Center"—"IT" signifying "information technology"—to reflect an expansion of both the product selection and services the store offers to University students, faculty and staff, according to Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost for Information Technologies.

In coming months, the store, which previously sold and supported just Dell, Apple and IBM computers, will expand its system selection and add staff.

"The new name is part of our effort in information Technologies to become more than just a computer department," Rapagnani said. "We plan to use our campuswide purchasing power to add a broader selection from more PC vendors, and we are adding personnel to improve our response time on campus. All of this, we believe, will enable us to offer better value to Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and departments."

Concurrent with these changes is the appointment of Dan Brewer as manager of the IT Solutions Center. Brewer has worked for 12 years in the computer products and services field and has extensive experience with hardware and software vendors including IBM, Zenith, Apple, Novell, Corel, Compaq, Hewlett-Packard and Microsoft.

"Dan has myriad staffs of marketing, technical and administrative personnel in four states," Rapagnani said. "He has developed many vendor relationships, created contracts, established policies and set standards for products and services. He supports a team atmosphere and is committed to high customer service, values and ethics."

The IT Solutions Center is located on the ground level of the Computing Center and Math Building and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COP halts campaign reform bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Advocates of an overhaul of the nation's scandal-scarred campaign finance system renewed their crusade in the Senate on Monday, but conceded they lack the muscle to overcome a Republican-led filibuster.

"As far as I can tell that's just not there yet," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat who served on the panel that investigated questionable practices in the 1996 presidential campaign. "Right now, we don't have the 60 votes."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott made clear he won't permit the bill to linger long on the floor. "We have a lot of things to do and we don't have a lot of time," the Mississippi Republican told reporters shortly before debate began. "It doesn't seem to be going beyond the end of the week."

The measure, drafted by GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, would ban unregulated "soft money" to national political parties from corporations, labor unions and individuals. It would also provide fresh curbs on advertisements that attack candidates but escape regulation because they are presented as "issue ads" not covered by existing election law.

The Jacques Maritain Center presents

Fr. John Harvey, OSFS

Courage and Hope for the Homosexual Person

"Few people in the United States have dedicated themselves more generously or wholeheartedly to the pastoral care of homosexual persons than has Father John E. Harvey...Courage has proved vitally helpful to enormous numbers of individuals in need, a program that has my total support and for which I am deeply grateful."

-- John Cardinal O'Connor
Archbishop of New York

Fr. Harvey has spent 38 years specializing in the pastoral care of homosexual persons. He is founder and director of Courage. Courage offers a network of spiritual support groups for men and women with homosexual tendencies who desire to live chaste lives. Courage chapters now serve six Canadian and 29 U.S. dioceses, as well as others in the Philippines, England, and Ireland.

In addition to his 1985 book, The Homosexual Person: New Thinking in Pastoral Care, Fr. Harvey has recently authored The Truth About Homosexuality. The Cry of the Faithful (1996), which Fr. Benedict Groeschel has described as "an excellent summary of the most solid thinking available at the present time on living chastely with homosexual imagery." In addition to these two titles, he has published over 45 articles on homosexuality, with one forthcoming on "The Pastoral Challenge of Homosexuality on a Catholic Campus."

Fr. Groeschel writes: "A word of respectful gratitude must be said about Father John Harvey, who has effectively and modestly worked with homosexuals seeking a chaste lifestyle for almost half a century. He has had more than his share of opposition, rejection, and misunderstanding on all sides. Being a real disciple of Christ, he never quit. He has never even thought of quitting. He was and remains way ahead of his time."

Fr. Harvey will address both the challenge and the hope of being a Christian with homosexual tendencies.

Tuesday, February 24
Hesburgh Library Lounge • 8:00 p.m.
Humans and Apes: Are We Worlds Apart?

Science, it seems, seeks to close two gaps: one between us and God, the other between us and animals. Already this year the latter gap has closed significantly.

David Weiss

Scientists recently announced that while examining the brains of chimpanzees that had died of natural causes, they uncovered physical evidence in the brain structures themselves of "specialized functions" in the same part of the brain that governs human speech. This is now supported by other research with M1T scans of living chimps — and perhaps soon by PETs (dynamical "real-time" brain scans) which would link activity in this part of the brain to linguistic tasks the chimps are actually performing at that time.

Moving beyond earlier controversial work in which chimps had been "taught" sign-language, studies criticized as merely demonstrating the remarkable mimicry of our close primate cousins, these brain studies are less subjective than susceptible bias.

Another study claims to identify clear, intentional (not instinctive) trail markings by bonobos (close relatives to chimps) in the wild. This might suggest that when lab chimps were "taught" linguistic tasks whether through sign language or hieroglyph-like symbols, it is less that we are "teaching" them anything new than that we are confirming for ourselves what they already do quite well without us. This possibility is a number of provocative questions.

If apes are capable of linguistic communication, even if only on a rudimentary level, what ethics should henceforth guide our interaction with them, in the lab and in the wild? If they can fashion and symbolize meaning, do they acquire a new moral standing as lab subjects or indigenous dwellers? To what extent are we responsible for seeking to communicate our intentions to them? To elicit their consent? Or to understand their perceptions and desires regarding us?

