Demonstrators support labor unions

Chanting "union welcome" and holding signs with messages saying, "the Pope loves unions, shouldn't you?" over 30 supporters gathered for a demonstration and march Tuesday in support of University employees' right to unionize.

The Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) organized the event, which began at the steps of Main Building and marched to the Mason Services Center, where Building Services employees check in and out daily.

CLAP member Denise Pineda, a senior, said she hopes the event helped people become aware of workers' problems should they try to unionize and support their choice of unionization.

"Personally, I want the workers to know they're appreciated, and know they have support," she said.

"If a union is what they want, let them know it's their choice," she said.

Senior Michael Angulo, an event organizer and member of CLAP, said that the demonstration and march were a result of the group's continued discussions with employees and their fears of absenteeism of a college-to-town feel in surrounding neighborhoods.

Demonstrators gather outside the Main Building for a march in support of University employees' right to unionize.

ND contributes to development of campus

Three projects at University's 'front door' aim to create community, 'college-town' feel in surrounding neighborhoods

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

The first installment of a three part series examining the development projects occurring near Notre Dame's campus.

Notre Dame's 'front door' into South Bend has long been dismissed as a deteriorating neighborhood with the absence of a college-town feel, but the University has collaborated with the city on several projects they hope will bring about change, according to Greg Hakanen, director of asset management and real estate development.

The University is currently investing significant funds in three specific projects to develop the neighborhood directly south of campus: The Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Project, the Eddy Street Commons and Innovation Park.

Hakanen said the University has several motivations for developing the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

"In part, it affects the perception of the University and in part, it's a safety issue," he said. "At the neighborhood's low point, there were drugs and crime, but that's largely past."

These efforts will help create a vibrant community surrounding campus, which will benefit both students and faculty as well as community members, Hakanen said.

The three projects involve improving housing and commercial ventures in the neighborhood south of campus and expanding research opportunities for students and faculty.

Regarding the project's completion.

Hesburgh discusses role of laity with group

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Last night, a group of 20 students joined University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh in his office in the library named after him to hear him talk about his life and to discuss his views on the laity's changing role in the Church.

The talk was organized by the Orestes Browneon Council, a club that started as a reading group, but has emerged into a discussion society that focuses on discussing documents that deal with Catholicism and American Politics.

Hesburgh began his talk by telling the group about his time at Notre Dame as a seminarian in the 1940s.

"The Seminary was very different in those days," he said. "We were only allowed to talk for an hour after lunch and one hour after supper. For a guy who was used to talking all the time, that was rather tough."

Despite this, Hesburgh said that the lack of communication helped him spiritual...
INSIDE COLUMN

Senior parents weekend?

So I'm a senior. That much I know for certain. I can see all of the typical signs: I'm writing a thesis, I'm hitting up all those little cafes I swore for three years that I'd visit, and I'm even starting to plan—gasp!—the future.

I'm also bringing my mom to Junior Parents Weekend. Yep, you read that correctly. By this time on Friday, my super awesome mom and I will be rocking JPW, one year late.

Why? Well, one year ago, I was 4000 miles from life under the Dome. I was spending my semester abroad in London, saying "pah-don" instead of "sorry" as I bumped into passers-by in Tube stations. Museums, theaters, pubs—I was so busy being a Londoner, I didn't really dwell on most events going on in South Bend.

I'll admit, though, that when I saw my friends' pictures from JPW last February, I had a funny mixture of feelings. On the one hand, I was happy for those students in their parent's eyes; few things make me smile like seeing pictures of people trying to survive on couscous and Jaffa Cakes. I didn't really dwell on most of the drama that's come and went with little fanfare last year, and I soon forgot about this pre-front-collegiate feeling.

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Looking back, it was weird to not attend JPW. I was a junior; I'd helped set up past JPW lunches hosted by my dorm; and—clutch criterion—I had parents. But it came and went with little fanfare last year, and I soon forgot about this pre-front-collegiate feeling.

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But unlike the parents and kids in my friends' smiling pictures, my mom and dad were back in New Hampshire, and I was flat, subsisting on couscous and Jaffa Cakes.

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Kris Kast

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George Pinchock

"I talk to myself with an accent and sometimes jump up and down."

Teresa McGeeaney

"I listen to Taylor Swift."

Dan Lewis

"I have full conversations with my alter ego, Sasha Fierce."

Monica Garcia-Blizard

"I eat obscene amounts of chocolate."

IN BRIEF

"How the Health Are You?" a health fair open to students, will take place today from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Rolls Sports Recreation Center. The event is free and attendees have the chance to win raffle prizes, including a free roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the United States.

The Saint Mary's senior class is hosting "Financial Tips for Recent College Graduates," a lecture by Professor Susan Vance tonight at 6:30 p.m. in 335 Spes Unica Hall.

Men Against Violence will present "That's What He Said?: Images of Modern Masculinity," a lecture relating the TV show "The Office" and the roles of men and women on tonight at 8 p.m. in Carey Auditorium in Hesburgh Library.

Panelists, including students, professors and members of the South Bend community, will debate President Obama's impact on diversity in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The Class of 2012 presents "Frost Fresh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stiepan Center. The event is free to participate, and $5 for a T-shirt.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter T. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

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

OFFBEAT

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Peanut recall affects few foods on campus

By AMANDA GRAY

In the past few months, a rash of product recalls, like that of peanut butter and other peanut products, has prompted the Peanut Corporation of America, has had Americans on high alert.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site, the Georgia-based company went under investigation Dec. 3, 2008, the initial recall of its products began Jan. 10. This recall brought many concerns for Notre Dame's Food and Nutrition Services, Assistant Director Jim Yarbrough said.

"We’ve had lots of concerns callers," he said.

Yarbrough said Notre Dame students shouldn’t be concerned about contaminated peanut butter because of the Peanut Corporation of America, peanut was the Notre Dame Food Service's peanut butter supplier.

The recall was ordered after the products were discovered to be potentially contaminated with Salmonella.

Several deaths, in many different states, have been linked to the outbreak, according to the F.D.A.0

Notre Dame was notified of the recall, according to Yarbrough, said Yarbrough.

"Once recalls start, the company is obligated to tell its consumers immediately," he said.

Warmbier said the Georgia-based company also alerted all school and college campus dining halls were on the recall list.

Notre Dame’s supplier, who received the peanuts from Peanut Corporation of America, notified Notre Dame after they heard of the recall.

"The peanuts are already bought, and back at our campus, our students have already eaten the products," Yarbrough said.

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The state health department and the Indiana Department of Health also alert all school and college campuses, according to Yarbrough.

Yarbrough said the chopped peanuts used for toppings on the ice cream bars in the dining halls were on the recall list. The recall was ordered after recall orders were issued.

One other recall the dining halls have been dealing with lately is recalled apple slices, according to Yarbrough.

One of the most popular foods in the dining halls, these slices came from a particular company, and were recalled twice due to contamination. Notre Dame has decided to switch suppliers because of this, according to Yarbrough.

"We’ve gone to a new company," said Yarbrough.

Keeping up with all of the recalls that are put out nearly every day is quite a task, according to Yarbrough.

"We’ve decided we’re going to set up a Web site to post all of the recalls so we can keep them all accessible, according to Yarbrough.

"We hit it first thing in the morning, and are on top of things like this," he said.

Notre Dame also set up a Web site listing all of the affected products. The list can be found at www.fda.gov under the link “Search Recalled Peanut Products.”

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Fair promotes student health

New program combines relaxation, physical exercise and fun activities for students

By LAUREN KNAUF

Students interested in testing their skills at Dance Dance Revolution, enjoying a free chair massage, or learning more about techniques to improve their health and wellness have their opportunities to do all three — and more — at Notre Dame’s 12th annual Wellness Fair taking place today.

Josephine Dickinson, staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center and member of the Fair’s planning committee, brought in Dance Dance Revolution to promote wellness, such as a free personal training package.

"We want students to take away an awareness that all aspects of their health and safety are important," she said.

