Bengal Bouts combats cyclone damage

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Last November, the fierce winds of Cyclone Sidr slammed much of the already poverty-stricken Bangladesh, and beginning tonight approximately 18,500 young men are fighting back — in the boxing ring.

Hunter Land, president of the Boxing Club, said Notre Dame’s 5th annual Bengal Bouts tournament has even more meaning for its participants because the need for relief in Bangladesh is even greater this year.

“Our money is being put to good use over there this year. It’s not just going to the missions, schools and orphanages, but to a lot of the country that’s in need due to the cyclone. We’re excited about that,” Land said.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Concerning my father

My father was the coach of my high school's basketball team for 33 years, but going into my senior year, the school informed him he would have to "retire" at the end of that season and not return. He reluctantly went along. Thirty-three years of loyalty and dedication meant nothing. The fact that he taught hundreds about basketball and life meant nothing, and the fact that he was the winningest active coach in the state of Pennsylvania meant nothing as well. Parents who had money to throw around took advantage of a 300-season team that had my junior year to say the game had "passed him by" and to push for his firing. Though only a handful of parents wanted him out, it didn't matter. They had money, and he was gone. We won over 20 games my senior year, won the district title, but in double-overtime to the state quarterfinals, and my dad was named coach of the year in our conference. Still, he could not return for a 34th season. Aside from my sister's battle with Hodgkin's Disease, this was the most difficult time my family has ever faced. It's hard to give up something you've loved doing for 33 years and an entire profession where coaches make six figures. We depended in part on money my dad brought in from coaching and running diners.

But through that year, there were two people who helped ease the disappointment our family felt, and oddly enough, they were sports writers. One was Dave Konopki, now the sports editor for "The Times Leader" in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Dave looked into the story of my dad getting fired. He got it and was ready to print it and put the school in its place. It won't be easy, and it will be running diners.

The other was the now-deceased Jerry Kellar Kellar had one of the most widely-read columns in the area, and decided to devote a section of his column to my dad and the school, blessing them for firing him.

I've never seen my father sadder than during this ordeal, but the case these two writers had for his job made him feel a little better. They may not have completely taken away the pain he felt, but they offered him and the rest of my family temporary solace.

When I began working at The Observer as a sports writer in 2005, I tried to uphold the legacy of Jerry Kellar. I took his approach to sports in its proper perspective, with sensitivity for the people you cover, investigate when the story gets swept under the rug and concealed. But when something does leak or we uncover something, I will do my best to make sure The Observer uploads the broken story. I learned from Dave and Jerry, it won't be easy, and it will be stressful, but it is our duty to do it, because I've experienced the effect journalism can have and it is something I won't take for granted.

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Eileen Hall
freshman
Welsh Fam

"The musical performances — especially when I sing along."

Nathan Payne
senior
Zahn

"The rich idiots that think they have style."

Johanna Kirsch
sophomore
McGlinn

"The dresses because they're shiny."

Kendall Kleier
junior
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"The wrap-up music."

The Michigan State Jazz Orchestra performs as part of the 50th annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Saturday night in Washington Hall. The event featured performances by 12 different university bands.

OFFBEAT

Police bust snowy mobile chop shop
BANGOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The determination of an angry snowmobile owner — plus miles and miles of tracks in the snow — have led police to a suspected chop shop for stolen snowmobiles.

Police say the man discovered Saturday that his snowmobile was missing from his home in Van Buren County's Arlington Township in south-west Michigan. The man, whose name was not released, called police and set out on a borrowed snowmobile following tracks in the snow for about 10 miles through fields and roads. Relatives and friends followed by car as he tried the tracks to a home in Bangor Township.

Marlins searching for new husky mascots
MIAMI — The Florida Marlins are looking for some footloose fat men. The National League team is creating an all-male, plus-size cheerleading squad to be dubbed the Mazatlanes. Tryouts were scheduled for Sunday.

The team hopes to recruit seven to 10 tubby men to dance, cheer and juggle during Friday and Saturday home games this season.

Real manatees, 1,200-pound mammals sometimes referred to as "sea cows," are not considered the most agile of creatures and often get caught in boat propellers. The Marlins want their Manatees to have the same dimensions, but to be definitely more agile. Men will be judged on how well they dance a choreographed routine.

Information compiled by The Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The preliminaries for the Bongb Bouts boxing tournament will be held today at 6:30 in the Joyce Center Field House. Tickets cost $10 and all proceeds go towards Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

Tim Power from the Latin American Center at Oxford University will present a lecture entitled "Changing Evaluations of Brazilian Democracy" at the Hesburgh Center at 4:15 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Former Senator Rick Santorum will present a lecture entitled "Gathering Storm of the 21st Century" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Women's basketball will play South Florida Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The film "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday at 7 p.m.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

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

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Vickers tabbed as first DPAC managing director

Bush presses for intel bill
President criticizes Democrats for blocking legislation renewal

Special to The Observer

Jon Vickers, previously director of the Browning Cinema in the University of Notre Dame's DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC), has been promoted to the new position of managing director of the center.

"Jon has excellent operational experience to bring to the position, is dedicated to making connections across the academic, and is a valued member of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center team," said Anna M. Thompson, the Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Director of Performing Arts.

As managing director, Vickers will oversee the daily operational activities of the center, ensuring that its academic, business, guest and technical services, as well as external relations, are aligned with the center's overall mission. Additionally, Vickers will be responsible for building partnerships with colleges, departments, institutes and other centers on campus in an effort to further the arts as a critically important part of the University. Vickers will continue to serve as curator of the film series at the Browning Cinema and will collaborate with Thompson on programming themes for each season between the cinematic and performing arts.

Vickers and his wife, Jennifer, have for 12 years owned and operated the Vickers Theatre, an independent, art house theater located in Three Oaks, Mich. His education includes a degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University. In Three Oaks, he is a founding member of Harbor Arts, Harbor Country Forum, the Sound of Silence Film Festival and Radio Harbor Country, of which he is the current chair. He also is chair of the Village of Three Oaks Downtown Development Authority.

The DeBartolo Center is presenting its fourth season of renowned performances, art film screenings, University department and faculty performances, and other programming. The facility includes five separate venues, including the Leighton Concert Hall, Decto Mainstage Theatre, Phibin Studio Theatre, THX-certified Browning Cinema, and the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall.

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The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

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Both positions are salaried, about six to 10 hours a week. Please contact Middie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu or Kyle West at kwest1@nd.edu if interested.
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sometimes prevents people from seeking medical attention, Lakusta said, and placed faith in traditional healing methods prevents people from acquiring proper modern medical care.

"If you're at the education level where you think eating food or breathing air gives you the disease, of course they'll want to stay away," Lakusta said.

Senior Nathan Serazin addressed a similar issue with his research. Serazin worked for two summers in the residence halls of Pedro St. Vincenzo Maldonato, Ecuador studying alternative medicine.

Serazin analyzed the medicines used by traditional healers and compiled a handbook detailing the similarities between modern medicines and those used by healers. In one case, he found that many healers to treat sore throats contain menthol, a common ingredient in lozenges.

"This is the first line of defense for most people," he said.

Junior Patricia Hughes, who conducted research in Baltimore, Md., said last stages of AIDS can be better managed in group homes that allow patients easier access to the care they need.

"If we look at HIV today, it's become a chronic, but manageable, condition," she said.

Lacey Hausman, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, said refugee camps in northern Uganda presented a Catch-22. While the camps did provide medical services not available in the refugees' home villages, AIDS spreads quickly through the camps.

"If they go home, they're losing easy access to these services," Hausman said.

Hausman also said women in the camps do not receive proper prenatal care because the hospitals in the region are understaffed and don't have the necessary supplies to perform birthing procedures.