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Christians may feel especially unversed if we must admit that the very skill which we have prided ourselves on sharing solely with God has been (and for some time, no doubt) quietly shared by our unassuming nemesis in the whole creation-evolution debate, the ape. We may find further threatened the tenaciously held belief that we are somehow utterly superior to — that we sit outside and above the animal kingdom, in a category unique to ourselves, called "dominion," from which neither humans nor chimps or bonobos, for that matter, are excluded.

At our best, when driven neither by pride nor fear, we Christians have felt able to simply say that apes are creatures who, alongside us, receive the blessing and the love of God. I doubt that chimps will directly verbalize any dramatic theological or scientific insights in any cross-species chairs. But indirectly, the very fact that we can potentially engage in them might remind us of a kinship with the rest of creation that is at once more humble and more scared than any we have yet imagined.


David Weiss is a Ph.D. candidate in Christian ethics. His column appears every other Tuesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
In case you haven't guessed, I'm talking about the U.S. shooting hockey team - the one that won the gold medal, or at least any medal — were shut out of the race completely. Instead, the Czechs got the gold medal, while the U.S. got the silver. The equipment was the same, and the athletes were the same. So what happened? What was different? What went wrong?

In the world of sports, there are many factors that can contribute to winning or losing. In the case of the U.S. hockey team, the factors may have included the quality of the players, the coaching, the strategy, and the preparation. It could have been a series of small mistakes that added up to a significant loss. Alternatively, it could have been a single, unexpected event, such as a key player getting injured or a crucial goal being missed. Whatever the reason, the outcome was clear: the U.S. did not win the gold medal.

In life, the factors that contribute to success or failure are often just as complex. It could be a combination of personal traits, external circumstances, and decisions made at critical points in time. Sometimes, the difference between success and failure is not so much the quality of the equipment or the talent of the players, but the way in which the game was played. The U.S. hockey team may have had the same resources as their opponents, but they didn't use them as effectively. The Czechs, on the other hand, may have had slightly less talent, but they made the most of what they had.

In sports, as in life, there are no guarantees. The U.S. hockey team had a chance to win the gold medal, but they didn't take it. In the end, the Czechs were the champions. And while it's important to learn from your mistakes, it's also important to celebrate the successes of others. The Czechs worked hard and played well, and they deserved to win.

In conclusion, the U.S. hockey team's loss was all the more unexpected in the context of the strong showing of the highly paid professional players and members of the NHL. The hockey fans in the U.S. were excited to see their team compete in the Olympics. They were hopeful that the U.S. would make a strong showing and win the gold medal. Instead, the U.S. was shut out of the race completely. Instead, the Czechs won the gold medal. The outcome was disappointing, but it's also a reminder of the unpredictability of sports and life in general.
Do you think there should be a Black History Month?

"Yes, I think so. It's a good idea to learn about other people's cultures as well as your own. Although I'd like to see other months focusing on other ethnicities as well."

Sean Leonard
Junior, St. Edward's Hall

"I think there should be a Black History Month to make sure people remember what important African-Americans have accomplished in the past and present."

Shannon Lacy
Freshman, Cavanaugh Hall

"I don't think it's the ideal answer to the exclusion of the important history of African-Americans. I think black history needs to be incorporated into the overall curriculum so that it's more than just a month."

Kelly Smith
Junior, Off-Campus

"Yeah, there's a lot of history to it and a lot of individuals who could have been forgotten that should be remembered."

Raul Endara
Sophomore, Knott

"I think that there should be a Black History Month to make sure people remember what important African-Americans have accomplished in the past and present."

Justin Crawford
Law Student, Fischer Graduate Residence

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Notice anything about February except that the weather is unseasonably warm? It's Black History Month, but bet you could not tell. That is probably because just like most of black history, it is ignored by the majority of Americans. It's funny that everyone on this campus seems to know when it's Groundhog Day or Columbus Day among other insignificant holidays but Black History Month just passes this campus by like the wind off Lake Michigan. Could it be that this occurs because black people have no history or culture, or could it be because blacks have historically been denied their rightful place in American history?

One might ask why do we need a whole month for black history? They might argue, "If we have a Black History Month, what about a White History Month?" But let us contemplate this. The majority of holidays celebrated by white America in all actuality do not apply to black Americans. For instance, let's look at the holiday Independence Day. For many Americans this is perhaps the greatest national holiday that this country celebrates. This is the day when the liberty-loving colonists won freedom from the tyrannical rule of the British.

Black Americans fought valiantly beside their white counterparts in fact the first casualty of the Revolution was Crispus Attucks, a black man. Blacks fought with the hope that by fighting for their country they would be freed from the bonds of slavery. However, after the war was won by the colonists, these very whites who had risked their lives in the name of freedom, justice and liberty, continued to enslave the same people who had helped them achieve this independence. Yet, America expects blacks to ignore this minor detail and celebrate the Fourth of July as if they had gained freedom on this day. The Fourth of July should not be looked upon by blacks as a day to be joyous, but should be looked upon with disgust because it serves as a reminder of yet another time when their ancestors laid their lives on the line for a freedom that they would not share.

