Seeing the fruits of their labor

Bengal Bouts fighters make first trip to Bangladesh in program's 79-year history to witness what they fight for

By BECKY HOGAN

News Writer

For the first time in Bengal Bouts' history, five Notre Dame boxers set their gloves aside to witness first-hand what it is that they are actually fighting for in poverty-stricken Bangladesh last summer.

The boxers' trip to Bangladesh provided the opportunity to experience how the money raised from the competition benefits people in the impoverished country, said senior and Bengal Bouts president Mark Weber.

"In our 79 years of service to Bangladesh, not a single boxer had ever actually set foot in the country," he said. "There were many reasons I felt this needed to change — as a student, I saw the potential to provide a tremendous educational experience for our boxers, as the president of Bengal Bouts, I saw the opportunity to transform our connection with Bangladesh from a mere check into a real relationship."

Senior captain Leo Rubinkowski, senior Tomas Castillo, senior Patrick Martin and alumnus Patrick Ryan accompanied Weber on the trip.

Castillo said the trip was a chance to understand what he had been fighting while boxing at Notre Dame.

"I've been part of the Boxing Club for four years. It meant a lot to be able to box for a good cause, and I was interested in knowing what we really do and what goes on in place."

Bengal Bouts president Mark Weber poses with children in Bangladesh. Weber and other fighters traveled to the country last summer.

Class council election results released

Sol to lead sophomore; senior ticket run-off Thursday

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

The senior class council and sophomore class council election results were announced Monday evening, with a clear winner in the sophomore race and a run-off election result in the senior class council race.

Judicial Council Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, announced the results of these two races after voting was held Monday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. online.

Senior class council

The three-way race for the senior class council resulted in a run-off election

Alleged election violations plague junior class race

By AARON STEINER
Assistant News Editor

Four separate allegations of election violations were brought against the two tickets running for junior class council, Marcello Perez, vice president of the Judicial Council Elections Committee, announced after a one-and-a-half hour meeting of the Executive Committee of Judicial Council ended at 1 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Neither ticket was disqualified, and a run-off election will take place Thursday because neither ticket garnered more than 50 percent of the vote necessary to claim a majority.

Both tickets were accused of the same violation, according to Perez, but neither was

Tipoff event opens tournament registration

Bookstore Basketball's inaugural event includes games of Knockout, 'Horse' competition

By SAM WERNER
News Writer

The opening round won't tip off for weeks, but the Bookstore Basketball season officially began last night with the inaugural Bookstore Basketball Tipoff.

Students participated in two games of Knockout, one game of Hot Spots and witnessed a competition of 'Horse' fought among business professor Carl Ackerman, president emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy and former Irish basketball player Tom Timmermans as the participants.

"We found that this might be an interesting way to get people out and not just promote registration, but also through registration comes more money for Jumpball," Bookstore Basketball Commissioner Laura Wolfbeck said.

Bookstore Basketball donates each year's proceeds to

BP holds auction to raise funds

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

If you're looking for the opportunity to have meals with some of campus' most notable celebrities, including University President emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, Golden Tate and Jimmy Clausen, the Undertones and the Leprechaun, Browne-Phillips Hall has the event for you.

These dinners will be auctioned off at the 25th annual Meal Auction Wednesday night from 7:30-9:30 in LaFortune, co-commissioner of the Meal Auction Mary Beth Lee said.

All proceeds will go to the Meals on Wheels charity, Lee said.

Other celebrities being auctioned off for a dinner date include professor James McKenna, the trombone section of the band, University President emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy, members of the women's soccer team and vice president of student affairs Fr. Mark Poorman.

Bidding will start at $5 per plate, but prices can go much higher, Lee said.

"I heard that a few years ago Brady Quinn went for $500 a plate," she said.

Lee said the winner of a meal will dine with the celebrity at a time convenient for everyone's schedules during the semester.
I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the societal ramifications of a seemingly innocuous cultural phenomenon from our past: Pokemon. You could tell a lot about someone by their choice of starting Pokemon. The most popular choice by far was Charmander, because it would evolve into a Charizard, a lean, ferocious, fire-breathing dragon. Who wouldn't want a Charizard? Charizard was hot. Charizard was sexy. Charizard was sleek, powerful, and utterly destructive. The second most popular choice was Bulbasaur, which looked too cute as a baby to win any battles, but even if it would evolve into the ill-fated Ilustiasaur, a task of a turtle with huge water cannons on its back. In last place was Venusaur, which would become a clumsy-looking lout with a giant flower growing on its back.

The people who picked Charmanders were the kind with the competitive edge, the killer instinct, the drive to win. They were the Ferrari drivers, the superstar wide-receivers. Those who went with Squirtle were a little more tempereate; they would be likely to drive something big and powerful but still somewhat what practical, like a Toyota Land Cruiser. But who would choose Bulbasaur? Maybe they were not into brute force, preferring a good game of chess to rugby. Maybe they wanted more of a strategic challenge. Maybe they preferred a good game of Pokemon similar to the drive to win. They were the kind with the competitive edge, the killer instinct, the desire to evolve into the mere pursuit of power and glory. The de facto motto of the game was "Gotta catch 'em all!" The ostensible objective of the game is to catch and battle as many different Pokemon as you can. Pokemon may have indirectly charged Saturday with robbery, the man then grabbed the victim's laptop account. According to officials, the man then grabbed the consumer's laptop and ran out of the coffee shop, located in an outlet mall. Two people in the parking lot tackled the man and held him there until a mall security guard arrived. The victim got his laptop back and the man was charged Saturday with robbery by sudden snatching, a felony.

Fish pedicures banned in Florida
TALLAHASSEE - A trendy pedicure with fish that nibble dead skin from the feet has been nipped in the bud. The Florida Board of Cosmetology has banned the procedure, even before it was known to be offered anywhere in the state. The board said salons had been inquiring about its legality and decided to preemptively strike.

The treatment is popular in Asia and has spread to some U.S. cities. A client sticks feet, hands or other body parts in a bowl or pool, and the small fish chew down on soft decaying skin.

Maggies build nest in metal district
HONG KONG - Even the maggines are trying to blend in the metal and concrete jungle that is Hong Kong. News reports said that a pair of common maggines built a nest on a tree in Hong Kong's Tuen Mun district using scrap metal twigs, believed to have been collected from a nearby construction site.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
Saint Mary's Dance Marathon is hosting "Charity Denim" today from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Student Center basement. Admission is $1 and will benefit Riley Hospital for Children.

Semi-finals for Bengal Bouts will take place today starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Contact the Joyce Center ticket office for tickets.

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated Wednesday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for Feeding American and Lisa Jaworski, the Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana will give a talk Wednesday titled "Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand" at 11 a.m. in 136 DeBartolo. All are welcome.

The 51st Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place in Washington Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Top college jazz bands will perform while being judged by five highly acclaimed jazz artists. Students at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross are admitted free of charge but must obtain tickets from the LaFonorte Ticket Office.

Bengal Bouts finals take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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

By MOLLY MADDEN

News Writer

Two University professors presented differing viewpoints on how environmental and economic issues are affecting the United States at a lecture Monday. Engineering professor Frank Incropera spoke of taking measures to preserve the environment and the present fuel situation that affect the United States and the global community.

"In my mind, energy is as critical as an issue today as food and shelter," Incropera said.

Incropera said while mother countries in the world rely on renewable energy resources as a power source, the United States depends on non-renewable sources for about two percent of its energy needs.