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all the events," Little Sibs co-chair Taylor Flaherty said. "We even had to set up extra tables at crafts, but I think that the games were everyone's favorite."

Each morning there was also a breakfast buffet in the residence halls for students and their siblings, Flaherty said.

Freshman Lauren Hartman enjoyed the time she spent with her 1-year-old cousin, Olivia.

"We went to the hau, and game night, and we also had girls' night in my room with pops, corn, and marshmallows and facials," Hartman said. "Olivia said that she loved it and wants to come back next year."

Freshman Gina Storti also had a good experience with her little sister's visit as well.

"It was so nice to see my little sister and spend time with her and have her meet my friends," she said.

Swan said that the major goal of the weekend was to provide entertainment for the siblings.

"Anyone likes to say that their main event was a success, but the kids seemed to have fun, and if the kids are happy, then it was a success," Swan said.

Flaherty agreed and said she is looking forward to next year.

"It was a great weekend. I'm really glad everyone volunteered from RHA, hopefully next year's will be great as well."

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Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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NATIONAL NEWS

Amacin News passenger dies in flight

NEW YORK—An Amelines passenger died after a flight attendant told her he couldn't give her any oxygen and then tried to help her with faulty equipment, including an empty oxygen tank, a relative said.

The airline confirmed the death and said medical professionals had tried to save the passenger, Carine Desir, who was returning home to Brooklyn from Haiti.

Desir had complained of not feeling well and being very thirsty on the Friday flight from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

A few minutes later, Desir said she was having trouble breathing and asked for oxygen. The flight attendant refused and didn't bring her any oxygen, Desir's husband said. Later, at a rally in Toledo, he rebutted Obama's words.

The airline's lack of oxygen, Desir had told the birth of her husband, Dr. Oliver Basco, and her mother, who was retiring, capping a lifetime of achievement for the woman who had been a flight attendant for 40 years.

In Old Havana, Maria右手 wrote in her final essay as president, Castro added. "This conviction has not disappeared," Raul Castro wrote Sunday.

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Obama also said that in 2004 in which she said, "What happened?" He was eager to rekindle the long-distance debate, using passages from the former first lady's book as well as her own words.

Ten years after NAFTA passed, ten years after NAFTA passed, said he did not regret his position.

Raul Castro talks after being named President of Cuba's Council of State by the new National Assembly in Havana Sunday.

In his final essay as president, Castro wrote that preparations for the parliament meeting "left the country," and he said he did not regret his position.

The vote ended Castro's 49 years as head of the Communist Party as a significant moment in Cuba's history.

Cuba's parliament chose a new 31-member ruling body known as the Council of State to lead the country. The council's president serves as the head of state and government.

The new president said he was making a major shift in the U.S.-Cuba government policies that have put Cuba at odds with the United States, many Cubans were hoping it would open the door to modest economic reforms that might improve their daily lives.

In his first speech as president, Raul Castro suggested the Communist Party as a whole would take over the role long held by Fidel Castro, who formally remains its leader.

The new president said the nation's sole legal parties "have to improve the balance and superior force of society and the state."

The U.S. has said the change from one Castro to another would not be significant, calling it a "transfer of authority and power from dictator to dictator light."

SECRETARY OF STATE Condoleezza Rice said Sunday Cubans have a right "to choose their leaders in democratic elections" and urged the government "to begin a process of peaceful, democratic change by releasing all political prisoners, respecting human rights, and creating a clear pathway towards free and fair elections."

Her statement, issued shortly before parliament met, called the developments a "significant moment in Cuba's history."
Bengal
go to the Holy Cross brothers in Bangladesh who work to establish elementary and secondary schools, provide shelter to low-income families and provide medical care and outreach programs to the poor.

Former football coach Knute Rockne brought boxing to the University in 1928, but it wasn't until 11 years later that coach Dominick Napolitano started using Bengal Bouts to raise funds for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. According to Land, the club has already raised $5,000 — not including ticket sales. Land also said that donations are still coming in, and the Bouts hopes to raise even more money than last year.

"We donated $60,000 to the Holy Cross missions last year, and we'd love to donate more than that this year," he said.

After all expenses have been accounted for, the Holy Cross missions receive the check from the proceeds of the tournament during the summer, Land said.

Funds come from ticket sales, advertisements in the tournament program, and donations from alumni clubs and individual supporters.

"Every year we have Bengal Bouts alumni that come back because they just can't get enough of it," Land said.

O'Brien said the 185 contenders in this year's tournament make up the second largest group in the history of Bengal Bouts.

Boxers include both undergraduate and graduate students and the list of this year's competitors even includes a 39-year-old, O'Brien said.

Training for new boxers began last fall in the novice season, and the 300 potential participants that originally showed up have been whittled down to 185 contenders.

"A lot of the boxers are training five months only to fight for a few minutes.

In addition, practices from Bengal Bouts are held five times a week, and participants are only allowed to miss five practices during the regular season. Land said that most boxers would not participate if it wasn't for the charitable cause of the tournament.

"I think that the practices are so demanding that people would drop out more if it wasn't just for them and not for someone else. They stick it out and continue with training when they know it's for something beside themselves," Land said.

O'Brien said what makes the Bouts so unique is that many of the participants train for five months only to fight for a few minutes.

The boxers makes the tournament competitive year after year.

"The participants take (Bengal Bouts) really seriously," Land said. "(Boxing) is the most pure sport — just two guys in the ring, nothing pays off more for boxing than hard work. They push themselves as hard as they can."

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Pink

to grow their hair for the charity. The committee also received 15 additional ponytails from girls who had previously cut their hair, and Hughes estimates that Pantene Be a Beautiful Lengths will be able to make seven outfits.

Stylists from Salon Nouveau also donated their services for the event, which they heard about from a customer who lives in Pangborn.

Hughes said some of the volunteers were uneasy about cutting their hair.

"The girls with the longest hair were the most nervous," she said. "But in the end nobody chickened out. We were all there together for support."

Hughes was very pleased with her new hairstyle.

"I really like my new "do," Hughes said. "And now I can sleep later because it won't take long to dry my hair!"

Yesterday's hair donation drive was the first of the hall's two-part event.

The second part of Project Pink, scheduled for March 14 in the LaFortune Building, is a fashion show fundraiser featuring the residents of Pangborn in pink outfits.

The event will also feature a before-and-after slideshow that showcases the new looks of the girls who participated in the hair donation drive.

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WASHINGTON — Congress is set to examine another round of possible remedies for consumers threatened by widening cracks in the housing market.

Proposals include easing bank lending standards, banks from lawsuits and providing government assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure.

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States cope with sagging tax revenue

WASHINGTON — Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire said she would be celebrating her state's robust economy and record exports. Yet sagging tax collections are lowering an estimated budget surplus by $900 million.

It is so bad that some governors are debating whether to pressure Congress for a second economic stimulus package.

McDonald's redesigns using feng shui

HACIENDAS HEIGHTS, Calif. — The once-patronizing and giant hamburgers and fries, and come back again.

The makeover is part of the attempt by McDonald's Corp. in recent years to remodel hundreds of its restaurants to attract more patrons with unique decor and amenities that might entice them to stay awhile.

It also fits into McDonald's larger corporate practice of catering to local tastes, such as a fondue-style burger in France or a pita-wrapped "McArabia" sandwich in the Middle East.

"We can't look too cookie cutter," Mark Brownstein, one of three owners of the restaurant, said about the changes. "Nobody is saying the measure, said it would end up hurting many more borrowers in the long run by requiring "higher interest rates and larger down payments to offset the risk" of bankruptcy-court intervention on behalf of some homeowners.