Okay, Independence Day, that is one holiday that is not much cause for celebration for blacks. Let's try Presidents Day. Presidents Day is a celebration of America's forefathers George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Are they the forefathers of black people one may ask? Well, maybe Washington because he was probably sleeping with his slaves. But, seriously, how can black Americans celebrate the very people who practiced and condoned slavery? It should be common knowledge that Washington owned slaves. "But what about good old Abe, he freed the slaves with the Emancipation Proclamation," you might say. Yes, he did eventually free the slaves, but not in the Emancipation Proclamation, and when he did free them, he freed the slaves it was for his own selfish purposes. He was a firm believer in the inferiority of blacks. He Proclamation only freed those slaves in states that had seceded from the Union and not those from the states that remained in the Union. So...
in essence, he was freeing slaves under a foreign government. How could he free slaves that were not under his jurisdiction? Answer: He could not. He did not care if blacks were slaves, he just wanted to preserve the Union. It should be somewhat contradictory for blacks to be jubilant about someone who kept their ancestors enslaved by asking blacks to ignore these facts, America is asking them to disregard their heritage. Therefore, Presidents Day is yet another holiday that should be more mindful for blacks than one that evokes pride and nationalism.

For those of you who still believe that Black History Month is not relevant even though many of these holidays could evoke feelings of pain and injustice for a large segment of the population, then why not explore other options for national holidays? By doing this maybe one's opinion will change when the shoe is on the other foot.

By NIKOLE HANNAH

The black history of the United States is rich with achievement and innovation, as evidenced by the many accomplishments of African Americans. From the Civil War to the present day, black people have made significant contributions to American culture and society. This essay aims to highlight some of these achievements and explore the reasons why Black History Month remains relevant today.

One reason for the ongoing relevance of Black History Month is its ability to bring attention to the achievements of African Americans. From the time of the early settlers to the modern day, black people have made significant contributions to American history and culture. These contributions have often been ignored or overlooked in the national narrative, leading to a distorted view of black history.

Another reason for the ongoing relevance of Black History Month is its ability to promote understanding and empathy. By examining the experiences of black people throughout history, we can gain a greater appreciation for the challenges they have faced and the contributions they have made. This can help us to better understand and support the struggles of black people today.

Additionally, Black History Month serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality and justice. While much progress has been made, there is still much work to be done to achieve true equality for all Americans. By celebrating black history, we can be inspired to continue working towards a more just and equitable society.

In conclusion, black history is American history. Blacks have been in this country as long or longer than any whites, they have fought in every war that this country has been engaged in—even while being denied the very freedom for which they fought. Yet, while white Americans can look past the fact that whites were killed by black men, even if it was justified. Yet, America asks blacks to do this exact thing. Maybe Nat Turner's Day is not palatable to some, but how about someone a little more modern, like Malcolm X. He was another great American hero, was he not? He inspired pride and unity in the black community. Malcolm X advocated self-reliance in education, employment, and politics. Yet, when he was arrested for the killing of a police officer, he was labeled a criminal, while whites who killed police officers were called heroes. How could this be? It is clear that slavery was not just an issue of economics, but also about power and control.

A cartoon of a murdered black man in Richmond, Virginia, with the letters "K.K.K." scratched on the wall.

Illustration courtesy of "Four Centuries of Black Life: African American History"

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* African coastal people were great navigators and had visited, traded with, and settled in indigenous communities in Central and South America hundreds of years before Columbus accidentally stumbled upon the shores.

* Granville T. Woods invented railroad telegraphy in 1887 which allowed messages to be sent between moving trains, and from trains to railroad stations, which prevented serious accidents and loss of life. He also invented the third rail systems used in subways in 1896, and automatic brakes in 1901.

* Lewis Latimer patented a superior carbon filament for Edison's light bulb in 1882.

* Garrett Morgan invented the gas mask in 1914 and the traffic light in 1923.

* Dr. Percy Julian invented synthetic cortisone.

* Dr. Daniel Williams performed the world's first successful open heart surgery in 1953. He accomplished this feat without the benefit of X-rays, blood transfusion, and antibiotics because these had not been discovered yet. He also founded the first interracial U.S. hospital, and introduced the training of black nurses and interns in the U.S.

* Dr. Charles Drew perfected the technique of preserving plasma and made blood banks possible, saving thousands of lives during World War II.

* Yunk, a slave of William Clark, was the first to reach the mouth of the Columbia River in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

* Ethiopia is the oldest Christian nation in the world.

* Kemet, meaning "black land," was the name of ancient Egypt.

* Paul R. Williams designed the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.

* Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable was the first permanent settler of Chicago.

* The 13th Amendment, to the Constitution abolished slavery in the U.S. in 1863, long after slavery was abolished in the rest of the Western world.

* Matthew Henson was the first to reach the North Pole.

* Pedro Alonso Nino navigated the Santa Maria on Columbus' first voyage to the New World.

* Thomas Jefferson had an affair with at least one of his slaves and fathered children by her.

* Edward Bouchet was the first black to earn a doctorate of science. In 1876 he earned his degree in physics from Yale.

* Alice Parker received a patent for a gas heating furnace in 1918.

* Ozie Williams invented rockets, which allowed the Apollo 13 crew to steer its spacecraft safely back to earth.

* Dr. Benjamin Carson earned worldwide recognition for his part in the separation of siamese twins. The operation took five months of planning and 22 hours of actual operating.