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Ultimately, however, Dickinson emphasized that the Health and Wellness Fair is about more than winning prizes.

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"Keep it up, we need to focus on all aspects of their health and safety," she said.

"We want to have fun learning more about the different services on campus and what they can offer them," she said.

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SMC named to service honor roll

By ASHLEY CHARNEY
News Writer

Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College of California has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third year in a row by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Carrie Call, director of OCSE, is proud of the College's accomplishments.

"The College has built a great relationship with the service community and the students who make the roll and I think about the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third year in a row by the Corporation for National and Community Service," said Call. "I am very proud of our students, the programs we offer, and the work we do to bring awareness to service opportunities throughout the world."

The College's community service programs include academic service-learning courses, which are designed to integrate service and learning, and the Community Service Corps, which provides service opportunities for students to engage with the local community.

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ally. "It was actually a good experience; you really got to think about the presence of the Bible in your own life," he said.

Hesburgh remained at the Seminary at Notre Dame until the late 1930s, when he was returned to the University in Rome. He continued his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in 1940.

"I told them that if they thought that 99 percent of the Church in the world was not 'sacred' they needed to take another look." - Fr. Theodore Hesburgh University President Emeritus

"If you're the laity, be good laity. You're 99 percent of the Church so don't just sit there." - Fr. Theodore Hesburgh University President Emeritus

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Courts uphold calorie disclosures on menu rules

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the federal law requiring restaurants to post calorie counts on menus and menu boards, saying it is a valid effort to curb obesity.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled that the law did not violate First Amendment rights because it applies only to restaurants with more than 20 locations.

The law requires chain restaurants to display calorie content of all menu items and daily specials.

The Second Circuit said the law is not an overreach because it affects only restaurants with more than 20 locations.

The law also applies to movie theaters and stadiums.

The court ruled that the law is not overbroad because it only applies to restaurants with more than 20 locations.

The law requires all menu items to be clearly marked and the calorie counts to be accurate.

The court also upheld the law’s requirement that restaurants provide calorie counts for menus and menu boards.

The law’s supporters say it will help consumers make healthier choices.

The National Restaurant Association, which fought the law, said it is a burden on businesses.

The law is set to take effect in May.

The court’s decision is likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

-- Associated Press

Court upholds calories-on-menu rule

See, Roland Burris reads a prepared statement at Kelleher’s Irish Pub and Eatery in Peoria, Ill., Tuesday.

Burris tried to help ousted Ill. Gov.

Senator admits to an unsuccessful attempt to raise money for Blagojevich

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — U.S. Sen. Roland Burris now acknowledges attempting to raise money for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich — an explosive twist in his evolving story on how he landed a coveted Senate appointment from the man accused of trying to sell the seat.

Burris made the admission to reporters late Monday, after releasing an affidavit over the weekend saying he had more contact with Blagojevich advisers about the Senate seat than he had described under oath to the Senate panel that recommended Blagojevich’s impeachment.

The Democrat also said in the affidavit, but not before the panel, that the governor’s brother asked him for fundraising help.

Though Burris insists he never raised money for Blagojevich while the governor was considering who to appoint to the seat, President Barack Obama’s campaign vacated the revelation that he had attempted to do so is likely to increase calls for Burris’ resignation and an investigation into whether he committed perjury before the panel.

Burris, in the middle of a letterboxing bombshell that could put a fundraiser on,” he told reporters in Peoria.

But Burris said his friends and colleagues had no idea he was trying to see if we could put a fundraiser on,” Burris said.

Burris, who declined to address reporters again during a later stop in Bloomington, also said he planned to release later this week a “concise document” related to his testimony, but he would not elaborate.

After an event Monday night in Peoria, Burris told reporters that he had reached out to friends after Blagojevich’s brother, Robert, called him before President Barack Obama’s election asking him to raise $10,000 or $15,000 for the governor.

Burris reiterated that in the end, he raised no money because he was interested in the Senate seat. Burris, however, already had indicated his interest in the Senate seat to gubernatorial aides, including Robert Blagojevich, before the November election.

Lawmakers of both parties have said Burris should resign after he admitted over the weekend that he talked to several aides of the governor before getting the Senate post. During his testimony before the panel, he said he remembered talking only to one aide about the seat and did not say he was set up for campaign donations.

The new affidavit submitted to the impeachment panel indicated contact not only with Robert Blagojevich, but with Blagojevich’s former chief of staff John Harris and two other close friends — all of whom Burris had been specifically asked about by the committee’s top Republican.

“Would you think those would be the kind of people you don’t remember you had a conversation with?” said Rep. Gary Hanning, a Litchfield Democrat and a member of the impeachment committee.

Associated Press

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Projects

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Hakanen said the houses were commissioned by the University and built to have a traditional look with a brown porch, and the garage to have to be the house.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said he estimates the University will be building houses in the northeast neighborhood, which is central to Notre Dame Avenue, south of campus, for about 10 years. He said the project has been in the works for about 18 years.

"We saw it as an opportunity. We knew housing had declined in that area, and we knew faculty and staff wanted to be close to campus, so we could play a role in buying up lots." John Affleck-Graves executive vice president

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morning.

Brenner and Griffin received more than 50 percent of the vote, and sent an e-mail to the student body Tuesday. The e-mail did not specify how many students voted, or what percentage of students voted to abstain.

"I'm very, very excited [that we won]." Hoffman said. "These campaigns are exhausting."

She said that they plan to work on putting some of their platform into action and will do so in the next few weeks now that they have been elected.

"Besides assembling our cabinet, we will continue BOG's efforts to extend the Student Center hours," she said, referring to an initiative by current student body president and vice president, Mickey Cruscitti and Sarah Falvey to keep the Student Center open until midnight Monday through Thursday and until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Brenner also said the club will work to get printers installed in every dorm.

"These are student concerns that have already been voiced," he said. "If we address those of the students who have made use of the Student Center, then we can make sure that the office in April, and next fall, we'll be able to address other student concerns.

BOG sent an e-mail reminding students to log onto the Saint Mary's PRISM Web site to vote yesterday and hang posters about voting in LeMans, but

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the end of a three-year planning process, is expected to include more languages, tables and social events.

Asklabon plans to expand these programs, she said. "We're planning to add a new language lab in the CSLC."..."AARON PIERCE/The Observer

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President Barack Obama waves after he signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Tuesday, a $787 billion stimulus package. The legislation and tax cuts designed to revive the weakening U.S. economy has sown hope for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.

"None of this will be easy," he said. "The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way." Still, he declared, "We have begun the essential work of keeping the American dream alive in our time."

Underscoring energy-related investments in the new law, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flew separately to Denver where the president signed it at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science before roughly 250 people including alternative energy business leaders. Earlier, the pair examined solar panels on the museum's roof.

On Wednesday, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort — a $50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures in areas of housing distress — in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by the mortgage defaults that are at the center of the nation's economic woes.

President Obama and the mortgage industry to do more in modifying the terms of home loans so borrowers have lower monthly payments. More than 2.3 million homeowners coast-to-coast faced foreclosure proceedings last year, an 81 percent increase from 2007. Analysts say that number could soar as high as 10 million in the coming years, depending on the severity of the recession.

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Palin faces fiscal challenges

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's first two years in office have been a tale of milk and honey, when the resource-rich state was flush with surplus money from record oil prices.

But the second half of her term isn't looking so rosy as Palin faces her first major financial challenges.

The rapid decline of oil prices has left the state in a looming budget crisis and a late-entrant in the national recession. And that could have political repercussions for the former Republican vice presidential hopeful, who has signaled an interest in a 2012 presidential run but must stay visible in the Lower 48 to be successful.

"Given these bad times, she's going to have much more difficult time traveling outside Alaska," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "When times are good, people will let their governor roam. In bad times, citizens expect their governor to stay home and work on solving the problems."

Oil prices recently have dipped as much as 90 percent of state revenues. So the plunge of Alaska's economy has led to an all-time high of $144.59 per barrel last July that plummeted to the current shortfall of up to $1.5 billion in the fiscal year that ends June 30.