Consumer advocates, meanwhile, are pushing senators to approve the change. Also included in the Senate legislation is a measure mandating $200 million for foreclosure-prevention counseling services — a near doubling of funds already committed by Congress — and an allowance for states to issue more tax-exempt bonds so that housing agencies could help homeowners refinance high-cost mortgages.

In the House, lawmakers are considering whether the federal government should shield banks from lawsuits brought by investors whose holdings of mortgage securities are negatively affected by changes in loan terms or other measures intended to help at-risk borrowers. The plan was first put forward by Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del., but appears to have attract ed support from key House Democrats.
NIU holds memorial, classes resume today

Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — With many wearing ribbons in the school colors of black and red, community members and loved ones prepared Sunday to participate in a memorial for five Northern Illinois University students killed when a gunman opened fire inside a classroom.

Five bouquets of red and white flowers were placed on the stage of the Convocation Center to commemorate those shot in the Valentine's Day attack. Outside the arena, school officials posted a banner reading, "Forward, together forward."

Memorial organizers said they expected thousands of people to attend, and overflow viewing areas were set up around the campus, about 65 miles west of Chicago. The memorial was also to be simulcast to NIU gatherings across the country and in Japan.

"Being together will help a lot, everybody in one place and being able to support each other," said Jennifer Hartleben, a 21-year-old business student who was waiting in line to enter the Convocation Center.

Classes are to be held Monday for the first time since the shooting, in which NIU graduate Steve Kazmierczak opened fire in a crowded lecture hall, killing five people and injuring 17 before committing suicide.

Another member of the crowd waiting to enter the Convocation Center was Melissa Johnsen, who graduated from NIU in 2007. "I find it important to pay my respects," she said. "I think this will always be a part of NIU now, but hopefully something we can learn from.

Among those scheduled to speak during the memorial service were NIU President John G. Peters, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat. Illinois' other senator, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, planned to attend, but his campaign staff said he would not make any remarks.

The school asked faculty and staff members to return last week for training in how to help students adjust to the changed atmosphere at NIU, which enrolls about 25,000 students.

In addition to about 550 counselors expected to staff each classroom, academic department and dormitory, the student counseling center is extending its hours indefinitely.

Plans for a permanent memorial to the victims are still in their infancy. No decision has been made on the future of Cole Hall, but it will be closed for the rest of the semester.

Japanese businessman arrested in wife's murder

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A Japanese businessman's surprise arrest in his wife's killing in a Southern California parking lot a quarter-century ago dominated front pages in Tokyo on Sunday as authorities worked to bring him back to Los Angeles.

Kazuoshi Miura was detained late Friday in Saipan, a U.S. commonwealth in the Pacific, and was being held on suspicion of the murder of his wife. The crime caused an international uproar, in part because he blamed the 1981 attack on robbers, reinforcing Japanese perceptions of America as a violent country.

Miura, 50, had already been convicted in Japan in 1994 of the murder of his wife, Kazumi Miura, but that verdict was overturned the sentence, telling her for insurance money in the hotel incident. He was convicted of attempted murder and while serving a six-year sentence was charged under Japanese law in 1985 with his wife's murder.

Miura was convicted of that charge in 1994 and sentenced to life in prison. Four years later, however, a Japanese high court overturned the sentence, throwing out a lower court's determination that Miura conspired with a friend in Los Angeles to kill his wife.

Miura's attorney, Junichiro Hironaka, told Japan's Fuji TV late Saturday that the latest arrest astonished him.

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Russia criticizes countries that recognized nation’s independence

Associated Press

Russia marked its first week of independence in quiet celebration Sunday, as angry Serbs protested in the capital against the recognition of Kosovo’s independence.

The past two days of muted protests in Kosovo met with little violence. In Belgrade, where demonstrators stormed the U.S. Embassy and set part of it ablaze, the U.S. ambassador in Belgrade demanded Serb leaders ensure there would be no violence against diplomats.

The vast majority of Kosovo’s population is ethnic Albanian. Serbs represent just 10 percent of the region’s 2 million people, but they view Kosovo as the cradle of their culture and of their Orthodox Christian faith.

The territory had retained a part of Serbia even though it has been administered by the U.N. and NATO since 1999, when NATO air strikes ended former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic’s crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists, which killed 10,000 people.

Thousands of Serbs held demonstrations in European capitals Sunday.

In Vienna, Austria, more than 5,000 protesters waved pro-Serbian banners, and a few burned, split or stomped on American flags. Later, demonstrators smashed bottles and the windows of a café. Two police officers were injured and four people were arrested, officials said.

In Geneva, up to 4,000 people gathered peacefully outside U.N. offices, and in Brussels, several hundred Serbs chanted “Kosovo is Serbia” outside EU offices.

Russia’s ambassador to NATO said Sunday that Kosovo’s independence bid was a result of an imperialist American effort to “divide and rule,” which would lead to Russia’s boosting its military to ensure its own security.

“People keep celebrating every night,” Arthur Dudushkin said. “This is something that all Albanians have wanted centuries for — and changes will come soon.”

In the capital, Pristina, people gathered around a graffiti-covered wall spelling out “NEWBORN.” One person had scribbled in English: “We love you Kosovo!”

Western nations that recognize Kosovo’s statehood were replicating international law with a system in which “there will be only one rule: he who has brute physical power is strong and is right,” he said.

Russia will not go to arms over Kosovo, but instead will “use to the maximum our political and moral authority,” he said.

Serbia’s nationalist prime minister, Vojislav Kostunica, called on the U.S. to revoke its decision to recognize “the fake state of Kosovo” and allow the U.N. Security Council to “reaffirm” Kosovo as part of Serbian territory.

Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci visited the graves of the late pacifist President Ibrahim Rugova among ethnic Albanians for his drive for statehood — and reached out anew to Kosovo’s Serb minority.

In Kosovo, Serbia’s President Vladimir Putin and a portrait of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev were inscribed with words like Richard is willing to put some of his billions into an environmental experiment aimed at reducing the carbon footprint.

“it’s going to be a profound effort to show it can produce less carbon dioxide than jet fuel," he said. "Some analysts praised the jumbo jet test flight from London to Amsterdam as a potentially useful experiment. But others criticized it as a publicity stunt and noted scientists are questioning the environmental benefits of biofuels.

"This breakthrough will help Virgini Atlantic to fly its planes using clean fuel sooner than expected," Sir Richard Branson, the airline’s president, said before the flight, which flew from London’s Heathrow Airport to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport.

He said the flight would provide "crucial knowledge that we can use to dramatically reduce our carbon footprint,” he said.

Sunday’s flight was part of a broader effort to introduce biofuels to the aviation industry and reduce its environmental impact. The airline is using a mixture of coconut and babassu oil in one of its four main fuel tanks. The jet carried pilots and engineering technicians, but no passengers.

Virgini Atlantic spokeswoman said that this week’s flight of a biofuel would produce much less carbon dioxide than jet fuel, but said it will take weeks to analyze the data from Sunday’s flight.

"It’s great that somebody like Richard is willing to put some of his billions into an experiment aimed at reducing the carbon footprint," said James Halsell, an airline analyst at the London stockbroker Dawley Day Lichart.

"But there are a lot of unanswered questions about the technology and of biofuels in the battle against global warming," he said.

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The rebels of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, are considered both a terrorist threat and a political entity by some in the region. The rebels have been fighting in their homeland of southeastern Turkey since the 1984-1999 Kurdish conflict.

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No subject left behind

Most people reading this, I assume, remember the college admissions process. Trying to write the perfect admissions essay, getting your teacher evaluations, worrying about your score on the PSAT, SAT, ACT, SAT II, AP, IB... basically jumping through one academic hoop after another. This parade of standardized tests and statistics is on or less high school in miniature — an attempt to assess academic performance, which is a euphemism for "learning not to make mistakes." By the time we start thinking beyond high school, we've had it drilled into our heads that the worst thing in the world is to make a mistake. Mistakes have dire consequences in high school: Missed points on tests, bad grades, parent-teacher conferences and, ultimately, not getting into the right college.