* Dr. Lucas Santome became the first African American physician in 1667.

* Slaves could not receive patents before the Civil War. Therefore, masters received the patents, giving many slave owners credit for inventions that they did not invent.
**JOHN'S.**

On the second day of competition, the 1,000-meter medley relay (Fugate, Whowell, Scott, Zumbach, and Befort) sped to the water in a 3:22.87 effort, breaking the school record of 3:23.93. Fugate was instrumental in leading the way, setting up with a school-record 100 backstroke time of 51.81. Later, Fugate would use his talents to place third in the 200 backstroke in a time of 1:51.18. Fugate followed in eighth place at 1:54.06. In a familiar performance, Huesman finished fourth in the one-meter diving event with 471.10 points, trailing only the Miami divers. Huesman, who will continue to train for the NCAA zone area meet after spring break, was pleased with the meet. "Hopefully it will be a good building block for the NCAs," he said.

Senior Ron Royer finished second in the 500 freestyle in 4:34.11. "I finally got under 21 sec. in the 500 freestyle," he said, a personal best of 20.98 in the preliminaries.

"I'm in great shape, a great week for us," said head coach Welsh. "Three school records fell and we are swimming extremely well. The day's strong performance moved the Irish past Notre Dame and Pittsburgh to finish in fourth place with a time of 1:33.29, breaking the same-order time of 1:33.49 from 3:49.36 and giving the Irish their first top-four finish in the first three Big East appearances.

"It was just a really, really good season," said sophomore Rob Fetter. "We got a lot of wins, which is always a lot of fun. We'll train this spring and summer and get back into the swing of things and do pretty well next year." In the three-meter diving, head coach Welsh placed fourth out of 10 drivers with a score of 172.74. The Irish finished seventh in 1:23.54. Miami dominated one day earlier with an overall score of 448 to leave the Irish in fourth place with only two second-place finishes beyond second-place St. John's.

Fugate finished ninth in the 100 backstroke and set a school record with a time of 51.55. The 800 freestyle relay team of Fugate, Harrisson, Brian Najarian, and Fitzpatrick finished fifth in 7:49.76. Fugate placed fourth in the 100 butterfly in 1:53.30, Fugate placed third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:40.52, and Fugate and Fitzpatrick split the 200 backstroke in the first half of the 15th in the 100 backstroke in second place in times of 51.55 and 33.32. Notre Dame again finished the day in fourth place.

The final day of competition displayed a stellar performance by the Irish distance swimmers. Lukher finished second in the 1,650 freestyle and set a new school record. Lukher was named Big East Diver of the Meet.

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By MATT YUNG

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Associated Press

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**John and Caleb's wedding**

John and Caleb's wedding was on February 14th, 2019. It was a beautiful day with temperatures in the mid-60s. The couple exchanged vows at the historic St. John's Church in downtown San Francisco. The reception was held at a nearby venue with a stunning view of the bay.

The ceremony was officiated by牧师John, who is a dear friend of the couple. The wedding was attended by close friends and family members. The couple's happiness was infectious.

The reception continued late into the night with dancing, laughter, and good food. The couple left the event happily, looking forward to the rest of their lives together.

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Women's Golf

Golfers turn in best performance in Irish history

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

The feeling of spring in the air means that many people will be finding and dusting off their golf clubs to enjoy the wonderful weather. For the women's golf team, a trip to Arizona began the spring season. The Irish took part in the Midwest Classic, a 36-hole tournament featuring nine of the premiere teams from the Midwest.

Notre Dame had a combined score of 607 for the two days. This put them in third place, six shots behind Minnesota for second and seven behind first-place Northwestern. The 607 is the best 36-hole performance the team has had in its ten-year existence.

"I am very happy with the performance of the team," said women's golf coach Ross Smith, "On the second day everyone played consistent and the girls all knew they had a shot at winning the tournament. It was just outstanding performance by this team."

Sophomore golfer Andrea Klee commented on the second round, "We were all so happy. We all knew that we had these types of rounds inside of us. We just needed to put them all together at the same time."

The first day of action saw the Irish come out rusty and sluggish and resulted in them shooting a 312 (+24). A few of the bright stars for the team on Friday were senior captain Katie King (75), sophomore Andrea Klee (78), and freshman Mary Klein (78). King's score put her in second place after day one of the event with Klee and Klein just out of 10th place.

The second day saw a turn of events for the ladies. The rust that was present the first day had rubbed off and the Irish put together their best round ever with a seven-over-par 150. All but one Notre Dame golfer shot lower than 80, with four achieving a 75 or lower. King continued her outstanding play for the Irish shooting a 74 for combined score of 149 and a third-place finish. The five-over-par 149 is the best 36 holes King has shot in her career at Notre Dame, and the third place finish is second only to her second-place finish at the Illinois State Classic last year.

"I had the typical freshman adjustments to make when I came here, but once I got used to them and relaxed I was able to focus," commented Klee on her turnaround. "Plus, I worked on my swing and my game over the summer and it allowed me to straighten out some of the problems I had."

"I was very proud to see Andrea shoot the way she did," stated Smith. She struggled last year and it was good to see her make the adjustments and improve her game. I am convinced that she will continue to get better."