Palin bills herself as a fiscal conservative, and has called for reducing state spending by $268 million in this budget year, but lawmakers and others say those aren't reductions at all and do nothing to curb spending. For example, the bulk of that — $200 million — is unspent tax credits for companies investing in oil and gas development that are being returned to the treasury.

The state has socked away $1 billion in an education fund for the next school year and education officials say another $1 billion is expected to go into the fund this year for future use. More billions went into state savings as well, Palin said.

"We're more prepared than other states because of the prudence there," Palin said recently.

When asked if that first hurdle."

The state currently has $6.6 billion in its constitutional budget reserve fund that could tap into. A few billion dollars more is available from other pockets, said Juneau economist Greg Erickson, a longtime Alaska budget watcher.

Given Alaska's robust reserves, the state is well-prepared to weather the next two years, Erickson said. As how long reserves will last after that, there are many factors involved to say for sure.

"It depends on how much you draw from other places, how fast the budget increases and declines, the earnings rates on reserves that you have," Erickson said. "And of course, it depends on how high or how low oil prices are."

Bart Keetzer, an Interior Alaska resident, has a hard time envisioning Palin running for a second term as governor.

"We're kind of been moved up a couple notches and I could see her leaving the state and getting her profile up even higher on the national political level," said Keetzer, city manager of the Yukon River village of Tanana.

"But I think for her to be elec­table in four years, Obama would really have to screw up."

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TV stations switch from analog to digital

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NEW YORK — About a quarter of the nation’s TV stations cut off their analog signals Tuesday, causing sets to go dark in households that were not prepared for digital television despite two years of warnings about the transition.

Though most viewers were ready — and people with cable or satellite service were unaffected — some stations and call centers reported a steady stream of questions from frustra­ted viewers wondering how to get coupons for converter boxes that translate digital signals for older TVs — or how to get the devices working.

“It’s kind of an irritation, but I understand that everyone will have a much better picture. As far as I was concerned, I should have left things the way they were,” said Dorothy Delegard, 67, of Minneapolis, who bought a converter box because a friend gave her a coupon that expires Wednesday.

People were ringing off the hook at a walk-in information center set up by stations in Providence, R.I., a volunteer at the center, Jeremy Taylor, said he tried to calm agitated callers and explain the reasons for the disappearance of analog sig­nals, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1950s.

“I try to explain that the digital switch is not something we’re doing to extort them of money,” Taylor said.

The federal government mandated the end of analog broadcasts to make room on those frequencies for wireless Internet service, emergency radio use and other Digital TV broadcasts, which began several years ago, take up some of the spectrum.

Only about 50 out of 1,000 U.S. stations were to cut their analog sig­nals on Tuesday, but at the urging of the Obama adminis­tration, Congress voted this week to give more broadcasters more time.

Most stations, particularly those in big cities, accepted the offer to wait until June 12. Others wanted to stick to Feb. 17, a date they had spent much airtime advertising. Many of them had also booked time advertising airtim e for that day.

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Those upbeat comments were a far cry from the acrimony of six years ago, when France and Germany spearheaded oppos­i­tion to the U.S.-led invasion, dividing Europe and damaging relations between Washington and some of its closest European allies.

At the time, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld scoffed at the Europeans, branding them “Old Europe” in contrast to a vigorous “New Europe” — former Soviet bloc nations such as Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic which supported the invasion.

Over the years, the heated rhetoric has cooled. New gov­ernments have taken power in France and Germany. And Iraq’s own leadersh ip has reached its planned changeover date for the end of analog TV.

Newspaper circulars in towns and cities across the country now contain coupons for $40 converter-kit boxes. Others are calling and writing in.
I have become my own life's hero. I have accomplished a feat so great, so bold, so mighty, I no longer consider myself merely mortal. I have transcended this world into the ethereal sphere and compared the feat herebefore described.

Indomitable.

I have removed the bench from the pond.

On Saturday night I went over to a friend's house to enjoy an evening of good old-fashioned fun. The get-together was proceeding along normally with a top-40 inspired playlist and multiple small circles being formed in various locations: the family room, the closed-in porch, the room next to the kitchen, the kitchen. It was while standing in the small circle in between the porch and the kitchen that my fellow columnist Brad Blossom and I had individual yet identical strokes of genius.

On Sunday, and only Sunday, Christine earlier in the week had told us (and showed us evidence) that their outdoor bench had now been thrown in their backyard pond and we proceeded along with the help of our residents, the fish (whom we didn't see). The bench was broken enough of it that to remove the bench would be champions to which worship is owed. Christine and her roommates agreed that they no longer wanted their bench to be in their pond and proclaimed whosever could remove the bench from the pond and proclaimed whosever could remove the bench from the pond would be champions to the get-together, of the night, of their hearts.

Brad and I were going to get that bench out of that pond come hell or high water. But we faced many obstacles. At first we started to chip away at the ice to see how deep into the pond this solid layer lay. We were broken of it that from our first vantage point we would have fallen in instantly upon contact with it. We moved to the opposite edge of the pond and thought to use ply­wood boards to diffuse our weight. Brad would have had to be the one to actually venture onto the boards, as I carry a larger load with me, but we both thought this could potentially work.

Unfortunately, our early ventures into chipping away the ice had proven the futility of this method.

Finally, after several more minutes of analysis and further assessment of the situation, we employed the TV cable Brad had found, lassoed the bench, and pulled the bench out of the pond. With our friends all watching in eager anticipation that we would fall into the ice-cold water, Brad and I triumphantly heaved-ho'd until our mission was complete.

Critics, cynics — all proven wrong.

That night that bench was removed from that pond.

Shouts of joy rang out from the budding masses that watched us in victory. "These men have done it! Clearly they are superior to us!" One of Christine's roommates thanked us flourishingly and everyone I knew at the get-together gave me a firm handshake and a knocking head-nod. Saturday night was my night. And Brad's.

So I reiterate: I have become my own life's hero. And I think I've proved it through this (slightly) exaggerated account of my Saturday evening. But what does this anecdote say about life more specifically my life? I believe that to me, all of my friends, and everyone I knew at the get-together gave me a firm handshake and a knocking head-nod, that night was a victory.

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"He didn’t think about pride in a different way, but being proud just a fancy way of saying, “I want something good to happen!” If George Washington had not been proud would he have crossed the Delaware? If Harriet Beecher Stowe had not been proud would she have written ”Uncle Tom’s Cabin?” If Seward had not been proud would we have Alaska as a state?

Pride, and more specifically being proud of one’s actions, is the essence of the American ethos. Without acknowledgment of the greatness of one’s own personality, the American Dream would falter: a man could not socially thrust himself upward without initially believing himself to be the greatest man of all time.

So I rescued that bench from that pond because I believe in the American Dream. I believe that all men act first out of self-interest and that such selfish behavior is in fact the most American of all behaviors. I had no choice but to get that bench out of the pond. Not doing so would have meant I had defected from the very ideals that were instilled in me at an early age. And I will only ever act in a way to promote my own conception of my greatness and my genius.

That’s precisely the reason I applied for this columnist position.