But there's something profoundly disquieting about trying to boil someone's intellectual capacity into a meaningful statistic, which is what these multi-hour standardized tests supposedly do. Granted, they show whether or not someone has mastered a basic skill set and at some level the mere fact that someone is taking them is a sign of motivation. But I defy anyone to honestly tell me that after they finished taking the SATs, they felt like the test had been a thorough and adequate assessment of their intellectual capacity.

And yet these tests shape the way secondary education takes place. Because they are supposed to be objective, each subject gets boiled down to whatever parts can be assessed quantitatively. It's not a problem for disciplines like math, chemistry or physics, where half the battle is knowing and applying the right formula, theorem or procedure. Humanities and social sciences, however, aren't as skills-based or procedural. Knowing the facts is simply a starting point that allows people to take part in the informed debate that is really the heart of any humanities discipline, and can't really be tested via scantron. But because people have to teach to these tests, and because students' enduring memory of history or English as a subject comes from how they are assessed, their view of humanities disciplines is distorted. No wonder some people think history is just a chronological assortment of trivia. And you can forget about the arts; self-expression and aesthetics are some of the least objective things imaginable.

Funnily enough, the curricula of most secondary schools prioritize math and science first, followed by the humanities and social sciences and the arts last. These subjects get money and classroom time in that order; as a result, history, English and philosophy sometimes get lumped into catch-all "Humanities" classes, and the arts more often than not are demoted to extracurriculars if they even exist in the first place. If someone becomes really passionate about music, English or history, not only do they get a disorganized and superficial view of how such disciplines really work, but they also learn that those subjects are really not considered important, which is why they're underfunded or missing entirely from their school. These sorts of administrivia decisions further reinforce the perception of high school graduates that the only two worthwhile activities are being objective and not making mistakes. Objectivity and correctness aren't bad, of course, but to make them the whole of the educational experience leaves high school graduates unprepared for the real world, which is not black and white or always rational. There is more than one way to be correct, and not everyone claiming to be objective really is, but without the ability to think critically, we wouldn't be able to figure out who is and who isn't. Unfortunately, developing analytical thought and the creative impulse is hard to do and hard to measure, but most of all, it means that people need to be free to approach problems their own way. Even more anathema to the current practice of education, there is no guarantee that everyone will arrive at the same answer. The humanities and social sciences — which are essentially debates about the real world — are the subjects where students learn these skills; they deserve not to be demoted to second place in the educational hierarchy.

Pundits, politicians and teachers alike are as worried about the shortcomings of education and a growing sense of anti-intellectualism as ever, but they are trying to solve the deficiencies in teaching creative and analytical thinking by placing their faith in further tests and rubrics. Ironically, they are guilty of the same failure of imagination that they themselves are cultivating and sacrificing. A new mind on the twin altars of objectivity and correctness is not going to change the downward spiral of the American educational system.

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George Bernard Shaw
Irish playwright

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You'll never have a quiet world until you knock the patriotism out of the lounge rat"
Racism still present

Letters to the Editor

Some of you reading this right now might be thinking that we’re not apathetic or ignorant of the socioeconomic issues that shape African-American communities here at Notre Dame, and for the most part, we all get along. And of course, we do. We’re, after all, the Fighting Irish, but more importantly, we’re Irish. A joke, a careless remark, a misguided assumption. What I learned today from our conversation is that racism is not only still present here at Notre Dame — it never really left.

Did you know that this Saturday, Nahruda, the campus organization of African-American males, hosted Notre Dame’s first Black History conference? I was invited to take part by the president, senior William David Williams, who sought outside support from Sustained Dialogue, a group I am part of. Sustained Dialogue is devoted to conversation regarding diversity-related issues both at Notre Dame and beyond. At the conference, I was led to help a small group of students discuss the various effects racism has on college and the American society. One of the issues that was brought up was the importance of diversity in the workplace and the importance of having a diverse workforce. I was impressed by the depth and breadth of the discussion, and I was struck by the level of engagement and interest among the students.

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The hit song is everything. In this day and age, the music industry has become increasingly oriented toward hit-singles. For example, you probably own an iPod. Do you have a lot of artists on your iPod? But how many songs by each artist do you have, exactly? I'm sure you have a few full albums from your favorite bands in your plastic pack. But how many songs are there, on average, under each artist? This is an issue that has become more pressing as the years have gone by. No longer is an artist appreciated for his or her album, but instead are more well known for their one or two song contribution to your mix. This is fine for the artists out there who really did blow their talent on one song, but for all the iPods I've spent shuffling through, I've come upon an artist I really liked, picked it, and found there to be two songs available. This is not only frustrating, but also unnerving. Are all great musical artists doomed to have only their top two songs listened to? It bothers me to scroll down and realize there is not one full album on a person's iPod. That's like taking survey classes all your life and never committing to a major. Albums are precious, a snapshot of an artist's life.

Songs are rarely written to stand on their own. They are usually part of a bigger work, and if one song presides over the others it's because that song is the calling card. To listen to an album is to experience the journey as a whole, to go start to finish with the singer or the band. Death Cab for Cutie's "Plans" is brilliant. And, even though "I'll Follow You Into the Dark" is great on its own, it gains a new level of meaning when listened to as a part of the album.

To really get at an album, you usually have to do it on your own time, while doing homework or driving in the car alone. There may be certain songs that are more enjoyable or hold more weight for you personally, but their impact should be set against the backdrop of the rest of the album. Next time you go to buy a song on iTunes, think about what it is you are not buying. Look at the rest of the songs on the album, and trust that there may be more to them than a 30-second snipped determined to be the "highlights" of the song. Take a chance on the album as a whole. You might just find that little gem of a song that rocks your world.

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At about 4 p.m., I really started to feel it. It started earlier in the day as a low grumble in my stomach, one that repeated about every 45 minutes, but by the time my last class ended the grumbles were roaring every thirty seconds, and getting noticeably louder.

To make my mind off the fact that I would not be consuming lunch, I went to the track and pushed the stomach pains to the back of my mind with a few sets of push-ups and sit-ups. But around 4 p.m., serious fatigue set in. I began to dose off at my desk, my head started pounding and my parched tongue began to scream for water, I longed for food.

My plight was not unlike that of many other boxers, starving and sweating in an attempt to shed a few pounds before weigh-ins on Tuesday and Wednesday. After months of intense training, involving countless hours of pushing their bodies to the utmost limit and just as many hits to the face, starvation was the last thing of us that we wanted to do. But as a friend casually remarked to me the night before, such starvation can be viewed as personal reminder of the season of Lent. Especially in light of the cause Bengal Bouts represents, a day of starvation is a small price to pay. However, not everyone has to suffer.

While the roughly 200 boxers train, sweat, pummel and starve, they do so willingly so you can watch them beat the tar out of each other. For $10 you can come and see many of your friends, classmates and even enemies get socked in the face repeatedly. Campus entertainment does not get much better than this.

If a friend of mine purchased a ticket from me on Saturday she joked that $10 was a great deal to watch me get punched in the face. But this motive is as good as any for coming out and supporting the 78th annual Bengal Bouts. And this year, for tonight’s preliminaries and Thursday’s quarterfinals, there will be two rings set up in the Joyce Center providing simultaneous beatdowns and knockouts.

But there is something more to the sport that, for the boxers, runs deeper than entertainment and the cause they fight for.