"These are finite resources," Incropera said. "At some point we are going to reach our peak productivity with each of the resources and then there will be a gradual decline."

Incropera said even with an optimistic outlook on the fuel situation predict that all production will decline in the year 2030. This makes the development and implementation of alternative energy sources increasingly important.

"At some point in the not-too-distant future, we're going to have to rely on other sources of energy," he said. "I am concerned it will be difficult to begin depending on other energy sources because the United States will be starting from such a small scale."

"Right now in this country, solar and power accounts for less than one percent of our total energy, and wind power only accounts for about two percent," he said.

Incropera compared the American views on alternative energy sources to those of other countries.

"European countries that have invested in these alternative fuel technologies are at the cutting edge of this development," Incropera said. "In terms of economic growth, the United States is incredibly behind. When the time comes and we adapt these new technologies, we're going to have to import everything."

Economics professor Amitava Dutt took a different stance on the issue. Dutt is in favor of continued use of non-renewable resources because it is cheaper.

"There is the view among economists that believes that people should do whatever they think is best for them," Dutt said. "If they feel like using cheap energy resources, then they should do it."

Dutt is confident in the success of the market system and says it will continue to work.

"If the non-renewable resources begin to run out, the price will go up and get so high that no one will buy them thereby forcing us into investing in alternative fuels," Dutt said.

Dutt also said that despite the good that can come from alternative fuel technologies, the cost might outweigh the possible positive outcomes that can arise.

"We know that technology can be created that can cut down on pollution, but you have to consider the cost," he said. "You have to make a judgment whether you think it is cost to society as a whole as well."

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Professor returns to SMC to share works

By MEGAN LONEY

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With the support of the English Department and the Center for Academic Innovation, professor and writer Kirsten Sandberg Lunstrum returned to Saint Mary's. In his fiction reading Monday, Lunstrum, who previously taught in the College's English Department, read an excerpt titled "Familial Kindness" from her newly published short story collection Swimming with Strangers.

"Read. I think you only come to writing if you love to read and you only become a better writer if you continue to read," Lunstrum said.

"The only way to get better is to wade through the stuff that is not good," said Lunstrum.

Lunstrum is a creative writing professor at Purchase College in New York. Lunstrum was one of the first to be back at Saint Mary's. "I am very homesick for Saint Mary's. I think of Saint Mary's often; it's a treat to be back," Lunstrum said.

Students listened intently as Lunstrum read excerpts from a short story about a woman whose daughter is getting married. In the story, Lunstrum introduces a preface of the relationship between the girls and the wife of their teacher. The two girls are fascinated with her because she is the ideal woman, Lunstrum said.

"This setting for the novel is the Puget Sound in Linn County, Washington. No matter how much I try to write about other places, Washington keeps populating my mind," Lunstrum said.

"At the end of the fiction conference, Lunstrum answered questions posed by students and gave advice to aspiring writers. "I think you only come to writing if you love to read and you only become a better writer if you continue to read," Lunstrum said.

Lunstrum encouraged writers to persevere with their writing, even through a lengthy process.

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By SARAH MAYER

News Writer

Senior communications major Emma Farrell asked the Saint Mary's Board of Governors (BOG) for a co-sponsorship to help sponsor a female athlete. The conference at their meeting this week.

The conference, in its second year, will be held in the Student Center.

Farrell said she hopes the conference will "deepen the understanding of what being a woman means while trying to resist what makes a woman seem to be." In other BOG news:

♦ Student Commissioner Deidre Hayden said she will be meeting with the Information Technology department at the College to find out how much it would cost to provide a printer in the Student Center.

♦ Michele Peterson, the Student Activities Board (SAB) president, said SAB went to the National Association for Campus Activities conference in Nashville, Tenn. two weeks ago. She said the group brought back many new ideas to bring to Saint Mary's. Peterson said the group was interested in ideas like a Def Jam poet and a magician.

♦ Elections commissioner Peter Johnson said that the final leg of elections is taking place next week. The elections for the Class of 2008 BSMC boards will be Monday on PRISM. "The "Candidates" event for the class boards will be tomorrow in the West Wing of the Noble-Family Dining Hall.

Please recycle The Observer.

The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Viewpoint Copy Editor and Systems Manager for 2009-10.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising seniors. It is a two-year position under the 2009-10 Controller, Deidre Hayden. It is open to anyone interested in Business Management.

The Viewpoint position is open to any student. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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Bangladesh," Castillo said. Additionally, Castillo said the trip paves the way for future boxers to visit Bangladesh and take an interest in the "I'm excited for the other guys to know what it is that we do. We're not just beating each other up; we actually have tangible results," he said. "It's really important to know that [Bengal Bouts] is part of something bigger." A trip to Bangladesh had been in the works for a long time according to Lee in order to organize a trip began last spring, Weber said. "As a former captain in 2007, I had become more familiar with the program and started seeing ways we could increase our impact," he said. "In the fall semester of 2007, I began meeting with Holy Cross priests at the Missions Center in South Bend to discuss the possibility of making a trip to Bangladesh," he added. But over the next several months, Weber said the project expanded to include a production crew to shoot the documentary and a larger mission to establish relationships within the country. According to Weber, the expenses for the trip and documentary were made possible through generous contributions from Bengal Bouts alumni; however, the four boxers who traveled with him "made the personal decision to go on their own dime." The five Bouts boxers traveled throughout Bangladesh for two weeks, he said. "We traveled almost constantly, visiting dozens of Holy Cross schools and parishes, both urban and rural, around the country. Moving from the city of Dhaka to the tribal villages was like going to a completely different country," he said.

Today, Bengal Bouts is the largest single benefactor to the Holy Cross Mission in Bangladesh, Weber said. The money raised by the Bouts funds educational initiatives in rural Bangladesh. The region is known to be the poorest in the country. Weber also said the Holy Cross Mission has dozens of parishes and schools spread out in areas of need around the country to support the poor. For Castillo, one of the highlights of the trip was having the chance to network in Bangladesh and meet the people whose lives have been improved through the Bouts, he said.

"We visited different villages far from the city of Dhaka. We talked to communities that actually received the money from Bengal Bouts," Castillo said. "We also stayed with some of the Holy Cross brothers within the city of Dhaka and went to different sites that the Bouts support. We were making connections with the people there." Weber said the trip also shed new light on the people of Bangladesh.

"On television, all you see is starvation, suffering and despair. You see weak people reaching out to you for help. But the people I saw were not despairing but hopeful, not weak but strong," he said. "It's not just about what we can do for them, it's about what we can do together with them." But Weber's dream to experience Bengal Bouts' impact in Bangladesh does not end as a journey across the world with a few of his boxing buddies. Upon returning from the trip, Weber partnered with Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns to create a new International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP). The six-week ISSLP will be offered this summer to four boxers who will provide educational assistance in tribal villages with the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

The ISSLP will accomplish two objectives that Weber believes are part of the Bengal Bouts mission: allowing Notre Dame students to experience the Bangladesh missions, and donating human resources and monetary resources "to improve the quality of life in Bangladesh through education." According to the Center for Social Concerns website, the program is only available to Notre Dame Boxing Club members and will begin in May 2009.

"Having witnessed the missions in Bangladesh, that once mysterious ideal is now manifested in real people, places and personalities. With new knowledge comes a new responsibility," Weber said.

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and the celebrity will pay for the winner's meal.

According to Lee, certain celebrities, like Poorman and Hesburgh, are regulars to the Meal Auction. Poorman always hosts an "exciting" meal, she said.