With love, this column is dedicated to Christine, Brad, Beca, Emily, Kahki and, of course, Brad.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Brad Duffy in his Feb. 17 letter "A Catholic University" exactly performs the "gay-bashing" that Notre Dame and billionaire George Mitchell have turned world profess to abhor. His response is a clear gut reaction to the topic of the mere discussion homophobia at Notre Dame. Perhaps he didn’t read the first viewpoint clearly enough, where the title "Queer Film Festival" is clearly displayed multiple times throughout the article, nevertheless he refers to the event as a "play," in the beginning of his second paragraph. No doubt this was a form letter response to attack the imminent Vagabond Monologues Viewpoint debate that came a few weeks too early. Additionally, I’m sick of too many Catholic institutions approving "dreadful" teachings of the Catholic Church that this Church initiated the Crusades, murdered more than a thousand innocents in the Inquisition, elected popes over hundreds of years that openly bore children, initiated anti-Semitism and massive cover-up of the priest abuse scandal. The list goes on and on. If everyone can properly much agree those were bad things, why will no one recognize that perhaps their teachings today aren’t necessarily infallible? I consider myself Catholic, but measure Christian, and we let us look back to the head honcho of this Christian thing, Jesus Christ welcomed with open arms those outcasts of society that the Pharisees (read Catholic Church here) disdained and ostracized. If we’re discussing acceptance of prostitutes — the Gentiles, Jews, etc., etc., in a public forum and at least discussing estradiated members of society (read Queer Film Festival), then we truly aren’t following Jesus teachings. I have no strong feelings for or against homosexuality, so do not consider me defending their lifestyle or lifestyle. I don’t want to start the nature vs. nurture debate either. My main point is this, shall we believe "sacred Scripture," which in December 25:11-12 commands "If two men are fighting and the wife of one of them comes to rescue her husband from an assailant, and she seizes him by his private parts, you shall cut off her hand. Show her no pity?" Does that sound remotely Christian, even Catholic to you? I am dead set on a new Kingdom of God on earth with his arrival and death. And the devil in the New Testament (one of which were in the Gospel) must be taken in context, where pedantry, for example, was a campaign evil. Also, the main point of those condemnations, if taken literally, are condemnations of acts, and not the mere discussion of them, which is the point of the Queer Film Festival. Also, the term Catholic university implies one must balance the Catholic nature of this institution — the title of his course. Universitas, university, which demands academ-ic discussions relevant to knowledge of the world. Therefore, I implore Notre Dame as a Catholic university to create an open forum to allow these discussions for these alternative lifestyles.

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Why don’t we date?

Sometimes after a long night of sharing pitchers of cheap beer with friends and dancing to a predictable mixture of current pop and 80s songs; I felt a strange desire to Google search whatever is on my mind. I have found search results displayed on my computer from everywhere from "I hate my photo" to "why does my arm hurt?" The reasons I decide to Google these things at 3:30 a.m. is beyond my comprehension, but it is always interesting to soberly explore the results the next day.

Saturday morning I woke up to a Google search for Valentine’s Day. Along with the expected description of its Roman/Christian/Hallmark origin, I found an interesting New York Times essay competition from last year for submissions from college students on what you can expect of modern love. After reading the winning essays, I started to contemplate my past Valentine’s Days (from dining hall carnivals to private dates, late night confusions IMs, and losing my purse at Fever) and realized that my experiences were not that different from those of most other college students.

I previously thought that attending a conservative Catholic university, notably having notorious heterosexuality relations and a fear of anything overly sexual, would somehow cloud the reality of modern romance, but I was most definitely wrong. It turns out that while everyone is searching for love and companionship, everyone also views relationships and dating as a much too serious problem of romantic expression. I think that people at Notre Dame didn’t date for fear that they would end up married, but maybe it’s just a nod at our generation. It’s much easier to hook up and hang out, than actually put in the time and effort in date and fall in love, just as it is much easier to Google search on the internet than actually read a book from the library. This is not to say, however, that the college generation doesn’t date; it does generally seem that our interpretation of “the relationship” is much different from those of the past. I have often heard people saying “she was cool until she got a boyfriend” or “he never goes out now because he’s not interested in his girlfriend.” Since when did the idea of wanting to share love and closeness with a partner even make a come-back? I am not advocating for a change, I am just saying it is probably a good thing not to have to worry about finding a guy to date. I am only commenting on the state of our time, and it could also be a good thing for the future.

Erika Tomes
Feb. 16

Accepting, not neglecting

Brad Duffy’s letter Feb. 17 “A Catholic University” showed Mr. Duffy’s knowledge that the Catholic Church “is clear, however, in Her position on homosexual activity: ‘Basing itself on sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared homosexual acts as acts of grave deprav
How to host Mom and Dad under the Dome

By DECLAN SULLIVAN

Second City

If you think Mom and Dad are ready for a night of gut-busting laughter, Washington Hall will be bursting at the seams with top-notch comedy when the Student Union Board hosts the Second City this Friday night.

The Second City comedy troupe is a legendary ensemble based primarily in the Windy City. The group began in the 1950s in Chicago, when several University of Chicago students interested in comedy and theater first created their own brand of improvisational comedy. Throughout the group’s more than five decades of history, it has released multiple comedic recordings, produced films, traveled national tours and performed for sold-out audiences. The troupe has expanded to several cities since its inception, including Los Angeles. However, its primary and best-known groups remain in Chicago and Toronto.

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**Concert Bands set to perform in Leighton Concert Hall**

**By EMILY LeSTRANGE**

Scene Writer

This Saturday, parents of the Class of 2010 can treat their ears to the exciting sounds of the Notre Dame Concert and Jazz Bands at the groups’ annual performance during Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

Several accomplished conductors helped prepare over two hundred musicians for the upcoming performance, including Alison Thigpen, one of the Assistant Band Directors and Co-Conductor of the Symphonic Band. Composed of the collective efforts of the New Orleans Jazz Band, the Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Winds, the program promises to be an excellent way for both students and parents to experience the exceptional musical talent Notre Dame has to offer.

“[JPW] is a great opportunity for the parents of juniors to see their son or daughter perform in the band,” Thigpen said.

This year’s show, “Around the World with the Notre Dame Band,” includes musical pieces hailing from various foreign countries. The night’s musical numbers will include works from “Italy, Spain, Ireland and America, with of course some Notre Dame favorites,” Thigpen said. Specific pieces include Rossini’s “William Tell Overture” and jazz tunes by Duke Ellington and Herbie Hancock.

Thigpen promised that the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band will combine to perform “several pieces together,” including a number with the Notre Dame Trombone Choir. The performance concludes with combined musical chorus of the Notre Dame Victory March, bound to be a pleaser for students and alumni.

Thigpen encouraged audience members to look out for junior trumpet soloist Andrew Thomas as he takes the lead in “La Virgen de la Macarena.” Other notable soloists to watch for will include trumpet players Dave Cordon and Tony Pawlicki, trombonist Anthony Parrish and bass trombonist Noah Franke.

In addition to the concert this Saturday evening, the Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will be performing in their annual spring concert on April 19. On Thursday, Feb. 26, the New Orleans Jazz Band will perform at the 51st annual Collegiate Jazz Festival.

Undoubtedly, the performance of the Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band is certainly a show bound to impress and entertain audience members this Junior Parents Weekend.

The annual Junior Parents Weekend concert is but one example of the impressive history of concert performance at the University.

“In addition to having one of the finest collegiate marching bands... Notre Dame has a long and rich tradition of concert performance,” Thigpen said.

Over 200 students participate in the three fall and three spring performances each year. Although the bands have traditionally been showcased in Washington Hall, they have found a new home in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) since it first opened in 2004.

In addition to on-campus performances, the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band tours various parts of the country in the springtime, including Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh. This year, the musicians will be making a trip to Canada. In the past, Notre Dame musicians have been fortunate enough to visit various countries overseas, including Ireland, Sweden, Austria and England.

One of the ensemble’s most high-profile tours in recent years was their trip to China and Japan in the summer of 2008. The Concert Bands performed several pieces, including original compositions written by Dr. Kenneth Dye in honor of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

This year’s Notre Dame Concert and Jazz Bands Junior Parents Weekend Concert will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Leighton Hall of DPAC. Tickets are $5 for general admission and faculty and $3 for students. Visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Dear defeats Cure in three round split decision upset

Lorenz advances to semi-finals with technical knockout over Hockett in first round as he tries to defend his 2008 title

By MOLLY SAMMON, DOUGLAS FARMER, CHRIS MASWOOD, and JAMES MICHALSKI

170 Pounds

Matt "The Abominable Snowman" Paletta def. Joe Langenfeld

Paletta started the first round with some unanswered jabs to Garcia's head. Langenfeld went on to counter, Paletta continued to pummel him with an effective left hook. Early in the second round, Langenfeld landed a combo that knocked Paletta off his feet. It was followed by landing a combo, followed by a powerful right hook.