A couple weeks back my mailer mailed me a story about the late Norman Mailer from *Esquire* magazine. The article, written by Chuck Klosterman, called Mailer the "last of a breed" of American writers who cared for the sport of boxing. Klosterman attributed this decline in the sport to what he deemed as "social evolution that has more to do with technology than with typing of punching." He states, "Adults are more insulated by technology (and so protected by modernity) that the possibility of physical consequence for any action is a psychological non-factor."

Klosterman’s point, though stated in more vulgar terms, was that boxers are the only people in today’s world who actually get hit for messing up.

This fear waits in the back of every boxer’s mind. It is the knowledge that a missed punch can mean a jolt to the face. It is the knowledge that a drop of the hand can mean a black eye or a broken nose. It is the knowledge that in front of thousands screaming friends and classmates you can get knocked out. But it is this knowledge that nearly 200 fighters will carry with them tonight when they fight for pride and for the people of Bangladesh.

Last year the Bouts raised over $80,000 for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, and this year it hopes to do the same.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Louisville beats Pittsburgh its third straight loss

No. 10 Wisconsin beats Ohio State to remain tied for Big Ten lead; No. 12 Xavier wins 10th consecutive game

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Louisville couldn't be playing much better in February. The Cardinals can only hope it leads to a great March — and maybe, April, too.

David Padgett bounced back from a rare poor game to make three of four free throws in the final 32.1 seconds and Louisville (No. 23 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP) moved into first place tie in the Big East, holding on to beat Pittsburgh 75-73 Sunday for its seventh consecutive victory.

Padgett finished with 21 points and reserve Edgar Sosa had 15 of his 18 points in the first half as Louisville (22-6, 12-3) tied Georgetown (22-4, 12-3) for the conference lead and became the first visiting team to win twice at Pitt since the Petersen Events Center opened in 2002. Pitt is 9-10 there.

Sam Young and DeJuan Blair scored 20 points each for Pitt (19-8, 7-7), which once was 15-2 but has since skidded into an eighth-place tie in the Big East by losing three in a row and six of 10. Pitt had lost three straight only once previously in coach Jamie Dixon's six seasons at Pitt, to Villanova, West Virginia and Connecticut in February 2003.

Louisville, positioning itself for a high seed in the Big East tournament, won its ninth in 10 games and improved to 6-2 on the road. The Cardinals have won their last 12 games in February, seven this month.

"If I do," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said when asked if he thinks these Cardinals have a deep tournament run in them, "I think we have depth and we execute well, and that's the key. Padgett just helped everything offensive and defensively. He's like having a coach on the floor. Generally you don't see 7-footers do that, show that much leadership ability."

Last season, Louisville's 66-53 upset win over then-No. 7 Pitt propelled the Cardinals to a six-game winning streak to end the regular season and an NCAA tournament berth. The NCAA looks to be a look for the Cardinals this season, but Padgett likes how they're playing well again when the games really count, especially on the road.

"This is a tough place to play where their crowd really wanted to be today," Padgett said. Padgett came back with a strong game — 9-of-13 shooting with six rebounds in 28 minutes — after being limited by foul problems to one shot and one point in 17 minutes during a 61-50 win over Syracuse on Monday. He averaged 16.3 points in the Cardinals' previous three games, after missing 10 games early in the season with a broken kneecap.

Pitt never led in the second half — the Cardinals led by as many as eight — but Blair got the Panthers back within a point at 71-70 by making two free throws with 21.6 seconds remaining after Padgett responded by making both ends of a 1-and-1, Blair tried to score inside and missed with 7 seconds left when Pitt needed a 3-pointer to force overtime.

Badgers 58, Buckeyes 53

They'll seldom win a slam-dunk contest or get featured on a SportsCenter highlight. Heck, most of them don't look like they could touch the rim.

About all that's impressive about the Wisconsin Badgers is how hard they play, particularly on that unglamorous half of the game known as defense.

Jason Bohannon came off the bench to score 16 points and the Badgers (No. 10 ESPN/USA Today, No. 11 AP) relied on their gritty defense to hold off Ohio State on Sunday.

"We played some great defense, especially down the stretch when they were trying to get the tying 3-pointer," Bohannon said. "They didn't really get a clean look at the hoop." The Buckeyes didn't score over the last 2:35 and had only one field goal in the final 8:12 minutes. For much of that time, they were within a shot of catching the Badgers. But the Badgers weren't having any of that.

Part of that was due to the young Buckeyes' shot selection, but most of it was Wisconsin's physical, stifling defense, which allows just 54.2 points a game, second best in the nation.

"On defense, they locked up, and we locked up," Wisconsin's Brian Butch said. "It was a typi-

unemployed woman looking for a job in the city, which is 78 miles away and 1 hour away by car. She has a car and is willing to drive. She is looking for a job in the same industry as she worked in before. She has a criminal record and is currently on probation.
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**PGA**

Tiger Woods celebrates after defeating Stewart Cink to win the Accenture Match Play Championship Sunday in Marana, Arizona. This is Woods’s fifth win in as many tournaments dating back to last season.

Woods cruises to fifth consecutive title

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Not even the most unpredictable tournament in golf could keep Tiger Woods from an inevitable victory. There seems to be no stopping him.

Stewart Cink barely put up a fight Sunday in the Accenture Match Play Championship, where Woods broke a scoring record for the fourth straight tournament, collected his fifth straight victory worldwide and didn’t so much as crack a smile when someone asked him if a perfect season was within reach.

"That’s my intent," he said. "That’s why you play. If you don’t believe you can win an event, don’t show up."

Relentless as ever, Woods made 14 birdies in 29 holes in the high desert of Dove Mountain to overwhelm Stewart Cink for an 8-and-7 victory, the largest margin in the final match in the 10-year history of his Fibeke event. Woods captured his 15th World Golf Championship, holding all three world title for the first time.

And his 43rd career victory moved him past Arnold Palmer and into fourth place alone on the PGA Tour’s career list. His next victory will tie him with Ben Hogan.

Golf is not a fair fight at the moment. "I think maybe we ought to slice him open to see what’s inside," Cink said. "Maybe nuts and bolts."

Cink was only the latest victim in a winning streak that dates to Sept. 3, 2007, a date worth remembering.

Woods won the BMW Championship the following week at 262, breaking the tournament scoring record by five shots. He won the Tour Championship by a record eight shots, and the Buick Invitational by the same margin, another tournament record.

This is the third time Woods has won at least four straight PGA Tour events. He also won in Dubai three weeks ago on the European tour by coming back from a four-shot defeat. "I think this is the best stretch I’ve ever played," Woods said.

He has won six of his last seven PGA Tour events, 16 of his last 30 over the last two years.

The confidence in his game is so high that Woods started this season by saying the Grand Slam was "easily within reach."

**IN BRIEF**

Cubs’ DeRosa released from hospital, to see cardiologist

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa was released from the hospital Sunday evening, the team said, one day after complaining of a rapid heartbeat during fielding drills.

Cubs spokesman Peter Chase announced DeRosa’s release shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday. The team initially said DeRosa was released Saturday evening, but later said he was kept overnight at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa as a precaution.

DeRosa is expected to be examined by a cardiologist Monday and could be back on the field by the middle of the week, the Cubs said.

His irregular heartbeat was not life-threatening, according to the team. A woman who answered the phone at the hospital said she had no information about DeRosa.

Sharapova wins Qatar, remains unbeaten on season

DOHA, Qatar — Maria Sharapova defeated Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 2-6, 6-0 Sunday in the Qatar Open final, remaining unbeaten this season and earning her 18th career title.

The Australian Open champion is 14-0, including two wins in the Fed Cup for Russia this year. Sharapova is 9-0 in Doha, where she won in 2005.

"I played five matches in five days and that is not an easy thing to do," Sharapova said. "I think what I have done is just great."