Meeting for Notre Dame Lesbian and Gay Students Group

Today, Tuesday, February 24, 1998
For time and location of meeting, call: 1-8041
NDGLS Group Advisors: Fr. Tom Gaughan, C.S.C
Sr. Mary Louise Gude, C.S.C.

All Meetings are private and confidential.
Take two: Women repeat at Big East Championships

By BRIAN KESSLER

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The 24th-ranked Notre Dame women’s swimming and diving team lapped the competition in the pool this weekend on its way to repeating as Big East Champions. The Irish won in dominating fashion, capturing first place in 10 events and outscoring their closest opponent, Villanova, by nearly 200 points.

"It was really exciting to win by that much," commented Carrie Nixon. "It puts us as the leaders of the Big East, but makes our claim that much stronger."

Senior captain Linda Gallo lead the way once again for the Irish, winning three individual events. On Thursday, Gallo broke her own school record and posted a new meet record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:48, automatically qualifying her for the NCAA Championships.

"Linda's just amazing and she's such a leader," said Nixon, who followed Gallo with a second-place finish in the 50 free. "Her win in the 500 inspired all of us to swim better."

Nixon's second-place finish along with Irish victories in the 200 and 400 medley relays positioned the swimmers in first place after two days of competition.

On Friday, sophomore Liz Barger picked up where the Irish left off a day earlier. Barger set a school record in the 100 butterfly (55.70) and earned NCAA consideration. Allison Newell finished just under a second later and captured third in the event. Nixon placed sixth.

Gallo won her second event in as many days by setting a school, meet, and pool record, in the 200 freestyle. Gallo earned NCAA consideration with her time of 1:49.44 and her teammates followed closely behind as Kiraen Van Nunn, Katie Collins and Brenda Reilly helped the Irish capture four of the top eight spots in the 200.

Sophomore All-American Shannon Suddarth was next up on the blocks for the women and had a tough act to follow. Suddarth proved she was up to the challenge by qualifying for the NCAA and setting school, meet, and pool records in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.07). Brittany Kline finished fourth in the event.

Tiffany O’Brien placed second in the 400 individual medley and Anne Larchiucchi took fifth. The Irish closed the day with a win in the 800 freestyle relay and entered the final day of swimming with a 170-point lead.

Saturday brought more individual success for the swimmers, even though the team championship was already clinched. Gallo broke her own school record in the 1,650 freestyle and claimed her third individual event of the championships. Suddarth was brilliant in the 200 breaststroke and qualified for NCAA’s with her time of 2:13.99. Barger captured her second event with a victory in the 200 butterfly (2:01.45) and O’Brien placed second in the 200 backstroke.

Gallo’s performance earned her women’s swimmer of the meet honors and Bailey Weathers was named coach of the year for the second consecutive season.

"Bailey does a great job," Nixon said. "This award is well-deserved. He pushes us really hard in practice and it pays off."

The Big East champions will have their last chance to qualify for NCAA’s at this weekend’s Shamrock Classic.
Going out on his own ...

Kelly looks to end curse of split decisions

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

Split decisions haunt Fred Kelly. These words have brought elation and disappointment to him in the past two years, but this time he wants to escape these terms in his final appearance at the 68th Bengal Bouts.

"When you say split decision, Ted Pagano comes to mind," Kelly said. "That will always be there with me. I was told later that I ended up losing that final by one point. It always gets me, you know."

In his sophomore year he took the 145-pound weight class on a split decision, but as a junior he lost on a split.

He started boxing during his sophomore year by enrolling in the novice program, which is the fall boxing program offered prior to the Bouts. Kelly transferred in from the University of Dallas and previously had spent a year at the University of Buffalo.

"What first attracted me to boxing is that it is not a sport fought in the ring," Kelly said. "It is the pure and naked competition which makes it so interesting." He made quite an impression as a first-year fighter in the 145-pound weight class. Kelly quickly found his way to the finals of his class and was forced to face favored captain Andrew Direcco. Direcco appeared strong in his initial fights and no one expected Kelly to have a chance. The final of the 145-pound weight class proved to be a hard-fought win for Kelly. Yet the split decision took many spectators, along with Kelly and Direcco, by surprise.

"When I heard 'split decision,' I wasn't sure," Kelly replied after his championship fight in 1996. "I thought anything could happen."

Kelly joined five other first-time boxers in capturing the championship in their weight classes that year and caught the eyes of the coaches and his fellow boxers.

"The first year I kind of stumbled into it," Kelly said. "I was surprised to be the second seed. I was surprised to fight as well as I did against Direcco and the championship took me by surprise."

His performance, demeanor and dedication to boxing landed him a captain position for his junior season. Kelly gladly accepted the invitation to help aid the charitable cause. Bengal Bouts benefit missions in Bangladesh and they serve as the main form of funding for these charitable organizations.

"I just want to try and help everyone when I can," remarked Kelly about being a captain.

After a year of being an unknown, Kelly found himself thrust into the top spot the next year. He advanced through the first round with a technical knockout of freshman Brendan Walsh. Then he easily cruised through the semifinals by knocking off Matt Remarge with a right cross just minutes into the first round of the fight. These rounds did not fully prepare Kelly for the barrage of punches which the second-seeded Ted Pagano had in store for him in the championship fight.