"Last year, I think he took [the winners] to the football changing rooms," Lee said. "This year, he's taking people to the tunnels of South Quad."

Those who win a meal with Poorman will have the chance to see the tunnels underneath South Quad, and then dine in the Main Building.

The winners will also have the opportunity to "climb up the bell tower to ring the bell in the Basilica," Lee said. Those who win a meal with the trombone section will enjoy a cookout at one of the band houses according to Lee.

In addition to the live auction for meals, which will take place in the La Fortune Ballroom, a silent auction will take place in the Dooley Room of La Fortune, where people can bid on gift certificates and baskets.

Gift certificates will be offered to a variety of businesses, including Five Guys, Chick-Fil-A, Applebee's and Krispy Kreme.

"Every cent that we earn goes to Meals on Wheels," Lee said.

They chose to make donations to Meals on Wheels according to Lee, because "it kind of fits with the whole theme of the meal auction. You bid on a meal with a celebrity and the money that you pay goes to a meal that somebody else will be using," she said.

Lee also said that because the auction will take place on Ash Wednesday, no food will be served out of respect for those who are fasting.

"It really brings into the forefront that you are fasting and the money you are raising will go ... to people who don't have as much opportunity as us to get meals," Lee said.

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Former Bengal Bouts captain Pat Ryan gives a lift to a young boy in Bangladesh.

Photo courtesy of Mark Weber

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Vatican names new archbishop in NY

Pope names Milwaukee archbishop Timothy Dolan as Egan's replacement

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The next Roman Catholic archbishop of New York will be a gentle enforcer of Vatican teaching — a faithful servant of Rome who can disarm his critics with his self-deprecating sense of humor, touch and love of a good cigar.

Timothy M. Dolan, 59, was named by Pope Benedict XVI on Monday to what is perhaps the most influential post in American Catholicism. At a news conference on Monday afternoon, Dolan was named the next archbishop for the New York archdiocese.

Dolan said President Barack Obama called him Monday to offer his prayers, a gesture to an archbishop called "extraordinarily gracious," Dolan mentioned the conversation during a visit to St. Joseph's Seminary in suburban Yonkers, where he spoke briefly with Obama about the country's financial problems.

Born in St. Louis, Dolan began his path to the priesthood as a boy, setting up a play altar in his basement with cardboard box and pop-up sheets. He attended a seminary near his parents' home and was ordained in 1976. In 1985, he earned a doctorate in church history from Catholic University.

After working as a parish priest and professor, Dolan spent seven years as rector of the North American College in Rome, considered the West Point for U.S. priests, where he had studied for his own ordination.

"He's a very gracious, optimistic, hardworking person," said the Rev. Greg Apparcel, pastor of the American church Santa Susanna in Rome, who knows Dolan from his years at the North American College. "He's very good at reaching out, I think his optimism and open nature will serve him well.

At the seminary in Rome, Dolan was known as a polished orator who wrote his sermons and notes in flowing cursive but rarely had to consult them. He walked the corridors talking to seminarians, and enjoyed Jamaican-made Macanudo cigars in his down time.

"He is utterly genuine," said the Rev. Paul Holmes, a Seton Hall University vice president who was chairman of the search committee. "He's going to defend and advocate for his own ordination."

Dolan remembers visiting Dolan at the archbishop's residence in Milwaukee in 2005, when Pope John Paul II was close to death. Dolan asked his guests whether they minded eating off TV trays in the living room so that they could watch the news.

"He wouldn't let ceremonial stand in the way of human beings doing the most human things," Holmes said.

Like other bishops of his generation, Dolan is known as a defender of Catholic orthodoxy, affirming church teaching against abortion and supporting the all-male celibate priesthood.

But he also "understands the way to lead people to a richer, fuller life in Christ is persuading them. So punishment, vindictiveness or pettiness of any sort is just not part of his nature," said the Rev. Steven Avela, a history professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

A year into Dolan's tenure in Milwaukee, about a quarter of his priests, including Avela, signed a public letter saying celibacy should be optional for future Catholic clergy. Dolan responded by upholding the teaching of the church, but also praised the priests as good men.

Milwaukee archbishop Timothy Dolan speaks to reporters during a news conference on Monday afternoon. Dolan was named the next archbishop for the New York archdiocese.
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Jumplah, a Jamaican charity that sponsors basketball clinics in underprivileged areas.

"It's a great charity," Wolbeck said. "And it promotes self-esteem and confidence in the young kids as well as basketball skills."

The first event of the night featured two open games of Knockout with a prize of free tournament registration for the winner. Senior Alex Klapheken won the first game, and junior Ryan Horneck took second place. Klapheken said his team hadn’t decided on a name, while Horneck’s squad was called the "Monsters."

Ackerman, Malloy and Timmermans were up next for a game of "Horse." Despite several high-difficulty shot attempts, including one attempted off-the-wall header, Ackerman was eliminated first.

"Malloy and Timmermans are just fantastic players with a great basketball background and they were out for the win, a part of it," he said.

The Ackerman team won the matchup against Malloy by hitting a shot from behind the backcourt line. Ackerman said he was excited about the upcoming tournament.

"I've probably played in more "Horse" tournaments than anybody," he said. "At least I'm in the top 10."
**Market Recap**

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**In Brief**

**President to slash budget deficit**

WASHINGTON — Urging strict future restraint even as current spending soars, President Barack Obama pledged on Monday to dramatically slash the skyrocketing annual budget deficit as he started the first of the record $787 billion economic stimulus package he signed last week.

Obama said he would reinstitute a pay-as-you-go concentration, the delay in getting passage, the consequences.

The Commerce post is typically one of the more high-profile jobs in any administration. The head of the department oversees agencies responsible for the once-a-decade census, flood insurance, for many of aspects International Trade, among other things.

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**Governments expands bank ownership**

WASHINGTON — The administration has dramatically expanded the department's ownership stakes in the nation's banks — with Citigroup, the struggling titan of the industry, apparently at the top of the list.

Wall Street responded as it has with any of almost every other effort to fix the financial crisis, by taking immediate steps and sending the Dow Jones industrials to its lowest level in a dozen years.

The Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and other banking regulators have said they could convert the government's stock in the banks from preferred shares to common shares.

The strategy, which could be applied retroactively to banks that received money in the first incarnation of the bailout, carries risks.

But it avoids, at least for now, having to tap more taxpayer money or resort to full-fledged nationalization.

Citigroup Inc. — perhaps the biggest name in American banking — has approached the regulators about ways the government could help strengthen the bank, including the stock conversion plan, according to people familiar with the discussions. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak on behalf of the government or the company. A Citigroup spokesman declined comment.

The stock conversion could be available for other banks as well, the same sources said.

Regulators, reinforcing what the White House has said, insisted that keeping banks private is a priority. But federal officials are watching a difficult line because the government could still have huge stakes in banks.

Citigroup already has received $45 billion in bailout money, plus guarantees to cover losses on hundreds of billions of dollars in risky investments.

"What we are doing here is we're creeping our way toward nationalization," said Terry Connell, dean of Golden Gate University's Agno School of Business in San Francisco.

The conversion plan would give the government greater flexibility in dealing with ailing banks. It would give the government voting shares, and therefore more say in a bank's operations.

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**Officially predicts Locke as next pick**

Washington governor likely Obama's third choice for Commerce secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama's likely third pick for Commerce secretary is former Washington Gov. Gary Locke, a former administration official said Monday.

Locke, a Democrat, was the nation's first Chinese-American governor when he served two terms in the Washington Statehouse from 1997 to 2005.