Sharapova broke her opponent twice in the first set, but Zvonareva had two breaks of her own in the second before the fifth-ranked Russian swept the third

Phillies’ Lidge to have knee surgery, could miss opener

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Phillies closer Brad Lidge is scheduled to have arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Monday and could miss the regular-season opener.

Lidge, Philadelphia’s biggest offseason acquisition, limped off the field Saturday after injuring his knee when he caught a spike in the mound on his first pitch of batting practice. Doctors removed torn cartilage from the same knee in October.

The 31-year-old right-hander was expected to return to Philadelphia on Sunday for surgery Monday that would sideline him for three to six weeks. The Phillies open the season at home March 31 against Washington.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said setup man Tom Gordon would close if Lidge isn’t ready for opening day.
FOOTBALL

Ten-year radio contract inked with ISP Sports

By CHRIS KHOREY and KEN FOWLER
Sports Writers

After nearly 40 years with Westwood One, Notre Dame football will have a new radio broadcast partner this fall.

Assistant athletic director John Heisler said Friday Irish games will be carried by ISP Sports for the next ten seasons.

Westwood One had carried Notre Dame football since 1968. Heisler said Notre Dame didn't seriously consider a shorter contract for its new partner, saying the athletic department was "extremely comfortable" with ISP Sports and the 10-year deal.

Heisler said that while it isn't clear how many and which stations will carry Notre Dame games in various markets, he hopes that most affiliates from last season will continue to broadcast the Irish.

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FENCING
Nelip continues to dominate
Freshman takes top individual honors
by Ken Fowler
Sports Writer
Notre Dame could have been left out of the gold medal ceremonies this weekend, but freshman epeeist Ewa Nelip would have none of that. Nelip won the individual women's epee title at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships Saturday at the Joyce Center, and then was the driving force for the women's epeeists Sunday in the team tournament. With Notre Dame leading Northwestern 3-1 in the women's epee final, Nelip battled back from a 2-0 deficit for a crucial 5-4 victory over Wildcat Kayley French. Irish junior Kim Montoya then defeated Northwestern senior Megan Ross to clinch Notre Dame's only team title of the weekend.

Senior Eleanor Leighton, a Mishawaka native, went 2-0 in Notre Dame's 5-1 win over the Wildcats. "We wanted that victory more than any other," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "We were very close in women's sabre to getting the top. So at least the (sabre) girls compensated."

That was the women's epee final was the last competition of the weekend for Notre Dame's chief rival, the Buckeyes of Ohio State, in the final of the individual bracket. "Frankly speaking, we were losing to the team who were higher ranked and after very good bouts and very close," Bednarski said. "So, it was optimistic for a very young team. Nelip, the freshman, exemplified that. She topped Ohio State's Kaela Brendler 15-12 in the final bout of the individual bracket. Wedell Nelip's success was the highlight of a dominant rookie season. Junior Bill Ehrlich was Notre Dame's biggest surprise in the individual competition. The less-experienced epeeist went 4-2 in pool play before winning three straight bouts in the direct elimination competition. He lost in the Irish junior Karol Kostka in the quarterfinals but, in the semifinals, earned second-team all-conference honors -- despite not earning a monogram for the year. Kostka finished third. Still, the Irish finished with good, but not great, results most of the weekend. All-American senior epeeist Greg Howard failed to reach the quarterfinals in the individual competition. A low placing in pool play gave him a poor seed for the direct-elimination bracket, and sensation Jason Pryor, a junior from Ohio State, knocked Howard out of the tournament.

Howard said he simply didn't fence well Saturday. Though Bednarski would have liked to see a better performance, he said he is turning his attention to the NCAA Midwest Regionals, which begin in two weeks in Detroit. In fact, he said he would "gladly trade" in a poor performance this weekend if he could qualify the maximum 12 percent from the regional to the March 13-16 NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio. "We have to improve tactical gains because obviously we should be a little bit smarter," Bednarski said.

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MEN'S TENNIS
Note Dame shuts out visiting Boilermakers

By Mike Cotimer
Sports Writer
In its first match since last week's trip to Seattle, Wash., for the NCAA Indoor Championship, No. 12 Notre Dame shut out in state rival Purdue 7-0 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Sunday. The Irish victory was Notre Dame's 19th consecutive over the Boilermakers. Notre Dame took the doubles point from Purdue, but the Boilermakers did not go down easily.

The Irish No. 1 pair of senior Sheeva Parbhoo and junior Brett Helgeson trailed 6-5 in their match against Purdue's Branko Kuzmanovic and sophomore Slavko Bilicic, but came back to win in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (8-6). The new pair of senior Andrew Roth and junior Santiago Montoya defeated Purdue junior P.J. Rosae and freshman Eric Ramos 8-6. Freshmen Stephen Haven and Tyler Davis held off the Purdue pair of redshirt junior Jose Fuenmayor and junior Damir Kuzmanovic in another tightly contested 8-6 match to seal the doubles point.

The Irish dominated single's play as well, winning Notre Dame's six singles wins came in straight sets. National No. 32 Helgeson won the first Irish singles point over Kuzmanovic in dominating fashion, winning 6-1, 6-1. Helgeson improved his impressive singles record to 22-4 with the win. The Irish got their second singles point from Parbhoo, who defeated Bilicic 6-2, 6-1, for a 2-0 lead. Notre Dame's biggest surprise in the individual competition was the Irish pair of redshirt junior G;iffin Nieberg in doubles play.

Please recycle The Observer.
By ELYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's 6-0 domination of the first quarter gave it momentum on the way to its 15-5 victory over Penn State Sunday at the Loftus Center.

Junior attack Ryan Hoff led all scorers with six goals — four of which came off assists from attack Alex Wharton. Junior attack Duncan Swezey aided the team's efforts with two goals, while senior attack Alex Wharton added one goal of his own.

"I thought we played very well at times," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "Certainly we played a great first quarter. Offensively we were pretty sharp. We handled and shot the ball well and created opportunities."

Senior goaltender Joey Kemp also recorded ten saves for the Irish.

Senior midfielder Michael Pottinga started the Irish rally, scoring off the opening faceoff, made a swim move up four runs to the Flames in the second quarter. After Liberty loaded the bases with no outs, Flames third baseman David Giammaresi doubled, and two runs scored to give Liberty the lead. Liberty expanded its lead to 4-1 after a successful one yard play and a single from center fielder Tim Rutala.

The Flames roughed up Phelps for two additional runs in the fifth, prompting Irish coach Dave Dunlay to remove Phelps and bring in sophomore goalie Alex Mauk. The move was the first of many Irish adjustments to the game, and very dynamic—and go out and play really aggressively."

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By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame got off to a quick start and then held the Buckeyes off the scoreboard to top the Buckeyes 14-11 in Columbus, Ohio State.

Freshman Shaylyn Blaney and junior Jillian Byers each scored four goals for the Irish, who led 13-5 with less than 14 minutes to play before the Buckeyes scored slightly in a span of eight minutes.

"We let them get back into the game late," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We need to focus on finishing strong. Notre Dame is great, but not a little bit of our momentum at the end."

Blaney, who began her college career with a bang by scoring two goals through three games, got the Irish on the board by scoring three times in the game's first 10 minutes. Byers and freshman Kaitlin Keena added goals to put the Irish up 5-0 midway through the first half.

"We graduated some key players, but every one has done a good job of stepping into new roles, and Stefan, who leads the Irish with 15 goals through three games, is the team's leader in my role," Coyne said. "I've been working really hard to be the person who can put the ball in the back of the net for us."

Kristen Sladob and Jessica Patane, who each scored three goals for the Buckeyes on the board with the first of many Irish goals to put the Irish up 5-0, and will host their second home game of the season against No. 11 Albany at 1 p.m. "Albany is a unique team," said Patane. "They are aggressive defensively, they play an extremely good transition game and are a good offensive group. We have to get them used to these situations, and we'd love to score and very dynamic—and go out and play really aggressively.