Paletta copped off his performance in the first round with a big combo that put Langenfeld on the defensive for the rest of the fight. Paletta won in a unanimous decision.

Bernardo Garcia def. Vincent Keneally

Keneally started the first round by landing three right jabs to Garcia's head. Garcia maintained his own jabs with a few of his own before landing a combo to Keneally's head and body.

Garcia capped off the first round by landing a few jabs before the round ended, Garcia took complete control of the bout with several combos in the second round and sealed his win with an uppercut to Keneally's jaw at the end of the round.

Trying to be offensive at the start of the third round, Keneally left himself open to Garcia's blows after a failed combo attempt. Garcia won in a unanimous decision.

Andres Villabala def. Michael Urcuioli

Urcuioli chased the senior captain in the opening rounds, but Villabala's quickness helped get him out of trouble.

The fight continued to be one of survival as Villabala connected on several powerful combos in the second and third rounds.

The referees called for a quick break due to an apparent injury to Villabala, who came back a different boxer after a few moments in his corner. Villabala's relentless attacks on Urcuioli's stomach prevented the sophomore from maintaining any advantages.

Urcuioli got virtuallally knocked out before his own time was called due to a damaged ankle. Garcia ended the fight with a powerful right hook to the head of Langenfeld. While Langenfeld was staggered, Garcia continued his attack, finding openings and landing jabs to Langenfeld's head.

In the second round, Langenfeld again used his quickness to avoid the few attacks Jarvie was able to mount, and after a few more right combos, Kinsinger sent Jarvie to the mat again.

Kinsinger dominated the third round en route to a unanimous victory.

175 Pounds

Jim Hassan def. Joe Hagmann

Hagmann began the match by attempting to land a hook, but Hassan responded with a right hand of his own. Hassan landed a double-right combo in the second round, Hassan took control of the match by landing a series of combos to Hagmann's head and body, causing his headgear to malfunction and plaguing Hagmann for much of the third round, and it caused the officials to momentarily stop the match.

Hassan landed combos against Hagmann with little resistance in the end to win by a unanimous decision.

Mike Doran def. Joseph "Money" Meares

From the start of this bout, Doran's advantage in reach made itself evident, as he used it to connect with jabs throughout the round. Yet neither fighter lasted the entire round.

Meares came out aggressive in the second round, hoping to catch Doran's weaker jabs to the head. At the end of the round, Kinsinger's powerful right hook dropped Jarvie to the floor midway through the first round. Jarvie got back up and finished the round with a massacre of Hockett, forcing the underdog to the ground by landing a series of left jabs to set up his technical knockout victory.

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185 Pounds

Rafael Diaz def. Brian Tchoula

In a close match, Diaz used his aggressiveness and quickness to defeat his opponent.

Diaz started out on the offensive and had the better of the first round, initiating each set of blows. Neither fighter dominated the round, but Diaz connected on many solid combinations with his jabs.

Diaz took a different approach in the second round. His reflexes were out, and with Tchoula's right hook dropping, Diaz was forced to move around.

As the fight neared its conclusion, the effort to get past Diaz's reach wore Meares out. Long before, Tchoula had bloodied Meares' nose with a punch to the head. When the final bell sounded, Doran received a unanimous decision.

Bill Stracchia def. Pat "Stonewall" Jackson

Stracchia was patient in the opening rounds before landing a series of left jabs to set up his technical knockout victory with a strong third round.

Both fighters waited for their opponent to commit, searching for an opening to make a connection. Neither fighter landed enough jabs for Stracchia's hard right hook to work, but Jackson connected on more punches in the second round.

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Patrick "Third-Degree" Burns def. Matt Gray

The fighters spent the majority of the first round feeling each other out, only occasionally throwing jabs. Towards the end of the round, Burns landed a right hook to Gray's head. In the first round, Burns was left footed, but he seemed to be out, only occasionally connecting on his jabs.

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A-Rod says cousin injected him

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez read from several sheets of crumpled paper, trying again to explain where he went wrong. "Amateur hour," he called it.

The slugger who might someday become baseball's all-time home run king remembered more details about a performance-enhancing drug Tuesday, saying his cousin repeatedly injected him from 2001-03 with a mysterious substance from the Dominican Republic.

"I didn't think they were steroids," the New York Yankees star said. Later, he admitted, "I knew we weren't taking Tie Tacs." Making his second public attempt to explain a 2003 positive drug test while with Texas, baseball's highest-paid player described a clumsy scheme in which a cousin persuaded him to use "bolus" — a substance he said the cousin obtained without a prescription and without consulting doctors or trainers. Rodriguez said the cousin, whom he wouldn't identify, told him it would cause "a dramatic energy boost." "It was really amateur hour. I mean, it was two guys," Rodriguez said. "We couldn't ask anyone. We didn't want to ask anyone." Yet, when asked to explain why the secrecy if he didn't think it was an illegal substance, Rodriguez revealed he had a pretty good idea he was doing wrong. "Look, for a week here I've been looking at people to blame," he said, "and I keep looking at myself at the end of the day." His assembled teammates gave him the eye, especially when he turned to them to apologize and offer their support.

Rodriguez said Tuesday was the first time since Rodriguez went into the 2003 season heading into the first year of his current contract with the Yankees that his cousin repeated his original story from the 2004 season that he and Rodriguez used performance improving substances.

Jerry Jones says he has not decided TO's future

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones went on and on Tuesday emphasizing he hasn't decided whether to keep or cut Terrell Owens.

"You and I both know that the one that you're asking about all the time, if I gave you the answer that you want to hear, then you would've already had it," Jones said.

The response came in the final minute of a roughly 45-minute news conference ended and quickly went to their cars without speaking with reporters.
Boilermakers embarrass No. 6 Spartans in Lafayette

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — JaJuan Johnson scored 17 points to lead No. 19 Purdue over No. 6 Michigan State 75-54 on Tuesday night, and move the Boilermakers within one game of the Spartans in the Big Ten standings.

Johnson scored 13 points and Robbie Hummel added 11 for Purdue in his first start since missing three games with a hamstring strain in his lower back. The Boilermakers (20-6, 9-4) had won three in a row. The Spartans tied a season low for points.

Michigan State had held its previous three opponents under 60 points, but the Boilermakers shot 48 percent and scored their 50th point with 11 minutes remaining.

The Boilermakers, who entered the game second nationally in field goal percentage defense, limited the Spartans to 21.4 percent shooting. They had five games left, won every one of those.

The rematch will be at Michigan State on March 8, then a final for both teams.

Purdue opened the second half on a 7-0 run. A steal and layup by Chris Kramer, a foul line center, and a 3-pointer by Moore bumped Purdue’s lead to 32-23 and caused Michigan State to call a time-out less than 2 minutes into the second half.

A steal by Jackson led to a dunk by Marcus Green that made it 38-20 and caused Michigan State to call another time-out, this time with 13:42 to play.

The Spartans went on a 7-0 run, highlighted by a three-point play by Draymond Green, to trim the lead to 48-39. Purdue responded with a 7-2 run, and Keaton Grant’s jumper put the Boilermakers up 55-41 with just under 6 minutes left.

The Boilermakers had led by double digits the rest of the way. If Purdue hit two 3-pointers, then got an assist as Purdue can be an integral part of our rotation,” said Chandler, who played one game of the Spartans in last year’s 20th overall pick, Johan Petro in recent years. Sene and Swift, Mouhamed Sene and young, defensive-minded big man that we feel can help us develop overseas in last year’s draft.

Chandler, who played one season in Oklahoma City during the Hornets’ temporary relocation after Hurricane Katrina, brings the franchise a proven talent inside after it tried for years to draft and develop a front-line center. The former Seattle SuperSonics used first-round picks on Robert Swift, Moshamed Sene and Johan Petro in recent years and has another 7-foot Homerick developing overseas in last year’s 29th overall pick Jorge Ibaka.

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Clemson 93, Maryland 74

Terrence Oglesby led Clemson with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Adre自私 scored 15. Six Tigers scored in double figures.