"Last year after the first two fights, I thought that I was just going to walk all over this division," Kelly said. "In the finals, Pagano just wasn’t following the script."

He came out strong in the first round but tired early. Kelly barely escaped the third round without stopping. His once powerful right had dwindled and the amount of shots that Kelly took drained him of power. In the end, Pagano walked away victorious by a split decision.

As far as leadership goes, Kelly tries to lead by example in his daily routine. In addition to the 250 pushups and 500 sit ups which the group does, he does anywhere from 100 to 150 more pushups. Then he goes through some glove drills and he will spar or do drills with the mitts. When all that is done, he runs up to two miles and concludes his intense workout with some stretches.

His primary role as captain is to assist the main captain, Ryan Rams, in any way possible. "My job was to go around with Tommy Will to sell tickets," Kelly said. "Ryan (Rams) comes up with the main plan and we go with what he says."

Runners circulating through the boxing room hint that Kelly is in his best shape yet and that he will go out with a bang. He got started on his quest for another title last night when he knocked out freshman Abdelnour with ease.

Kelly maintains that he will not take anything for granted after his year's championship fight because he does not want to drop another decision. While Kelly knows his first two years in his sophomore year, he still has a bitter taste in his mouth from last year's split decision.

Charles Taylor

"Religion and Modernity"

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Charles Taylor's voice is one of the most resonant in contemporary philosophy, influential far beyond the boundaries of the discipline itself. He is perhaps best known for his magisterial Hegel and for Sources of the Self: The Making of the Modern Identity. Long seriously engaged in Canadian political life, he has also written in recent years on the problems of federalism in a multicultural society.
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want that roundhouse coming at me," DeSplinter said. "He frustrated me a lot.""Butch" Biichl did not hold any-
thing back in his first fight. He jumped all over his opponent in the opening round. Senior Daniel Toolan tried to shake
Biichl's theater, but could not. Once Toolan backed Biichl up against the ropes, Biichl responded with a
strong jab which knocked Toolan down.
"Keeping him away with my right hand seemed to work," Biichl said. "I had trouble through the first round-and I think I need to stay a little more
controlled. Next time, I need to throw more combinations.
All the top seeds advanced in the 165-pound weight class, except for the fourth-seeded Heather Pimentel. He fell victim to the experience of sopho-
more Eric Hovan. Molfly's lefts appeared to be too much for Hovan to handle. Molfly's experience showed in the three rounds as he exercised
courage in waiting for the perfect
portunity to catch Hovan with his guard down.
A more controversial fight occurred in the 165-pound division between sophomore Robert Miyakawa and fresh-
man Chris Murp. The crowd felt that Murp had the win, but the split decision favored Miyakawa.
Senior Jim Sur used his height and reach advantage to dismiss an explosive first-year boxer, senior Fred Chiu. Chiu
showed no signs of intimida-
tion as he came out swinging in the first round but he tired quickly and Sur took over.
The highlights of the middle-
weight class came in the 170-
pound weight class. Senior captain Ryan Rans found him-
self in an unfamiliar position in his first round, on the defensive.
Freshman Joe Kippels jumped all over Rans in the opening round, throwing all kinds of punches at Rans. His
barrage caught Rans off-guard and stunned him in the first.
Once again, experience pre-
ovailed over youth, as Kippels began to tire. Rans closed in for the kill. Kippels managed
to put up a valiant effort against the experienced Rans but it was not enough as Rans won by unanimous decision.
Up next for Rans will be Robert Alter, who dismissed freshman Josh Thompson in a unanimous decision.
Senior Norm Renzoquica, who has not been in top condition for training, delivered an impressive performance in his first match. His fight had to be
stopped with a minute and a half remaining, due to a blow

"He's about the same height as me, so that really won't help me against him," said Alter. "I've got to come
out strong and be prepared for a diffi-
cult fight. He is a tough fighter, so I'll have to be ready.""In the only fight in the 125-pound divi-
sion, Patrick O'Shaughnessy advanced easily, defeating Nicolas Schnabel in a unanimous decision.

The Observer/Patrick Quigley
Freshman Cardona dazzles crowd, opponent

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

With his shoes laced up and his team strapped on, he entered the ring for the first time in his life on Monday evening.

Although he had no boxing experience, he squared off against the top seed in the 155-pound division for his remarkable talent and hard work over the past six weeks.

With all eyes glued on his direction, Cardona squared off with senior Brendan Reilly in what was perhaps the night’s most anticipated debut.

Considering all the pressure that comes with being the second set as a freshman, Cardona did not disappoint.

In fact, he thrived. The newcomer to Bengal Bouts pounded Reilly hard enough to stop the fight a half before the bell was blown, and he was rewarded with a TKO victory.

“My only fighting experience was street fights,” said Cardona. “I felt good to get out there and gain some experience. I’ve got a long way to go, but this was a great way to start.”

Cardona’s thundering right hooks and a hook and lightning-quick jab may have given boxing fans a sign of things to come in his career. In fact, four years from now, people just might look back on Feb. 23, 1998 as a day a star was born.