Obama's expected choice of Locke arose less than two weeks after his most recent pick, Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, backed out.

Just over a week after Obama named him and he accepted, Gregg cited "irreconcilable differences with the policies of the Democratic administration."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not yet been made.

Obama originally gave the post, which requires Senate confirmation, to New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. He withdrew in January, before Obama took office, after the disclosure that a grand jury is investigating allegations of wrongdoing in the awarding of contracts in his state.

Washing Gov. Gary Locke, the nation's first Chinese-American governor, is predicted to be President Barack Obama's next pick for Commerce secretary.

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**Government expands bank ownership**

WASHINGTON — The White House selected a Wall Street financier on Monday to advise Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on the restructuring of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC.

Steven Rattner, co-founder of Quadrangle Group LLC, will serve as counselor to Geithner, who is leading an auto industry task force established to take over the Treasury's efforts with regard to the automobile sector.

Rattner had been a leading candidate to become the so-called "car czar." But President Barack Obama decided instead to create a new task force led by Geithner and White House economic aide Larry Summers to review $77 billion in federal loans to GM and Chrysler and their requests for billions more in aid.

Quadrangle Group said Monday that Rattner was leaving his role as managing principal of the firm to take the Treasury position.
Catholics and euthanasia

Grandma has a problem. The Fed.s, it appears, are about to ration her health care. That could turn out her lights. The Obama stimulus package creates a new bureaucracy under a new coordination for Health Information Technology. 2000-3018.1. The Coordinator is mandated to develop an infrastructure that "reduces health care costs resulting from inefficient [i.e., inappropriate] care..." (Dec. 2001/4/3). Medicare currently pays for treatments that are safe and effective. The stimulus opens the door to a cost-effectiveness standard pursuant to guidelines set by the bureaucracy. Under such a standard the availability of care could turn on Grandma's age, her productivity, etc. The recession will intensively pressure to reduce medical spending on non-profitive persons. In that paper a 75 year-old woman seeking a substantial medical procedure will be a predictable loser. A later column will discuss the stimulus in detail. For now, let's ask: If Grandma is seeking a substantial medical procedure, including the right to refuse food and water whether naturally or artificially provided: If a patient refuses food and water with the intent to die, it is a form of suicide which "is always morally objectionable as murder." EV 66. In the Terri Schiavo case, Judge Greer ordered, and not merely authorized, Michael Schiavo to remove not only the feeding tube but all forms of "nutrition and hydration" from his wife. The only reason you heard about Terri Schiavo was because the family members disagreed. The family and caregivers agree that it is time for the patient to die, the administration of morphine or other palliative care may be a mode of "homicide effectively beyond the reach of the law." On nutrition and hydration, if a patient refuses food and water with the intent to die, it is a form of suicide which "is always morally objectionable as murder." EV 66.

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Dude, where’s my freedom?

Insulated in our Notre Dame bubble, we have been arguing over whether we should condemn Michael Phelps for taking long rips, or if a boycotting subway is more injurious than it is to consume. However, I feel that we are missing out on a far more important story.

Geert Wilders, a freely and democratically elected member of Dutch parliament was invited to the British House of Lords to screen his controversial, anti-Islamic film Fitna (available on YouTube) and to discuss his views with his hosts. On February 11, Wilders was detained when his flight landed at Heathrow Airport and immediately went back to the Netherlands due to a ban by the British House of Commons, which claimed that his presence would “threaten community harmony and therefore public security in the U.K.” Perhaps this view was reached in part after Lord Nazir Ahmed, the only Muslim member of the House of Lords, threatened to mobilize 10,000 Muslims to prevent Wilders from entering the House. Ahmed quickly turned to the Pakistani press to promote this “victory for the Muslim community.”

It seems strange that a victory for any community would come after a defeat for freedom of speech, about which he said, “Freedom of speech is almost so long as it doesn’t come at my expense.” In the words of Noam Chomsky, “If we don’t believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don’t believe in it at all.” Unsurprisingly, there has been no similar move to protect “community harmony” by stopping extremists who actually promote violence in the streets of London, and other European capitals, commonly using such fun phrases as: “Bomb, bomb country of choice” and “USA you will pay, the mujaheddin are on their way.” So much for the dialogue promised by multiculturalism and political correctness.

European politicians have shown that not only are they too afraid to speak out on the increasing crisis around them, but that they would gladly trample such hallowed concepts as freedom of speech and expression to avoid upsetting an exploding Muslim electorate. The precedent set is a grim one indeed, but it is important to understand, as it just may enter this bubble of ours sooner than we think.

Joey Rowley  \nimplement  \nMonday, Feb. 23

Superpower showdown

In response to Jonathan Miller’s Feb. 18th argument that telekinesis is irresistibly the superior superpower, I would like to submit my opinion that the ability to control time is far superior to any other power (including telekinesis). I feel that your portrayal of telekinesis is rather extreme. The greatest flaw of your argument is the magnitude of the powers described. Moving objects with your mind must require knowledge of each atom and what is connected to it. Your talk of moving objects (specifically, removing your toe’s organs) begins to sound not so telekinetic and more like teleportation.

What I feel is the greatest flaw of your argument, however, is your omission of no doubt one of the greatest possible powers, time control. It may simply be your preference to move objects rather than stop time, but, just like telekinesis, time control can mimic other less worthy powers. Super speed can be mimicked by starting and stopping time rapidly while you move, strength by stopping time while you work out, and invisibility by simply stopping time while you perform whatever malicious deeds you like. As for taking down bad guys, the ability to stop time would also stop people in the middle of their motions. This would make epic battles between nemesis much less epic for you, but victory would no doubt be assured.

I know that every person is entitled to his opinions, and that the argument between all the superpowers will not be resolved by words; so, Jonathan, once we both get our wishes, I’ll meet you out in Stepan Fields to settle this once and for all.

Oliver Cnlln  \nSedman  \nMonday, Feb. 23

School of gossip

Somewhere along the way I actually learned the lesson we have all heard before: If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all. And yet, we live in the age of JuicyCampus, or CollegeHub or whatever. And of letters to the editor. And of rum ors.

Here’s what has seemed to resonate among all people I have known. Dummies, Catholics, agnostics, whatever. Next time you have some awful thing to say about a person, without knowing them truly and deeply, think about that person hearing or reading those words. See that person lulled into a corner of his or her left, crying. See that person holding the rope with which they plan on using to commit suicide. Because, that dramatic or not, do you want to risk your words being the one that pushed that person over the edge? So be nice to one another. Or at least be neutral. Think about where you heard things before you tell your roommate, best friend, and the kid who sits next to the kid who sits next to you.

Kyle Roca  \nsenior  \noff campus  \nFeb. 25

Responsible potheads

As a reader with an open mind, I’d like to voice some of the concerns that I have with Daniel Tosadia’s article “Beerer Madness” is insiderti-ous” (Feb. 20th). There seems to be a misconception between an individual that is irresponsible and an individual that is a pothead.

Let’s clarify some issues: a father that can’t quit smoking weed — irresponsible; a person that goes to class, main­tains healthy relationships, is active in sports, and chooses to smoke marijuana in their free time — a responsible pothead.