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Aching Braves close to deal with Griffey

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves tried to close a deal with Ken Griffey Jr. on Tuesday, hoping the aging slugger who ranks fifth on baseball's all-time home run list will help bolster an offense that produced the fewest home runs in the majors last season.

The 39-year-old Griffey is clearly past his prime, but his 2008 numbers — 249 average, 18 homers and 71 RBIs — were more productive than any of Atlanta's outfielders.

With right fielder Jeff Francoeur having a miserable season and no one able to win full-time jobs in center left, the Braves got only 27 homers from those three spots.

Griffey had narrowed his search for a new home to Seattle, where he started from 1989-99, and the Braves, a team his father played for in the 1980s and long on Junior's wish list.

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said he's talked with Griffey by phone, hoping to persuade him to sign with the Braves.

"Certainly all signs point to this being a good fit for him," Jones said after a spring training workout. "He's wanted to play for a long time. Now he gets his opportunity. I will see if he follows through."  

There were conflicting media reports on Griffey's status, with one saying he had already chosen to play for the Braves and was merely trying to hammer out the details on a contract that would guarantee him about $2 million, with a chance for even more through incentives.

But his agent, Brian Goldberg, told The Associated Press in a text message Thursday afternoon that no decision had been made, and Griffey himself told mlb.com that he was going back and forth on what to do.

"We are still kicking things around with my family and have not made a decision," he said. "This is the first time in my career that I have been a free agent and it's nerve-wracking."
Women's Swimming

No. 25 Irish head to Big East meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Going for their 13th consecutive conference title, the No. 25 Irish are taking a long weekend trip to the Indianapolis Natatorium for the Big East conference championship meet, a crucial event for many of the competitors.

The Irish have won 12 straight conference championships. The first change for the girls in preparation for this meet, as opposed to the regular seasonal meets, was implementing a different practice strategy.

"Practices have been much more focused on the details," sophomore Kellyn Kuhike said. "Everyone did things specifically for what they need to do to get ready for this week. We finally got some rest."

The girls have been preparing for since the sea­son's start. Some of the most exciting events because they make a statement, especially on the first night of the meet when we compete in the 800 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay.

Irish standout athletes to watch this weekend are sophomores Katie Casey (200 fly) and Samantha Maxwell (200 breaststroke). Both are No. 1 seeds heading into the meet.

In the 2008 conference meet, the team broke eight school records. With the exception of one graduated teammate, Caroline Johnson, last year's team has not changed, which gives much promise towards having the opportunity to be the first concert ever in the magnificent new Cowboys stadium," Strait said in a record-ed message played Tuesday at the news conference announcing the show.

"Our paths have passed many times at many different places, but the opportunity to do a show together like this has never presented itself," he said. "It's something I've looked forward to for a long, long time."

The opening of this stadium would be a huge deal regardless of the entertainment.

Jones' palace, funded mostly with his own money, features a sleek retractable roof, seating capacity of 100,000 for football, 300 luxury suites, and the largest HD video board ever built—two of them, actually.

The stadium already has secured the 2010 NBA All-Star game, the 2011 Super Bowl and the 2014 NCAA men's Final Four. It also will be home to a college football's Cotton Bowl.

How many seats will be available for the Strait concert? That's still being determined based on how the stage is configured. But Jones said the floor alone might hold as many as 20,000.

"We'll have all the capacity we need," he said, laughing. The first football game at the new stadium will be a Cowboys preseason game. Jones said Dallas will play both its home preseason games at the new place, although the league hasn't set the date or opponent yet. The first game that counts will be a college game, between Oklahoma and Brigham Young on Labor Day.

Jones said there also might be a football game played in the stadium this summer—an international soccer game likely to pit high-profile teams.
Devereaux got Juarez into the corner for some points near the end. He won a split decision.

Mark Witte def. Adam Steinbach Witte took the offensive in the opening round, forcing Steinbach to retreat. Steinbach began to aim for Witte's body, but Witte still did the most damage with mainly right-handed punches. Witte opened the second round with a combination. Steinbach kept his right hand back, hoping to find an opening to unleash it — but that chance never came. Witte's quick combos allowed him to take control and earn the unanimous decision.

165 pounds
Jack Peterson def. Brian "The Best Looking" Sahi In a fierce fight, Sahi took the early advantage by landing a big right hook to Sahi's head in the second round. With the outcome still in doubt in the third round, Peterson started quick with a big right hand. Late in the third, Sahi landed a combo, but he left himself open and allowed Peterson to counter with his own combo, leading to a split decision victory for Peterson.

Alex "Check Out These Chicken Legs" Duffy def. Paul Amir Duffy made quick work of Amir in just two rounds. Duffy began the match with a series of combinations that caught Amir off guard. Late in the first, Duffy landed a powerful combo to Amir's head. It was more of the same in the second round as Duffy took control. Seconds into the round, Duffy landed another combo that eventually led to a victory.

Daniel Brennan def. Andrew Massari Brennan locked in a stalemate of even punches for the majority of the first round. Brennan broke up the monotony with a right hook that threw Massari against the ropes as the round ended. In the second round, Massari came into the ring refreshed, Brennan finished the match with a series of solid power combo throwers, including a tough blow to Massari's chin to end the round and the match. Brennan won in a split decision.

Matt Hopke def. J. Barrick Bollman Just a few seconds in, Hopke knocked over his opponent by using his reach advantage. A few combos later, Bollman recovered and knocked Hopke out cold just a moment, but bounced back up. In the second round, Hopke almost secured Bollman, but Bollman repeatedly dodged him. As Bollman adopted the strategy of going for Hopke's stomach, Hopke responded with a combo before the end of the round. In the third round, Hopke caught Bollman with surprise right hook and a left jab. Hopke's left hook with a few seconds remaining sealed the unanimous victory.

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ND's title defense begins
By MIKE GOTIMER Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Notre Dame will try to begin its title defense at the Big East championships at the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis. The Irish seek their fourth Big East title overall since joining the conference before the 1995-96 season and fourth in the past five seasons. In addition, Notre Dame has posted 11 consecutive top four finishes at the meet. The Irish finished the dual meet season with a 7-6 record, but they enter the championships riding a four-meet winning streak. The streak couldn't come at a better time for Irish, who are red-hot entering into one of the biggest meets of the year.

"This is a championship meet for which we've been preparing since August," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "It's the show. Everybody is focused on it. We've had some very exciting practices heading into the meet, and we're leaving campus full of excitement for what might happen.

Although the Irish are hitting their stride as they travel to Indianapolis, they still have quite a bit to prove in order to earn another Big East title. "The field is fast," coach Welsh said. "We know that there is a lot of work for us, of achieving our goals, and in the finals, but we're certainly excited about our chances.

Over the past month, Notre Dame's divers have made significant contributions for the team, and their performance will be key to Notre Dame's success this weekend. Furthermore, the Irish swimmers must continue to post season-best and personal-best times.

"Diving will be very important to final team standings," Welsh said. "I think if you are going to watch us over the weekend, you should take note of two things: Our qualifying positions in the preliminary heats in the morning and then the comparison between the entry times and actual times. It's all about going fast for us. We know that if we go fast enough, we'll be in the right place and the scoreboard will count it right.

Although the Irish don't have a top seed in any of the meet's events, they also have many competitors who are capable of challenging for top honors in any given event. Notre Dame returns a number of athletes who have previously won titles at the event, as junior Mackenzie LeBlanc has won back-to-back titles, as he increased his lead in the season while junior Andrew Hoffman and sophomore Joshua Devereaux each have one title on their resumes.

In addition, eight members of the current Notre Dame squad have garnered All-Big East honors at their respective schools, led by junior John Lytle, who ranks second in Notre Dame history with 11 all-conference honors. The Big East conference championships begin on Wednesday, and the four-day event will run until the Big East conference champion is crowned on Saturday in Indianapolis.

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NBA
Knicks down Spurs in overtime
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Nate Robinson keeps this up, he won't need the slam dunk contest to earn a place at All-Star weekend.