“I think I’ve made a lot of progress since I started training here,” said the understated Cardona. “I don’t want to get overconfident, though. I’ve got a long way to go to get where I need to be.”

While Cardona was disposing of Reilly, the top seed in the 155-pound class, Mike LaDuke, toppled senior Noel Chakrabal.

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In a unanimous decision. Other winners in the division were No. 2 seed Jeffrey Dobosh and No. 3 David Wilisse, who each advanced with split-decision victories over Kevin Murphy and Daniel Bumpus, respectively.

In the 155-pound division, top seeds Fred Kelly and Stefan Molina had little trouble with their opening round opponents. Despite a strong effort from freshman Dennis Abdelnour, Kelly advanced to the semifinals with a victory by unanimous decision.

“After last year, I’m not taking anything for granted,” said Kelly, referring to his surprise loss to Ted Pagana in the finals a year ago. “I was starting to get frustrated toward the end because he started ducking out of my way and running away from me.”

Notre Dame law student Jeevan Subrahmanian won the right to take on Kelly after earning a split-decision win over sophomore Stephen Locher. In the bracket’s other semifinal, Molina, who bested freshman Steven Mehl in a unanimous decision, will meet surprise winner Tom Owens, who upset No. 3 seed Justin Kempf in one of the night’s biggest upsets.

As Monday illustrated, the 145-pound class could be the Bengal Bouts’ most competitive division.

With the possible exception of sophomore J.R. Siller, who was one point in losing to the referee, the rest of the class appears to be neck-in-neck in terms of talent level.

In the first fight, senior Andrew Yang pulled out a split-decision victory in a battle that could have gone either way. Meanwhile, No. 2 seed David Murphy lived up to his ranking on Monday, defeating seventh-seed Rick Johnson by unanimous decision.

“It’s hard to explain, but for some reason, I was really confident going against a lefty,” said Murphy about Johnson. “You never really know what to expect. Fortunately, I was able to come away with a victory and move on to the semifinals.”

175-Lb.

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time in his life on Monday

By MIKE DAY

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145 TO 155-POUND WEIGHT CLASSES

By MIKE DAY

Sports Editor

In the first of two 185-pound matches, Fred Wulf’s quest for a title ended just 16 seconds after it began. Senior Matt Lubbers landed a crushing blow to Wulf’s head that caused an uncontrollable nosebleed, halting the fight.

“I was surprised and disappointed,” said Lubbers of his victory. “I didn’t really know what to expect. Fortunately, I was able to come away with a victory and move on to the semifinals.”

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who also advanced to the semifinals in the 155-pound class with a unanimous decision win over Stephen Pfieffer.

Neagle’s upsets made the difference in the slugfest, as the two fighters tried to overpower each other with brute strength.

Heavyweights Felipe Reynoso

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The women's tennis team had a chance last weekend to see where they match up with the best teams in the country. The result — they proved that they deserve to be mentioned with the best.

Sixteen of the top 25 teams in the country were in Madison, Wis., to compete in the National Team Indoor Tournament. The Irish finished the weekend with a 1-2 record, which included two close losses.

On Friday, the 15th-ranked Irish lost a tight 5-4 match in the first round against Vanderbilt University. The Commodores were the 16th-ranked team in the country prior to the match against the Irish. The top three singles players all scored victories for Notre Dame. Junior Jennifer Hall scored a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Kristy Blumberg at first singles. Hall is ranked 19th in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles rankings. At second singles, freshman Michelle Dasso won 6-4, 6-1 over Julie Ditty. Dasso is currently 27th, while Ditty is 46th in the country. Third singles player Marisa Velasco rallied from a first-set loss, to beat Callie Creighton, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0. Dasso and Velasco also teamed up at second doubles for an impressive 8-0 shutout of Staci Ryan and Kristen Radford.

Notre Dame dominated 17th-ranked South Alabama in the consolation round on Saturday. All five singles players won in straight sets. Tiffany Gates and Kelly Zalisnki avenged close three set losses against Vanderbilt with impressive victories at fourth and fifth singles, respectively. Gates, a senior, beat South Alabama's Gaelle Coutièfardre 6-3, 6-4 while sophomore Zalisnki blanked Melanie Paterne, 6-0, 6-0. The doubles matches were not played because the Irish were already ahead by an insurmountable 5-0 margin.

With the win over South Alabama, the Irish advanced to take on 9th-ranked Mississippi. Mississippi boasts a strong lineup which includes two of the top 15 players in the country along with other solid players. Earlier in the tournament, Mississippi beat second-ranked UCLA 5-4. The two teams split the singles before Mississippi won the two doubles matches to record a 5-3 victory.

Jennifer Hall scored an impressive victory over Agnes Muzamel. Hall improved to 18-7 on the season with a 6-4, 7-5 win. This was the second time this year that Hall upset the third-ranked Muzamel. In late January, Hall beat Muzamel to advance to the quarterfinals of the individual national indoors. Michelle Dasso posted another upset at second singles, defeating 14th-ranked Ivana Mihalova, 6-2, 6-3. Fifth singles player Kelly Zalisnki beat Mariana Terefe 6-4, 6-3.