I know it is difficult to comprehend such an oxymoronic statement — “A responsible pothead? Yeah right, get real.” Careful though, we wouldn’t want to form any prejudices. It would be wrong to categorize all potheads as drug addicts, crimi­nals, and misfits. Potheads are people that like to smoke weed and get high. Sometimes they will even go to a movie, or out to eat. Maybe they will try to rob a liquor store — irresponsible (and stupid); a person that smokes weed — irresponsible; a person that enters a room and finds someone passed out — irresponsible (and dangerous). A pothead is a person that smokes weed — irresponsible; a person that tries to rob a liquor store (or any other business venue for that matter). It might even be possible that a person that smokes grass could do something as extraordinary as be admitted to Notre Dame! Here we go again — “Ihaba, yeah right. Yeah right! Like their half-baked ideas and amnistation would meet the standards of this university?”

False. Some responsible people can do bizarre things like smoke weed and not be academically, socially, and physically impaired. Just like no one ever hears about the functioning alcoholic, no one ever hears about the functioning pothead, but they do exist. So, moving forward, let’s refrain from using examples of irresponsible individuals as a standard to measure an entire group of people — now that’s a half-baked idea.

Michael Hubert  \nfreshman  \nFeb. 16

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Editorial Cartoon

Tuesday, February 24, 2009
“Dollhouse” Shows Promise

By CAITLIN FERRARO

This past Friday the 13th was about more than bad luck, black cats and sawed-off shotguns. It was also the premiere of Joss Whedon’s new science fiction series, Fox’s “Dollhouse.”

Whedon is best known as the creator of critically acclaimed sci-fi shows such as “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” “Angel” and “Firefly.” Whedon created this new series, and also wrote and directed the first episode.

The premiere, entitled “Ghost,” examined the Dollhouse, a secretive and illegal place where people can go to make their desires come true. The clients of the Dollhouse must have the right connections and enough money to hire “Actives,” people who have been programmed to fulfill their needs.

These Actives seem to have been chosen to surrender their bodies and minds to the Dollhouse. The first minutes of the premiere introduce Echo (Eliza Dushku, “Buffy”), an “Active” who seems less than thrilled for her five-year stay in the Dollhouse.

The opening scene shows Echo being gently coerced by a character named Adelle DeWitt (Olivia Williams) to sign a contract that will take care of the consequences of her actions. We do know that Echo’s real name is Caroline; unfortunately we do not know much else, including what actions got her to the Dollhouse in the first place, leaving viewers wondering what her backstory may be.

Echo can be imprinted with any personality, skill, or muscle memory to be whatever the clients want, including the perfect lover, a spy or an assassin. But when the job is done, their memory is erased by Adelle DeWitt (Olivia Williams) to sign a contract that will take care of the ‘sequences’ for her actions.

This first episode picks up and shows great potential. The birth of “Dollhouse” came out of a conversation Dushku had with Whedon about the level of range an actress needs to fill different roles. “Dollhouse” definitely offers Dushku the opportunity to demonstrate her range as she plays multiple personalities in a single episode.

There is also great potential for Langdon to be an interesting character. Viewers can feel his sense of compassion and a true understanding of right and wrong. The second episode of the show, “The Target,” reveals how Langdon came to be a handler at the Dollhouse when an Active named Alpha went on the fritz and killed several people. It also further illustrates his bond with Echo.

The premiere of “Dollhouse” is a promising one, as it offers a balance of action and thought-provoking ethical questions. While the first half drags a bit, the second half of the episode picks up and shows great potential. For this show to work, viewers need more information. Who was Echo before the Dollhouse? Who is the naked girl in the last five minutes of the episode, sitting among dead bodies and watching home videos of Echo before she became an active? And will his sending of Echo’s photo to Agent Ballard in an enveloped marked “keep looking” force a meeting between Echo and the rogue cop? We will have to wait until next Friday to find out.

“Dollhouse” airs on Fox Fridays at 9 p.m. Contact Caitlin Ferraro at cferrar@msn.com

Joss Whedon: There and Back Again

By ELLIE HALL

Joss Whedon’s recent re-emergence into the television prime-time after a five-year hiatus has intrigued television viewers. Why? This writer/director/producer has discovered the elusive balance between cult icon and culturally relevant, critically acclaimed creator.

The latest in a long line of television scribes, Joss Whedon has been described as the world’s first third-generation TV writer (grandfather John Whedon wrote “Beverly Hills, 90210”), creator, and father Tom Whedon (and Amy Acker round out the important family writers). Joss Whedon has been described as the world’s first third-generation TV writer and creator.

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Writer-director Joss Whedon, third from left, poses with the cast of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” Whedon’s latest television project is “Dollhouse.”
There is a great mother load of music out there. Everything exists. And because of the Internet, we can find it all, listen to it all, download it all and love it all. Literally millions of songs are at our fingertips, if not billions.

From the highly ranked iTunes top-papers to the crappily Garage Band upload on your cousin’s music editor, MySpace, music is being heard, interpreted, reinvented and produced at a rate so rapid there is no guarantee any artist will survive more than a few weeks, or months if they are lucky.

And if you miss an artist, too bad, because they’re lost forever in the void of “Once Was Popular.”

With so many options, it’s daunting to go fishing for anything new. We cling to tips, if not billions. MySpace, music is being heard, in internet Garbage Band
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Every so often, a band fished from the obscurity of its MySpace page will strike a real chord — or at least one that sounds different — and it will gain a true following of diehards.

These are the bands that have staying power, the ones that, in the end, really matter.

The corporate system plucks unsuspecting youngsters from their feasting musical obscurity, dresses them up, tells them they’re rock stars and spoon feeds them to the music muggles through movies, television and the radio. They play huge release concerts at Virgin and are begged to put their name on a fashion label. The muggles eat it up. The gurus scoff.

The point, though, is that there is way too much music out there for all of this to matter. Even for most of it to matter.

Music has one major flaw: it requires time. You need three minutes to listen to a song. You need 45 minutes to appreciate an album. And the only way to find music is to listen to it. We simply cannot love that much music. There is a limit to what can be popular, because we can’t listen to everything that “Should Be Popular.” Even if every radio station everywhere never repeated a song, we wouldn’t be able to get through it all.

No one would go for that anyway, because the beauty of music is failing in love with it, and a lot of times it isn’t love at first sight. We need to sit with music, to live with it, to associate memories with it in order to claim it. And in the end, that’s all we really want to do.

Muggle or guru, we want music that’s our own.

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Christian Finnegan — a comedian best known for his work on VH1’s “Best Week Ever,” stand-up specials on Comedy Central, and his role as “Chad,” the long white roommate on “The Chappelle Show” — is “Mad World” — performed to a packed house Friday night at Legendary. Before going on stage, however, he gave 10 minutes of his time to a couple of plucky, freshman Observer reporters for a quick interview. I happened to be one of them.

He was sitting at a table talking to a friend, but when he saw us, he stood up and gave us a warm smile. We told him both our names, and, surprisingly, the butterflies went away. He was down-to-earth, and seemed as excited to be interviewed, as we were to interview him.

“Really, you’re always up and coming as a comedian.”

Christian Finnegan — Stand-up Comedian

If you’re not blowing on a semi-regular basis, you’re probably good enough as a comedian,” he said.

Comedy is all about finding new material, and the only way to do that is to go out on a limb at times. Still, this doesn’t make bombing any easier. Christian drew the allusion to “eating an unblushy d*ck” before he remembered for he was at an apple-school and promptly amended the statement to “a holy d*ck.”

When asked about touring through colleges, Christian said he loved it. Although what were the inspirations does have to be adjusted for college crowds.

“Different jokes apply to different crowds,” he said, explaining he’s not going to do jokes about music, love and marriage to a bunch of college kids.