Robinson continued the best start of his career with 32 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday night to lead the New York Knicks to a 112-107 overtime victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

"Krypto-Nate" won his second slam dunk title Saturday night in Phoenix, but sounded lukewarm about the idea of defending his title next year.

"That's what I'm trying to do, but for the part we're just focused on the playoffs now," Robinson said. "Next year will come.

Robinson made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left, three straight 30-point game. In the final game before heading to Phoenix to knock off Dwight Howard and win the slam dunk contest, he had 33 points, a career-high 15 assists, nine rebounds and five steals in an overtime loss to the Los Angeles Clippers — the first NBA player with 30 points plus those statistics since Magic Johnson in 1981.

Chris Duhon and Wilson Chandler each scored 17 points for the Knicks, who snapped a six-game losing streak. They finally broke through against an NBA power, having dropped all three at home heading against the Lakers, Cavaliers and Celtics in the first week of February.

"The past four teams we played at home have been the best of the best, and to get this one, you really worked for every second of the season is big for us and hopefully can help us gain some momentum," Knicks forward David Lee said.

Lee had 13 points and 12 rebounds in his 17th consecutive double-double, tying Patrick Ewing for second-longest streak by a Knicks player since 1970. Jerry Lucas had 21 straight in 1972.

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, but fellow All-Star Tony Parker, who shot just 5-for-20 and finished with 14 for the Spurs. Roger MasonNice had 20.

"I was missing layups. I was missing everything," Parker said, whose wife, Eva Longoria, was in the crowd to watch the game. "(Nate) was making shots. He was the opposite of mine.

The Spurs were without Manu Ginobili, who was back in San Antonio getting further tests on his sore right ankle. It's not the same one the star reserve had surgery on last summer, forcing him to miss the final 29 games of the season, but Coach Gregg Popovich gave him the day off.

They fell to 3-3 on their eight-game rodeo road trip, with two stops remaining. They've never lost three in a row as they face a losing record on it since moving to the AT&T Center in 2002.

In a game that was close through each quarter and ended by more than three in the fourth quarter. Duncan had 13 points and made his first six shots in the period, but missed a potential winning bank shot just before time expired.

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Bouts

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Bulger was in good form as he defeated the Knott freshman in a unanimous decision to advance to a spot in the semifinals. Crowbar Lahr then faced Kris Perez. Bulger dominated the first round with a solid performance, knocking down and keeping up the pressure throughout the round.

In the second round, Lahr was able to control the tempo from the start. Lahr found himself in an advantageous position early in the round, but Perez continued to avoid most of Robillard’s punches. The junior managed to stay on the defensive throughout the end of the round, doing serious damage to his opponent’s face.

Mark Webber def. Ryan "Will Power" Slaney

Slaney gave it all in an effort to keep up with the freshman, but was unable to keep up with Webber’s early aggression. Slaney struggled throughout the majority of the fight, dictating the pace of the contest and landing only a couple of punches to the face.

From the start, Webber was able to control the line of battle, keeping Slaney off-balance and constantly moving forward. Slaney was unable to answer the threat from Webber throughout the majority of the fight, with Webber eventually earning the unanimous decision.

150 pounds

Timothy "Thayer" Thayer def. Inok "Lights Out" Cho

Inok came out strong and fast, getting the better of Cho early in the round. Thayer then changed gears and took a more defensive approach, utilizing his speed and reflexes to outmaneuver Cho throughout the majority of the fight.

With Cho on the defensive, Thayer was able to dictate the pace of the contest and land several punches to Cho’s face. Thayer continued to outdistance Cho throughout the majority of the fight, with Cho unable to land a solid punch.

Cho was determined to win in the second round, with his team pressing the freshman from the start. Thayer was able to keep Cho off-balance throughout the majority of the contest, with Cho ultimately coming out in a unanimous decision.

160 pounds

Joey “Thor’s Hammer” Leary def. Ted Heilbron

Leary came out of the gate like a manna, landing a flurry of jabs to Heilbron’s face. Leary continued to dominate throughout the majority of the fight, with Heilbron coming out on the defensive.

In the second round, Leary was able to out-distance his opponent and continue to dictate the pace of the contest. With Heilbron unable to land a solid punch, Leary was able to emerge as the unanimous victor.

Joe "David Hassel" Hof def. Christopher Bennett

Hof took the first round, unleashing a flurry before the senior had a chance to settle in. Hof took the majority of the chase, with Bennett coming out on the defensive throughout the round.

In the second round, Hof was able to come out with a flurry of punches to the face and body of his opponent. Hof was able to establish a rhythm early in the round, with Bennett unable to land a solid punch.

In the third round, Hof continued to dominate, with Bennett coming out aggressively in the final round. Hof was able to maintain the rhythm throughout the majority of the contest, with Bennett ultimately coming in a unanimous decision.

175 pounds

Patrick "The South Bend Sniper" Keenan def. Joey Brown

Keenan came out with strong intentions, landing a flurry of punches to Brown’s face early in the round. Keenan continued to dominate throughout the round, with Brown unable to keep pace.

In the second round, Keenan was able to out-distance his opponent and dictate the pace of the contest. Keenan continued to dominate throughout the majority of the round, with Brown ultimately coming out in a unanimous decision.

205 pounds

Kevin Goodwin def. Alex "Speedy" Gonzalez

Goodwin began the match with some early jabs to Gonzalez’s head. Gonzalez was determined to get inside, but Goodwin was able to stay away from his opponent throughout the majority of the fight.

In the second round, Gonzalez began to take control of the match. Goodwin began to answer with a flurry of punches to Gonzalez’s head, with Gonzalez being unable to out-distance or outmaneuver his opponent.

Kibbe continued to out-distance Goodwin throughout the second round, with Goodwin coming out on the defensive in the third round. Goodwin was able to out-distance his opponent in the third round.

170 pounds

Dan Rodgers def. D.J. McGill

In the first round, Rodgers did well to dictate the pace of his opponent, but McGill threw some more accurate punches. In the second round, Rodgers was able to come out with more power, with McGill coming out on the defensive.

In the third round, Rodgers was able to out-distance his opponent and come out with the unanimous decision.

220 pounds

Joe "Tracey" Zablocki def. Mike Thayer

Zablocki came out with some early jabs, but Thayer was able to control the tempo from the start. Thayer was able to out-distance his opponent and keep Zablocki on the defensive throughout the majority of the fight.

In the second round, Thayer was able to out-distance his opponent, with Zablocki coming out on the defensive throughout the majority of the round. In the third round, Zablocki was ultimately out-distance by Thayer, with Thayer coming out with the unanimous decision.

235 pounds

Dan Rodgers def. Jared "The Bomb" Slaney

In the first round, Slaney was able to out-distance his opponent, with Rodgers coming out on the defensive throughout the round.

In the second round, Slaney was able to out-distance his opponent, with Rodgers coming out on the defensive throughout the majority of the round. In the third round, Slaney was ultimately out-distance by Rodgers, with Rodgers coming out with the unanimous decision.

240 pounds

Christopher Bennett def. D.J. McGill

Bennett came out with some early jabs, but McGill was able to control the tempo from the start. McGill was able to out-distance his opponent throughout the majority of the round.

In the second round, McGill was able to come out with a flurry of punches to Bennett’s head. In the third round, McGill was able to control the tempo and ultimately emerge as the unanimous victor.

260 pounds

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In the third round, Goodwin continued to out-distance his opponent and come out with the unanimous decision.

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**Boilers continued from page 24**

Freshman Shannon Matthews has been one of the pleasant surprises this season for the Irish. She has yet to lose a singles match thus far boasting a 6-0 record in the No. 6 singles spot. Matthews has also been a force at the No. 2 doubles-spot nothing a 5-2 record along side partner junior Colleen Bolley. Overall, Louderback is impressed by his team's performance so far.

"I feel really good about where we are at this time," he said. "We still have some things that we have to improve on to do well at the end of the season." Louderback is still looking for plenty of improvement from his team over the next few weeks. "We played very well at the National Indoor Championships last weekend, especially in singles," he said. "But our doubles play needs to get better, particularly at the end of every set."