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Irish capture third Big East title in four years

Team dominates final day, sets several school records in championship meet that ‘really began one year ago’

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame captured its third Big East championship in four years this weekend at the Nassau Aquatic Center in East Meadow, N.J.

After a close loss in last season’s conference championship, Irish junior Tim Welsh, in his third Big East championship year, said the team was hungry for this meet since last year.

“We were very happy with Wednesday,” Welsh said. “There were only two relays, and Louisville was seeded first in both of them, and we won one of them. So our confidence was high.”

“I thought we were competitive, we close loss on the one-meter, but Welsh was confident in his teams abilities.

“We we’re very happy with Wednesday,” Welsh said. “We were the closest team behind them, with a score of 615. The day began with Deters taking second place and setting a school record in the 1650 free with a time of 15:12.91. LeBlanc and sophomore Ross Moore took second and third in the 200 fly. LeBlanc, in fact, broke the school record for the event that was previously held by Moore.

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The diving work was tremendous, and it gave us a big advantage,” Welsh said. Once again the Irish 200-meter freestyle relay team performed well, taking second place.

The Irish 400-medley placed third Friday and sophomore Andrew Deters and freshman Michalak Sullivan grabbed fourth and fifth place, respectively, in the 400-individual medley. Notre Dame’s top 10 finishers included sophomore Markenzie LeBlanc and Patrick Augustine on the 100 fly, Pendergast in the 100 breast, and senior Andrew McKay in the 100 back. LeBlanc and junior Danny Latkus also captured second and third place in the 200 free.

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Although already leading by 110 points, the Irish proved they wanted to win big. By the end of the tournament, they accumulated 820 points. Louisville was the closest team behind them, with a score of 615.

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The day was a success for Welsh in another aspect as well — he was named the league’s coach of the year for the fourth time in his career. Welsh was quick to point out that while the award might be called “coach of the year,” it goes out to the entire staff, which consists of diving coach Caiming Xie, associate head coach Josh Skube, along with Welsh.

“It’s a sign that we’re working together really well and that it’s a good staff,” Welsh said.

From here, some swimmers will turn toward preparation for their respective countries’ Olympic trials, while the divers will focus on the upcoming NCAA zone diving meets. After that, for swimming for next year will resume, Welsh said.

“Swimming is a year-round sport,” Welsh said. “We won’t resume training tonight, but it will be seen enough.”

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**ND Women's Swimming**

**Notre Dame brings home 12th straight crown**

By JARED JEDICK

A perfect dozen — more than a motivational catch-phrase for the Irish this year — these words represented the making of history, as Notre Dame won its twelfth consecutive Big East title, a feat that has never been accomplished before in the Big East, Irish coach Carrie Nixon said.

Coming in with a final tally of 767 points, the Irish blew away the field with their highest Big East championship total ever. Second-place Louisville trailed by 239.5 points once the final day of racing was completed.

Head coach Carrie Nixon was named 2008 Big East coach of the year for the second consecutive year.

"It is a really special honor for me and my coaching staff," Nixon said. "It is done by peer voting, so that makes it a real honor.

Junior Christa Biggins was the standout performer for the Irish, earning titles in the 200-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard freestyle relay, and the 200-freestyle. Nixon said. "That is the type of performance that one gets to see only once in a blue moon.

Riggins also brought a lot of leadership to the team, participating in numerous relays in addition to her individual events, Nixon said. "She is an incredible leader," Nixon said. "With such a young team, she had some big shoes to fill, and she did it with poise, confidence, and energy."

Irish freshman Amywren Miller also had an excellent meet, attacking some records held by Nixon herself. Miller tied Nixon's record time of 22.39 in the 50-freestyle for the victory, and NCAA,' A' cut time, and surpassed Nixon's record in the 100-freestyle with a time of 49.10 to come in second place. Nixon was a 12-time All-American swimmer who graduated from the University in 2002. "It was a dream of mine to see these girls beat some of my times," Nixon said. "And now I got to see Amywren do it."

Freshman Sam Maxwell achieved two NCAA 'A' qualifications in the 100-breaststroke and the 200-breaststroke with times of 1:02.68 and 2:12.76 respectively. These were both new Notre Dame records, and she 200-breaststroke bested the Big East mark by nearly a second. "Sam is such a competitor," Nixon said. "Especially coming from a small high school program, her ability to perform at such a high level all the time is really incredible."

Finishing off the meet with a victory was freshman Katie Casey, winning the 200-butterfly with a time of 1:59.37.

Also performing well was an inspired diving team led by sophomores Natalie Sutt and Laura Rings, the divers went on to lead the Irish. "They were really our knights in shining armor," Nixon said. "They executed everything perfectly and really stepped up to fill Laura's shoes."

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**Announcing the Year 2008 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship**

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2008 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation;
6) a transcript of all grades and courses completed;
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University of Notre Dame
Iris junior guard Lindsay Schrader looks to pass during Notre Dame's 81-66 win over Pittsburgh on Feb. 10.

"We missed some shots, we turned the half over a little bit," McGraw said. "The ball just slipped through our hands." From there, the score would stay within five for the rest of the game. DePaul took a 24-18 lead after Quigley made two free throws with 7:30 left in the first half, but the Irish went on a 19-6 run over the next half hour. Allen finished with 12 points, getting her collegiate career in place of the汉字, and that she will probably regain her starting role.

Note: Sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner got her first start of her collegiate career in place of Barlow, who missed practice this week after her granddaughter's death. Barlow met the team in Chicago Sunday after spending time with her family. "Lechlitner" scored the first four points, got us off to a great start," McGraw said. "When she made those first shots, I was proud of her on both ends." McGraw said Barlow played well given the circumstances and that she will probably regain her starting role.

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the fighters.

Taped to the door of the boxing room in the Joyce Center basement is an article reporting the immense damage inflicted upon Bangladesh after last fall's wave of natural disasters, with the number of death and casualties highlighted in yellow. It serves as a reminder to every fighter who passes through those doors what cause they are fighting for.

"We think of the sacrifices that we make here, whether it's time, academics or just effort," Land said. "We realize that those sacrifices are hopefully contributing to the sacrifices that people won't have to make half a world away." Contact Andy Ziccarelli at aziccare@nd.edu

Wallace scores 22 points in 26 minutes

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Detroit saves its best for last, as the Pistons were more than ready for Shaquille O'Neal. Rasheed Wallace scored 22 points in 26 minutes to lead six Detroit players in double digits, and the Pistons easily ended the Suns' 11-game winning streak against Eastern Conference foes with a nationally televised blowout.

"This was a big game for us," Illuspus said. "You know how we are, man, when we play against other elite teams, we lock in. We are, man, when we play against elite teams, we lock in big-time. So, you wake up Sunday and we're not quite ready to play.

Mike D'Antoni Suns coach

"Emotionally, we've been on a high for three days and you wake up on Sunday and we're not quite ready to play.

Detroit dominated from the start, using a 7-0 spur to go up 25-14 on Hamilton's 14-footer with 1:20 left in the first quarter. Phoenix shot 29 percent in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter put the Pistons ahead 39-22 with 8:49 left in the half. The Suns climbed back into it temporarily with a 17-footer with 3:55 left in the half. But with O'Neal back in the Phoenix lineup, Detroit scored the last 12 points of the game to go up 39-41 at the break. It got much worse for the home team after that. Hamilton's 22-footer capped a 25-6 outburst that buried the Suns 90-44 amid boos from Phoenix's 103rd consecutive sell-out home crowd with 36 seconds left in the third. The Pistons came out with a lot of energy, more energy than we did," O'Neal said. "And it seemed like they couldn't miss there. ... It was just one of those games. Everyone was flat, including myself."