Students have yet to experience the slower flow of life after school. “They bounce between elation and despair,” Finnegan said, at least until graduation.

“Then you realize that sort of nut-punch of life.”

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

Anderso for the unusual whether he'll break his mental as it tries to prove Wednesday.

Texas Tech coach Pat Knight shouts instructions during a game against Baylor in Waco, Texas on Feb. 6. Knight was suspended for one game on Monday for comments he made about officiating.

**MLB**

Bonds’ trainer suspended by judge in federal perjury trial

The Texas Tech coach would be called to suspend Coach Knight, Beebe said in a written statement. "The nature and extent of his comments about the Texas A&M game, and his callous attitude in light of his commitment to me to abide by the rules, require a serious penalty."

Knight became increasingly frustrated with the officiating during Saturday’s home loss, a physical game that featured 56 combined fouls. He was hit with a technical foul in the second half for arguing a call against John Roberson and considered getting thrown out of the game to prove a point.

"I was sitting there with my staff and the way things were going, I was asking if I needed to get thrown out of this game. We decided it was best not to do that twice," he said. "I already made my point once doing it that way, so the only way to make a point and get it out there was to bring it up in the press conference afterwards. I know that I was probably going to get fined or suspended."
**NFL**

Colts, Harrison go separate ways

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

Jenkins attempts to quell NFL doubts about size

INDIANAPOLIS — Malcom Jenkins hears the questions constantly. Maybe, the doubters suggest, he's not quick enough to play cornerback in the NFL. Maybe, at his listed size of 6 feet 1, 201 pounds, he'd be a better safety. Maybe he should have skipped his senior season and put those debates to rest.

Jenkins believes he can answer any question scouts have for him at the NFL's annual scouting combine. If they want more proof, Jenkins suggests they review his game tape — or pay attention to what he says.

"If you put on a film of a guy who's about 5-10, 185, I'm doing the same things they're doing at my size," he said. "In the league now, you've got receivers that are getting bigger and more physical and that's what you need — a guy that can do it all. With my size and speed, it's something rare you really don't find around the nation."

**INBrief**

**Colts fire Renney after twelve game tailspin**

NEW YORK — Tom Renney was fired as coach of the New York Rangers on Monday and replaced by John Tortorella in an attempt to save a season that has spiraled out of control.

The Rangers opened 19-2-1, but 10 losses in the last 12 games have knocked the team out of contention for the Atlantic Division title and placed it in danger of missing the playoffs completely.

Tortorella led the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Stanley Cup title in 2004 and was let go following last season. The Rangers were not required to provide compensation to the Lightning.

Renney, a former coach of the Vancouver Canucks, was hired by the team in June 2005, but his tenure was cut short after 51 games.

Crabtree addresses foot stress fracture worries

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree was quick on his feet Sunday, and if he does the same thing for NFL scouts next month the stress fracture in his left foot might soon be forgotten.

In an odd scene at the league's annual scouting combine, Crabtree strolled quickly across the media room moments after Patriots coach Bill Belichick finished speaking. He walked up a couple of steps, smiled at reporters and then gave a 23-second statement confirming the decision to delay surgery he had been expected to run. But long-time teammates understood why Harrison wanted to become a free agent.

"I think whatever Marvin chooses to do for himself, he has to do," Jeff Jenkins said Sunday night. "I love Marvin as a friend and as a teammate." Indianapolis took Harrison in the first round of the 1996 draft and when Manning arrived two years later, the tandem began a record-setting journey. They combined for more completions, yardage and touchdowns than any duo in league history.

Helped the Colts build one of the league's most successful franchises this decade.

**Crabtree**

NCAA Men's Basketball

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Tuesday, February 24, 2009

NBA

Barkley pleads guilty to charges

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Charles Barkley will serve time in jail after pleading guilty Monday to charges of driving drunk.

According to Scottsdale court records, the 45-year-old former NBA star pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges related to the same drunken driving arrest.

Barkley, who works as a TV analyst, is set to begin a five-day jail sentence on March 21. The Hall of Famer must pay more than $2,000 in fines and attend an alcohol treatment program. Under Arizona law, he'll also be forced to install an ignition interlock device on his vehicles.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

Barkley was stopped by police Dec. 31 shortly after leaving a Scottsdale nightclub. He was arrested after failing a field sobriety test. He had a blood-alcohol level of .149 percent, nearly twice the legal limit of .08 percent in Arizona when he was pulled over.

"I think it's going to be good for me, to be honest. I need to make sure drinking is not a problem for me," Barkley said in an interview with TNT colleague Ernie Johnson posted on NBA.com before he returned to work.

"I think that a DUI is unacceptable," he added. "That can't happen and I've got to challenge other people, not just celebrities or jocks. You have to really think before getting behind the wheel after you've been drinking."

Barkley conceded at the time he could face jail time. "I think it's going to be good for me, to be honest. I need to make sure drinking is not a problem for me," he said. "I just want some professionals to talk to me about it."

If they tell him to stop drinking, "then I'll have to stop drinking," he said.

Asked if he could do that, he replied, "I feel I can do anything that I put my mind to."

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Cards get road win over Hoyas**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Louisville is in a crazy-good race for the regular-season championship of the Big East, where four of the nation's top eight teams sit atop the standings. Georgetown, the two-time defending regular-season champion, is not a member of that quartet. The Hoyas are all but conceding that their only road to the NCAA tournament runs through the conference tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Louisville's upperclassmen topped Georgetown's youth 76-28 Monday night, led by Earl Clark's 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals. The No. 6 Cardinals (22-5, 13-2) overcame 17 turnovers with solid defense and good first-half shooting to win their fourth straight and move into a first-place tie with Connecticut.

So much for Louisville coach Rick Pitino's early season thought that the regular-season champ would have five or six losses.

"I was hoping to be 12-6," said Pitino, whose team improved to 7-1 on the road in conference play. "I thought that would be a very good season, 12-6, in this league this year, but we've been a great road team."

**Rick Pitino**

Cardinals coach

"I thought we were doing a good job, but we were just turning it over too much."-said Pitino.

The Cardinals started 9-for-9 from the field— their first miss coming nearly 11 minutes in—and were 7-for-7 from 3-point range well into the second half. The marksmanship was more of a necessity than a luxury because they were so careless with the ball, but the initial shooting burst was enough to build a lead that kept Georgetown at bay throughout the second half.

"I thought we were doing a good job, but we were just turning it over too much," Pitino said. "That was killing us."

Samarco, Samuel, Terrence Williams and Preston Knowles added 10 points apiece for the Cardinals, who had a 17-point first-half lead cut to eight in the second half. Louisville shot only 16-for-35 after the 9-for-9 start, but the defense forced 14 Georgetown turnovers and held the Hoyas to 31 percent shooting after halftime.

Chris Wright scored 12 points, and Greg Monroe had 10 for the Hoyas (14-12, 5-10), who have lost nine of 11 as they continue their challenging spin through the nation's basketball elite. Georgetown has played six teams currently ranked in the top 10, and they'll make it seven against No. 10 Villanova on Saturday. The Hoyas are 2-4 in those games.

The loss also dropped the Hoyas to 12th place in the Big East, just six weeks after they were ranked No. 9 in the country.

Asked about his team's NCAA tournament chances, coach John Thompson III said: "If there's one good thing about being in this conference it's that you get to go to New York and you get a chance to fight and you get a chance to win it. We have to continue to improve and we have to be better when we get to New York, it's as simple as that."