Today's match starts at 4 p.m. with the doubles competition.

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**Head case**

Senior Eric Feduska adjusts his headgear between rounds of his quarterfinal fight against Nick Bortolotti. Feduska won a unanimous decision.

**Do-or-die continued from page 24**

Do it for 60 minutes on the road against a good team."

The Irish are 2-6 on the road this season and head into Morgantown to face a Mountaineers team that is coming off a 93-72 home win over then-No. 3 Villanova last Friday. In that game, West Virginia forward Da'Sean Butler poured in 43 points on 17-of-23 shooting. Despite the prospect of facing the hot-shooting Mountaineers, the Irish said they may now be tougher than they were before their current two-game win streak.

In the victories, a p h o t o r e Tyronash Nash emerged as a force down low to complement his 13.0 scoring average. Nash scored eight points in just 10 minutes in the March 13 win over Pittsburgh. After that game, he scored 16 points on 7-of-11 shooting and pulled down an average of 4.5 rebounds in the two games. "Ty Nash has helped a lot. It's given our back guys, like Luke Harangody, a little help down there," Kyle McAlarney Irish guard

Brey and several of his players said the next two games are not necessarily do-or-die showdowns for Notre Dame. Still, with a road game at Connecticut and a home tilt against Villanova still looming on St. Patrick's Day schedule, the Irish know the results of the next two games will go a long way toward deciding the outcome of their season.

"It's a week where you can make a move. That's what we talked about it," Brey said. "There's still a lot of basketball to play after that as well, especially winning these two here at Providence, which has lived up to Brey's pre-season prediction that the Friars would be the surprise team of the Big East. Providence sits in sixth place in the conference at 16-9 overall and 8-5 in Big East play."

Crossword

Across
1. Levers (SIP)  
5. Nukus-Pirahna father  
11. Cabinet dept.  
14. Slapwars  
15. Artillery unit member  
16. Some eggs  
17. McGraw's TV catchphrase  
19. Unit of RAM

Down
1. Side story  
2. Apportion, as costs  
4. Clicked on  
5. Only mending the stone: Abbrev.

WILL SHORTZ

EUGENIA LAST

Celebrities born on this day: Chad Lowe, 40; Mario Van Peebles, 51; Andrea Martin, 61; Margaret O'Brien, 71.

Happy birthday! Thank you for your service this year if you just stay quiet for a while. Trust your plans. Your own judgment and pay your knowledge and experience to be valuable. Be smart about your work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be a little amiable and all time will be what leads to mistakes. Look at the big picture and if you aren't happy with what you see, change it. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work to get what you have been striving for and don't let anyone take your mind off of your task at hand. If you fell short of your expectations, someone will be sure to point out your shortcoming. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There will be no time to mull over things. Action will be the key to your success. Your intuition will be on the mark, so trust in your own judgment, not someone else's. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you feel that you're too close to a situation to make a good decision, don't beat yourself. Look around you and see what everyone else is doing. It should give you a hint as to how you fit in and how you can proceed. How will you stick to favor? 2 stars

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): This is a perfect moment and great day, especially when traditional people are concerned. Your voice can be the only one you can get close to in your person by listening to three-people stories. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you comprise or consider others, you aren't likely to get anywhere. However, if you focus on implementing a couple of changes that will ease your stress, much can be accomplished. Start doing for yourself. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep busy doing things that will eventually help you get ahead. Continue, without filling your mind up by spending too much on experiences. You will be sure to point out your shortcoming. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have to take a different route to get to where you're going. Keep on top of what everyone else is doing so you can outline any compromises that you face. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be spending time looking for love or a new job. Your service mind will be working in a field you want to pursue will all work to your advantage. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen and assess your situation. Someone will give you a bird's eye view of what you need to do to accomplish your goals. Be smart and play your cards close to your chest. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider your options and you will be able to fit far more into your schedule. Planning your next vacation will encourage you to be more productive. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You feel that it is too difficult to stick to one thing. Your mind will be in too many states and you only need to ground your senses. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You will accomplish far more this year if you just quietly move forward. Your numbers are 11, 19, 21, 25, 33, 39. It limits what you can do and react quickly and precisely. The sun is shining, sensitive, sensitive, and almost to find soldiers, when any problems occur.


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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**Sweet science for some, sour for others**

By ALEX WEST, DOUGLAS FARMER, CHRISTOPHER MASOUD, MOLLY SAMMON, DANIEL MADDEN and ERIC PRISTER

Sports Writers

The fighters in Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts took to the ring again Tuesday in quarterfinal action.

130 pounds

Chris "Cougar" Cugliari def. Nicholas Bock

Cugliari set the tone for the night with a commanding unanimous victory, keeping Bock on his toes from the opening bell. He pinned Bock on the ropes and unleashed a series of blows in the first round.

Although quick on his feet, Bock wasn't able to establish a rhythm for himself, as he was forced to play defense for most of the match. Cugliari used an effective combo of alternating jabs followed by a vicious uppercut to cause Bock's

At left, Mike Magill throws a right hook against Albert Toscano in the Bengal Bouts quarterfinals. Toscano won a unanimous decision. At right, Ted Heilbron, left, throws a jab against Joey Leary. Leary won an unanimous decision.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Must-win games sneaking up as end of the season nears

By FRAN TOLAN

Associate Sports Editor

The term "must-win" is thrown around frequently in sports but Notre Dame knows that it must approach its two-game road trip — which really starts tonight at West Virginia — almost as if the Irish season depended on it.

At this point, every game is a hinge game," Irish senior co-captain Zach Hillesland said. "There's not any game left that we can write off. The Irish (14-10, 5-7 Big East) sit just one game behind West Virginia in the conference standings and trail Providence, who they will face Saturday, by two- and-a-half games.

"It's a chance to get back to 7-7 in the league and put us in great position for the stretch run," Hillesland said. "Two very good teams ahead of us in the standings, and any time you have teams ahead of you, you want to knock them off."

Wins over West Virginia and Providence would give the Irish an edge in a tie-breaker if they were tied with either at the end of the season. Such an advantage could be crucial, because Notre Dame sits in 10th place in the competitive Big East and would secure a first-round bye in the conference tournament by improving to eighth place or better.

"It's huge for us. Two great opportunities to kind of pick people off that are in front of us and get back what we've lost," Irish senior co-captain Kyle McAlarney said.

The Irish, who have given up 71.8 points per game, held each of their last two opponents — Louisville and South Florida — to

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish get comeback victory

By BILL BRINK

Sports Editor

In spite Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw's emphasis on perimeter defense this season, Notre Dame allowed seven 3-pointers in the first half against South Florida. McGraw called it inexcusable. The team listened.

"They were jumping up and down, getting on each other, they really bought into it," she said.

No. 24 Notre Dame battled back from 14 points down in the first half to outscore South Florida 42-27 in the second and win, 86-79, in Tampa, Fla. on Tuesday. The Irish held the Bulls to 1-11 of 3-5

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**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

High-flying team hosts tough Purdue squad

By ALEX BARKER

Sports Writer

With two victories over top-five teams in the Indoor National Championships, the No. 5 Irish are riding a wave of momentum as they head into today's matchup with a feisty Purdue squad at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

In last weekend's tournament, Notre Dame pulled two upsets over No. 2 Stanford and No. 4 Baylor before falling in the semifinals to No. 1 Northwestern.

"I believe we can compete with any team in the country," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We have plenty of tough matches over the next few weeks and winning some close ones against top-five teams has really helped our confidence."

The early success, however, isn't all fun and games. The Irish still cannot afford to let their guard down against weaker opponents.

"Doing well last weekend puts a bigger target on your back," Louderback said. "So we have to be ready for every team we play."

The Irish are 6-1 this season, with each match having come against ranked opponents. The Boilermakers are just 3-3 this season, but Louderback isn't allowing his team to take them lightly.

"Purdue isn't ranked, but they beat a very good Wichita State team last week," he said. "They have played much better as the season has progressed."

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