The 7-2 Irish play host to Big East rival Syracuse on Friday. They host Minnesota and Kansas at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Led Zeppelin

Start with boy or
17
18
Pluck

Much-played
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Dau ghter of

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — (Paris park)
2 Constant companion
3 Eclectic, as interest
4 Ancient inscription
5 Daughter of Cronus
6 Pluck
7 Start with boy or girl
8 The jeg — —
9 Much-played part of a gig
10 Led Zeppelin
11 English
12 Rodney Garcia, informally
13 Big Blue

DOWN

1 Barroom fights
2 Do better than at bat
3 Alzheimer's disease
4 Whiskered circus animal
5 Its capital is Santiago
6 Soak up again
7 — — — — — — (rock)
8 Saint John, for one
9 Sacred song
10 Lacto
11 Skater
12 Just walk through a role
13 Britch, with cuff
21 Cassette deck button

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Libra You know what you want as soon as you see it. If you are smart and brave, you will go forward and claim what you discover. Romance and treasure hunting are favored activities today.

Scorpio The environment around you is a single living organism that does not appreciate your interference. Try not to make anyripples today, much less waves. This is a bad day to engage in personal combat.

Sagittarius Once you get started on a topic close to your heart, you have a lot more to say than you realize. Your sudden expertise makes a positive impression on others. Everyone is an optimist today.

Capricorn Not everyone shares your sense of responsibility. This may be because not everyone is as invested as you are. You may have to change your expectations of others if you wish to work with them.

Aquarius Whether or not you start it, you are at the center of all the action today. If you want attention, that's just what you will get. Your exploits take on a mythical quality this time.

Pisces You seek tranquility in a world that is anything but tranquil. Uplift yourself from the system and find a place to meditate. Doing nothing for awhile is just what the doctor ordered.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — — — — — — (old political placard)
2 Jewel
3 Classic clown
4 It comes after March
5 Gagging cry
6 Actor Bentley
7 Make out
8 Midgame broadcasts
9 Inch, a.g.
10 "Push posh"
11 Part of an academic year
12 Sicilian speaker
13 McDonald's founder Ray
14 Dance version of a pop song
15 "Compendium?"
16 Opposite
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BENGAL BOUTS

Bouts start with a bang

Farrell, Molloy advance easily over competition

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
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Last night, loads of young, talented fighters were looking for their time to steal the show. They did not.

In the opening round of the 68th Bengal Bouts, the majority of the top seeds advanced with ease. In the 160-pound weight class, senior and defending champion Chip Farrell advanced to the semifinals by unanimous decision over Robert Vuolo.

"I was hoping to get in a good fight," Farrell said. "I wasn't going out there to beat anyone up. Mostly, I just wanted to work on my fundamentals."

While Vuolo had the height advantage, Farrell managed to land the majority of his combinations along with a strong right cross which knocked Vuolo to his knee.

"This was working well," Farrell said. "Throwing hard rights was working too."

Farrell will face fifth-seeded sophomore Timothy DeFors. DeFors relied on his strong right and his sheer power to build a win over sophomore John Berry by split decision.

In the lower half of the 160-pound weight class, the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds easily advanced. Sophomore Tom Biotchini and junior John Desplinter will meet in the semis in what promises to be one of the top fights of the day.

Desplinter faced some spirited competition in junior Dennis Jevellanos. His wild technique almost pushed Desplinter out of the ring.

"He slowed down my jab because I didn't," Desplinter said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish end regular season at home

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Fighting Irish women's basketball team hopes to end the regular season on a positive note at 7 p.m. tonight, when it faces off against conference rival Rutgers in the final home game of the season.

Even though a game between two of the top teams in the Big East is notable on any particular day, the fact that two members of the Notre Dame squad will take the floor of the Joyce Center for the final time makes the contest even more memorable than it would be otherwise.

The Scarlet Knights are on a 10-game streak after a 73-66 victory over Pittsburgh on Wednesday and a dramatic 57-54 win over Boston College on Saturday, pushing their past 10 games and sport a 17-3 conference record, the best in the league.

"They're a very feisty team," senior guard Mollie Peirick said about the Scarlet Knights. "And an athletic squad. They're just a really tough team, especially when it comes to rebounding."

Rutgers can boast of one achievement that no one in the Big East has been able to duplicate this season. Earlier this year, the Scarlet Knights handed Connecticut its first conference loss in over two years, defeating the Huskies at home 74-70. In that game, freshman guard Linda Miles tallied 18 points and 11 boards while Young scored 17.

However, the Knights will possibly face an even more difficult task when they face off on Notre Dame's court. While at home this season, the Irish have all but dominated the Joyce Center floor, winning their past 10 games and sporting an 11-1 home record.

The Irish hope the friendly confines of home will help them rebound from a 73-61 loss to Connecticut on Saturday. In one of her strongest efforts of the season, sophomore Nicole Ivey led three players in double figures with 20 points, while Peirick and junior Shauna McDonald had 10 and 12 points, respectively. However, the loss was the team's third straight on the road.

"We just have a lot of youth on our team," head coach Muffet McGraw remarked on the performance. "We had the lead late in the half, but they got four free throws and later took the lead. I think the foul line is probably our biggest problem."

Tonight, the Irish will try to end their regular season on a high note. Against Rutgers, they have their sights set on a victory to advance easily over competition.