Samuels got the better of Monroe in the battle of freshmen centers— at least while the game was still in the balance. Samuels got behind the Georgetown center to score two of the Cardinals' first three baskets and finished 4-for-5 from the field. Monroe, by contrast, didn't take a shot until a wayward 16-foot jumper more than 5 minutes into the game and went 4-for-7.

The Cardinals didn't miss a field goal until Clark's short jumper barely hit the rim with 9:01 remaining in the half, but by then Louisville already had 26-13 lead. Clark's 3-pointer gave Louisville a 41-24 lead with 3 minutes to play in the half, but Georgetown's Jessie Sapp scored the final seven points of the period, including a bank shot 3-pointer at the horn that cut the lead to 41-31.

The Cardinals started the second half with turnovers on their first three possessions, but Georgetown could only cut the deficit to 11. The Hoyas were unable solving the full-court press and couldn't find an offensive rhythm, with Wright finishing 3-for-12 from the field, DaJuan Summers 1-for-8 and Sapp 3-for-10.

"Once you lose and go through a stretch like we're going through, you don't feel as good about yourself," Thompson said. "It's as simple as that."
NBA

Robinson’s 41 leads Knicks past Pacers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In another spectacular offensive performance, Nate Robinson’s biggest play was a return to the defensive roots.

Robinson scored a season-high 41 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 26 seconds left, and the New York Knicks won their second straight game by beating the short-handed Indiana Pacers 123-119 Monday night.

Robinson scored 32 in the second half and matched Bob McAdoo’s franchise record for most points in a game by a reserve. His final bucket came when he picked off an errant pass, just as he did twice in 2002 when he played for the University of Washington as a defensive back.

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He kept the celebration going after the game, giving actor Will Ferrell, whom he befriended last week, a pair of signed jerseys.

“Just seeing his face on the court and a chance for the lead, that’s exciting,” Robinson said.

He’s been on a dramatic tear since the All-Star break and he had another great performance,” Indiana’s Jarrett Jack said. “Would have got a flag for celebrating, but it’s OK.”

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By BOBBY GRAHAM

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles meet Adrian in first round

Saint Mary’s will try to continue regular season success in MIAA tourney

It has been a record-breaking season for the Saint Mary’s basketball team.

The Belles, under the direction of coach Jennifer Henley, registered 13 MIAA conference wins and 15 total wins, both of which are school records. However, the team is not content with all of its success.

Tonight marks the beginning of the MIAA conference tournament for the Belles, giving them another chance to make school history.

Saint Mary’s (13-9 overall, 13-3 MIAA), which came up 1.5 games short of rival Hope College for the regular season championship, will try to win the first MIAA tournament championship in its program’s history.

The tournament’s inception in the early 1990s, the Belles have yet to reach the title game.

The Belles’ first step to achieving history comes tonight when they host Adrian College in the first round at the Angela Athletic Complex.

Saint Mary’s and Adrian squared off twice in the regular season, with the Belles getting the better of their opponent each time.

Saint Mary’s walkaway with 74-69 and 77-71 wins earlier this year.

The previous close matchups could possibly make this a trap game for Saint Mary’s, which cannot afford to make many mistakes if it expects to win. Several untimely misses could end in an unfortunate opening-round loss for the favored Belles.

All year, the Belles have looked to senior forward Erin Nowsom to lead the team and she has done just that. Newsom came up huge in both of the previous games against Adrian, scoring 15 and 22 points in the respective contests.

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Michael O’Sullivan
Chairman and CEO of DTE Energy, which includes DTE Electric Company, a gas utility serving 1.3 million customers; and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, an electric utility serving over 2.2 million customers.

The event will be moderated by Jeanne E. D'Amato, the Harvey C. Budd Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Director of the Notre Dame Energy Center.

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scoring. So far this season, they
have held
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at times," Bayliss said.
That having been said, we
need to make some improve-
ments in areas where the
heat of battle has exposed a
few things we need to do
better if we expect to keep
improving."
Bayliss said that to con-
tend on the national level, the
young guys must really
"lock down the lower posi-
tions."
They will get
a chance to
do just that as the
Irish will face
off in a home
match against
another top-25
opponent in
Texas A&M.
The match
against the
Aggies is
scheduled for
Friday at 7
p.m. in the Eck Tennis
Pavilion.
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Wednesday night first and
keep improving our position
and putting pressure on the
committee and people above us
in the standings and first
ourselves in great position for
the Big East tournament in
New York.

Added forward Luke
Harangody: "We can't control
it. All we can control is the
next game. We can't look at that
stuff and try to piece things
together and figure out where
we're going to come out."
But at The Observer, we
have no quibbles about analyzing
the standings. Here's how
everyone stacks up heading
into the final few games:

 Fighting for first:
No. 2 Connecticut (25-2,
13-2), No. 6 Louisville
(22-5,12-2), No. 1 Pittsburgh
(22-5,12-2), No. 8 Marquette
(23-4,12-2)

This race at the top is every-
thing a college basketball fan
could hope for. Four great
teams, all tied in the loss col-
umn, slug it out for the title
in the last few games.
Marquette has the toughest
remaining schedule — consid-
ering its next three games are
against Connecticut, Louisville
and Pittsburgh and
Connecticut still play each
other one more time. This time
in Pittsburgh, on March 4.
Pittsburgh looks like it could
win the national title right now,
but if Pittsburgh and Louisville
both win out, the Cardinals will
hold the tiebreaker over the
Panthers for the No. 1 seed in
the Big East
tournament.

Louisville beat
them 69-63 on
Jan. 17.

The second
tier:
No. 12
Villanova (22-9,
10-4), West
Virginia
(19-8,6-6)

Villanova is a
lock for the
sun AA
tournament and
if the
Mountaineers take care of
business, they are in as well.
West Virginia's remaining
games are against Cincinnati,
South Florida, DePaul and
Louisville. The Mountaineers
could go 4-0, but 3-1 is more
likely. Worst case scenario,
they probably go 2-2, losing to
Cincinnati and Louisville. That
would still put them at 10-8 in
conference with 21 wins
overall, giving them a solid shot
at making the Tournament.

 Fighting for their lives:
Providence (16-11, 8-7),
Cincinnati (19-8, 7-7),
Syracuse (17-10, 7-7), Notre
Dame (15-10, 6-8)

The top four teams may be
duking it out for No. 1, but
here's where the real nail-bit-
ing will take place in the next
two weeks. There's still time
for each team to make a case
for a Tournament bid with a
strong finish to the regular sea-
don and a couple wins in the
conference tournament.

Key games down the stretch:
Syracuse and Cincinnati are
the only two of this group that
still have to play each other.
Syracuse also has to travel
to Marquette, while
Cincinnati has to face
West Virginia at home.
Providence
goes to
Pittsburgh at home and
travels to
Villanova. Notre Dame has
Connecticut in Storrs on
Saturday and then Villanova at
home next week. March
Madness has come a little early
for these teams.

Too bad everyone goes
to the Big East tournament:
Seton Hall (14-12, 5-9),
Georgetown (14-12, 5-10),
St. John's (13-14, 4-10), South
Florida (9-18, 3-11), Rutgers
(10-17, 3-13), DePaul (8-19,
0-14)

Under previous Big East
rules, there would be a doofight
this year for the 12th and final
conference tournament posi-
tion, with four teams still in the
running for it. But since every-
one goes to New York this year,
there's no drama to speak of.
Just bad basketball.

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**Orange**

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with a fighter’s attitude, having hung with the best team in the country.