Saunders said it's understandable that the Suns will struggle trying to adjust following the trade that brought O'Neal from Miami for Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks.

"They had an identity of how they played when they had Shawn," the Pistons coach said.
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achan for the 3-ball, hitting 14-25 from beyond the arc. As a senior guard, Kyle McAleer hit 9-of-11 from deep in his last two games against Xavier and Louisville, and 8-of-15 from deep in his last two games against Xavier and Iowa State. McAleer has helped the team to their best shooting in the past two games. Palmer is a three-point specialist who has made 58 3-pointers in his last two games. He is a versatile player who can score in many different ways. Palmer has a strong shooting percentage and is a reliable go-to player for the Irish. He is a key player for the team, and his scoring ability is crucial for the team's success.

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Saturday end cap, Notre Dame continued its run into the NCAA tournament and into the Sweet 16 of this season.

"I think that pressure will hurt us, and it will put the pressure of higher expectations and pressure of that tournament situation," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. The team is expected to return to the CCHA semifinals and finals at Joe Louis Arena, but the most important thing is getting there while playing good hockey. Because if they don't get there, he said, they won't be hanging around for too long.

The Irish, however, clinched their first-round bye in the CCHA tournament last weekend with a 4-2 win over Bowling Green. The win gives the Irish a 2-1 win over two of the top three teams in the CCHA. Notre Dame is also one of the top three teams in the regular season, which gives them a first-round bye in the tournament. The Irish are currently second in the CCHA in March. The team has a 11-14-7, 4-16-11 record going into the weekend in the regular season, which gives them a strong overall record of 11-25-11. The team is expected to be a strong contender in the CCHA semifinals and finals at Joe Louis Arena.

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32 Expected
30 Comment on, as
29 Use a rasp on
28 Prefix with
26 7 on a
23 Floated gently in
21 Like the season
20 Dollar or Budget
19 Reverse of NNW
17 Good sign on a
16 "It's no...
14 Sophomore's
13 Lack
12 Mid-term
11 Target of many boxing blow
10 Six pack of... before midnight
9 Magician in Arthurian legend
8 Grp. that
7 Nickname for the air
6 Heavy hammer
5 S ets (down)
4 F i t , Fl o w ,
3 S quealed (on)
2 N . M .
1 Midnight's opposite

Crossword

ACROSS
1 bay State sch.
2 juicy fruits
11 Target of many boxing blow
14 Sophomore's grade
15 Old Testament prophet
16 "It's no...
17 Good sign on a highway
19 Reverse of NNN
20 Dollar or Budget competitor
21 Like the season before Easter
22 Floded gently in the air
26 Put on a....
27 Use a tape on
30 Comment on, as in a margin
31 Expected

DOWN.
60 Good sign on a candy box
61 Dark time in... poetry
62 Vice President
68 Weights abroad, informally
69 Scores in the end zone, for short
70 Velocity
71 Appear

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Down
1 Western tribe
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3 Will Smith film
4 Layers
5 Acted randomly while in a line, maybe
6 Academics'
7 Heig's opposite
8 Grip that entangles the troops
9 Magnificent in Arthurian legend
10 Hot Japanese drink
11 Good sign on a car trunk
12 Conscience
13 Ineffected one, slangily
18 Helpers
22 'Mama
23 Bankroll
24 Be next to
25 Good sign on a town
26 Good sign at a motel

Across
33 Org. for the humane treatment of pets
35 Bobby of the N.H.L
36 Alcoholics Anonymous has
37 Once around a track
40 Cash in and fennel
43 Safe box opener
44 White
46 'Snack of a Keogh, briefly
47 Arizona's Pointed Forest dates from this period
50 Optimistic
53 Sups
54 '...luck
55 Heavy hammer
56 Bear witness
58 Consequently
59 Fl. Holy woman

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**En fuego**

Guard's nine threes lead Irish to victory

By CHRIS KHOREY

When he stood behind the arc, it seemed like Kyle McAlarney couldn't miss. The Notre Dame junior nailed a school-record nine 3-pointers, some from well beyond the 3-point line, as the Irish won their 36th straight home game, 94-87 over Syracuse.

"He's the best shooter I've ever seen," junior forward Ryan Ayers said.

McAlarney scored 30 points on 9-of-13 shooting, with only two of those misses coming from 3-point range.

"I felt really confident tonight," McAlarney said. "Especially because they were in zone. I knew my teammates would get me the ball."

Notre Dame (21-5, 11-3 Big East) never trailed, despite being out-rebounded 51-33 by the Orange.

Irish guard Kyle McAlarney shoots a 3-pointer in Notre Dame's 94-87 win over Syracuse Sunday. McAlarney hit nine threes in the game, setting a Notre Dame record.

**BENGAL BOUTS**

After months of training, boxers ready to fight

By ANDY ZICCARELLI

The members of the Notre Dame Men's Boxing Club have done countless push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks and boxing drills since October for this week's 78th annual Bengal Bouts tournament.

"I'm so excited, we have a great group of fighters," Land said.

There are a number of returning finalists and champions from last year's tournament, Land said. But he also warned spectators not to count out the newcomers in this year's tournament.

"We have a great group of novices who look really talented," Land said. "They have transformed since October from being athletes to becoming boxers now in February, and I am very excited to see what they are capable of here in the ring. I definitely wouldn't be surprised to see a bunch of novices come out and shock a lot of people."

Around 200 fighters will compete in 12 different weight classes. Fighters must make it through four rounds in order to become champions.

Because of the size of the field, Bengal Bouts will make another bit of history tonight. For the first time, two rings will be used in the Fieldhouse for the preliminary rounds. They will accommodate the 91 matches that will take place, which is also a record number of fights for a single night.

The Bouts are a fundraiser used to benefit the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Donations raised and advertisements sold will aid the missions, as well as the proceeds from each ticket sold for the tournament.

"We have grown to believe the single largest benefactor for the missions. It's something we are really proud of," Land said.

The cause is something that makes the intense training so worthwhile to see.

**HOCKEY**

Tourney hopes dwindling

By KYLE CASSILY

Notre Dame continues to slip and slide its way further away from the NCAA Tournament in the second half of the season after a strong first half created high expectations for the young team.

The No. 9 Irish (21-11-4, 14-8-4 CCHA) needed a sweep, or at least no losses, against Ohio State to maintain a grip on a team.

After a 3-1 loss Friday night and 2-2 tie in the second half of the season, 8-4 CCIIA) needed a sweep, or several traits that make a squad an obvious candidate to do damage in its bracket.

Strong 3-point shooting, rebounding and foul shooting are the most significant factors that make the Irish a dark horse Final Four contender.

On Sunday against Syracuse, Notre Dame displayed its potential.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Revenge exacted for ND in win over DePaul

By BILL BRINK

On Saturday, Notre Dame avenged its one-point loss to DePaul earlier this season — beating the Blue Demons in McGrath Arena for the first time in 17 years and grabbing a one-game lead in Big East standings.

Sophomore center Erica Williamson had 16 points and eight rebounds and No. 14 Notre Dame beat DePaul 66-57 Sunday in a tight finish.

The Irish (21-6, 9-4 Big East) have won six of their last seven games. The loss dropped the Blue Demons to 16-17 (6-10 East). The Irish led 60-55 with less than six minutes remaining, but freshman forward Felicia Chester and senior forward Caprice Smith each hit shots to bring the Blue Demons within one. From there, DePaul's fouls undid sophomore guard Deirdre Williamson had 16 points and eight rebounds and No. 14 Notre Dame beat DePaul 66-57 Sunday in a tight finish.

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