“We can play with an athletic team like this. We know that we can move the ball and get rebounds with an athletic team. We know that we can play with a team like this,” Irish guard Ashley Barlow said in the postgame press conference.

Now that the top dog is out of the way, the Irish can begin their three-game swing for seeding in the Big East tournament. The Orange are first on the docket, Syracuse sits tied with West Virginia for 11th place at 4-9 in the conference and 15-11 overall.

Although the tournament expanded to include all 16 teams this season, the Irish (sixth place at 18-7, 7-6) still have a chance to improve their seed. But they will likely need to win all of their remaining games to do so.

Notre Dame is one game behind DePaul (20-7, 8-5), whose remaining games are against Marquette, South Florida and Cincinnati, teams in the middle or bottom of the conference. Notre Dame swept the season series with DePaul, but still needs the Blue Demons to lose at least one game to move up to the No. 5 seed.

But first the Irish have to get past the Orange, who are in senior Chandee Jones. The 5-foot-9 guard leads the team in scoring (16.7 points per game), rebounding (8.5) and 3-point field goal percentage (.314).

Sophomore guard Erica Morrow has also hit up the scoreboard for Syracuse this season, averaging 16 points per game while shooting .295 from beyond the arch. This season, Morrow has taken 166 3-point attempts, compared to 297 by Notre Dame’s entire roster.

Notre Dame has spread the wealth offensively this season, and has four players scoring in double figures. Barlow leads the team with 12.8 points per game, followed by senior guard Lindsay Schrader at 12.2, junior point guard Melissa Lechlitner at 10.7 and sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski at 10.3.

Bruszewski has been one of the top performers for the Irish of late, and had scored in double figures in five straight games before the Connecticut loss, in which she managed just nine points.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw attributed Bruszewski’s recent success to her more relaxed approach to the game.

“Bruszewski is just playing well in the last couple of games,” McGraw said. “I think it’s a little bit easier when you’re a sophomore playing. You don’t have quite the same pressure on you, you can just go out and play your game.”

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**NBA**

**Harris hits halfcourt shot, Nets beat 76ers**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devin Harris hit an unbelievable buzzer-beating half-court shot at the buzzer and the New Jersey Nets snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 94-96 victory over the stumbling Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

With players from both teams surrounding the scorer’s table, the referees watched replays of Harris’ shot for nearly three minutes before signaling the basket was good.

Seconds earlier, the 76ers seemingly nailed down the victory when Andre Iguodala sank the second of two free throws to give them a one-point lead with 1.8 seconds to play.

The Nets quickly inbounded the ball after bumping with Iguodala and then heaved the winner from in front of the scorer’s table.

Harris finished with a game-high 39 points, but his 22nd shot of the night will be the one 76ers fans remember, especially if it helps key a run to last forever, with the Sixers in as many games.

The final 2 minutes seemed to last forever, with the Sixers opening a 92-89 lead on a rebound follow by Dalember. Harris made a free throw to cut the margin to two points with 1:14 to go. After a miss by Miller, Bobby Simmons hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 35.3 seconds to play and was fouled, putting the Nets ahead 93-92. However, he missed the free throw.

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**Horoscope**

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can't let a personal relationship cause you to make changes at home. Your ingenuity can work to your advantage. You can end up making changes at home. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Greater pressure to financial and emotional needs and the need to take care of your own needs. It's time to focus on personal needs in order to avoid stressful situations. 2 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** More time to relax. It's not the time to put your feet up. 2 stars

**VIRGO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Confidence will come to your rescue. Be confident, take charge of your own destiny, and others will be forced to follow you. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Avoidance is not a behavior pattern that does not work. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will say something to make you feel insecure. 2 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Everything will be on your side. 2 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can't let a personal relationship cause you to make changes at home. Your ingenuity can work to your advantage. You can end up making changes at home. 2 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take a bit of a risk when it comes to a partnership. An idea you have can work. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** There is a lot you are unaware of so, before you make any changes at home, 2 stars

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BENGAL BOUTS

Lone heavyweight fighters to square off in finals rematch

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The first Bengal Bouts champion of 2009 will be crowned tonight in the Joyce Center.

The heavyweight championship fight features sophomore Kevin Crepeau and defending champion Will Bourroughs.

Crepeau and Bourroughs will be fighting for the first and final time tonight as the only two boxers in this year’s heavyweight division. Crepeau weighed in at 234 pounds and Bourroughs tipped the scales at 239.

“It’s kind of nerve-wracking because that first fight you always get to see where you are,” Crepeau said. “Nothing is the same as when you actually fight, so you don’t know if all your training has been enough until you actually get in there.”

Tonight’s battle is a rematch from last year’s final when Bourroughs, a law student, proved to be too much for then-Freshman Crepeau.

“Last year he gave me a pretty good beating, so this year I think I’m going to come with something a little different,” Crepeau said.

Last year, after a fairly even first round, Bourroughs pulled away in the second and opened up on his opponent in the final round, ending the contest before the final bell.

“Once he had me, he just hit the gas,” Crepeau said.

To his credit, the rookie was the only fighter that Bourroughs did not put on the canvas. Crepeau said he used the loss as motivation in his training this year and thinks he is better prepared the second time around.

“I know what I have to do,” Crepeau said. “I just have to do it and that’s not that easy.”

They know each other’s style after sparring many times leading up to this year’s fight. The title fight should be one

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

A building block

Hoopsters prepare to face ‘Cuse after tough game against UConn

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Notre Dame begins its final push to the postseason tonight when it takes on Syracuse at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish are coming off a hard-fought 76-66 loss to top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut on Sunday, in what was the smallest margin of victory this season for the Huskies. Despite having several opportunities to win, the Irish allowed a 22-1 Connecticut run and fell by the wayside in the second half.

Notre Dame left the game

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MEN’S BASKETBALL ANALYSIS

Irish head into home stretch

Players say they are only concerned with one game at a time

All season long, Notre Dame’s players have tried not to look at the Big East standings and get caught up in the speculation of who’s going to finish where. With two weeks left in the conference schedule, the Irish have both-ered to take a peek? If they did, they’re saying otherwise.

“I think we’ve done a good job all season of not looking at moments and letting coach (Mike Brey) deal with that stuff,” Irish guard Kyle McKinney said. “Especially right now, I think it’s important to just handle Rutgers [on

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MEN’S TENNIS

Kentucky hands ND loss at Eck Pavilion

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Notre Dame fell prey to Kentucky 5-2 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Monday. The loss drops the Irish back down to .500 with a record of 6-6.

Even with the return of senior Brett Helgeson, the team could not muster enough points to defeat the high-powered Wildcats, who move to 8-2 on the season.

The doubles team of sophomores Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt got the Irish started with an 8-2 win in second doubles, but the Wildcats took over in first and third doubles. Irish duos of Brett Helgeson and Tyler Davis and Niall Fitzgerald and Matt Johnson lost 5-8 and 3-8, respectively, giving Kentucky an early 1-0 lead.

The singles lineups for both teams were dominated by youth, as only two upperclassmen competed between both teams. Those two — Helgeson for Notre Dame and Bruno Angostinelli for Kentucky — faced off in No. 1 singles. Angostinelli emerged victorious in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 match.

Havens and Watt were the only two players to earn a point for the Irish. Havens knocked off Kentucky’s Brad Cox in three sets as second singles and Watt defeated Graeme Dyce 6-4, 6-3 at fourth singles.

With Helgeson the only upperclassman to provide consistent contributions to the team this season, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss has