Tuition to top $50K in total next year

University announces education costs to go up for 2010-11 by smallest percentage since 1960

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Notre Dame has increased tuition by 3.8 percent for the 2010-11 academic year — totaling $50,785 when including room and board — marking the lowest percentage increase since 1960, according to a University press release.

The tuition is set at $39,919. Room and board will average $10,866 for the year.

The University raised tuition by 4.4 percent for the 2009-10 academic year, yielding a cost of $38,477. Room and board — amounting to a University press release.

Pink Zone fundraiser exceeds goal

Proceeds from women's basketball DePaul matchup to benefit breast cancer research, awareness

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Yesterday's matchup was DePaul 90-66. It seems that even the Notre Dame women's basketball team celebrated Valentine's Day — and not just by playing with a lot of heart. As DePaul took to the court yesterday, it was met by an Irish team clad not in their traditional blue and gold, but in light pink.

Yesterday's matchup was the second annual Pink Zone game, which raises money for breast cancer research and awareness. Fans gathered in the Purcell Pavilion for the sold-out game were loud, excited and clad in pink as well. The Band and cheerleaders also followed suit, wearing pink shirts that said "Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer." During halftime, more than 100 breast cancer survivors from the South Bend community proceeded onto the court before a crowd that was at first hushed in silence, then moved to a standing ovation.

Cancer survivors from the South Bend community receive applause from women's basketball fans at the Pink Zone game Sunday.

Edith Stein event spurs discussion

Conference addresses slew of controversial topics in lectures, panels

By CARLY LONDON
News Writer

The Edith Stein Project, sponsored by the Identity Project of Notre Dame and held in McKenna Hall, returned this weekend for its fifth year and addressed a number of divisive yet pertinent topics to college-aged audiences.

This year's program, titled "No Man is an Island: Student perspectives on controversial topics to college-aged audiences," featured a series of lectures dedicated to initiating discussion on human identity and relationships.

College celebrates sophomore weekend

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Following a long tradition of hosting a weekend celebrating the bond between students and their parents, Saint Mary's College held its annual Sophomore Parents' Weekend Friday and Saturday.

"As sophomores, we have conquered the battle of freshman year, and most of us would say that we love having Saint Mary's College as our home away from home," Cassie Palmer, sophomore class president, said. "However, no matter how comfortable we are here, nothing can replace our bonds with our families.

Parents were invited to visit campus and spend time with their daughters in a variety of scheduled campus events. "Sophomore Parents' Weekend is a valuable experience that I would recommend to every student," sophomore Kami Umbaugh said. "It really is a wonderful time to show your parents your life at Saint Mary's while also giving students the opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime."
Valentine’s bites

Anyone who knows me passably well and sees my name and headshot in an Inside Column on the day before Valentine’s Day is more than likely expecting to read a bitter diatribe about how love is dead. Sorry to disappoint you.

True, the horrible holiday that took place yesterday is single-handedly killing love. No one denies this: I’ve decided, however, that the worst aspect of Feb. 14 and all it stands for is its proximity to Spring Break.

On March 6, 10 of my friends and I will be jetting off to sunny Puerto Rico for a week of frolicking in the ocean, partaking in assorted alcohol-related debauchery and working on a tan that South Bend will no doubt lack away within days of our return.

Obviously, since people wear bathing suits to the beach, I’ve spent all my time since last semester’s finals week trying to get in shape.

I’ve been on the treadmill for an hour a day, tried to tone my arms with the weights at Rolls and forced my friends to sign up for RecSports abs classes with me.

Additinally, I’ve been subsisting mainly on chicken noodle soup, raw vegetables, small cups of yogurt and glasses of water. I even tried the Special K diet for a few days. It worked until I gave in and admitted how hungry I was. Those serving sizes aren’t very big.

I think I’ve been doing a pretty good job. But Valentine’s Day is ruining all of my efforts.

For the past week or so, I haven’t been able to go anywhere without seeing some sort of unhealthy (and therefore extremely tempting) treat.

There are bowls of candy everywhere I turn. People selling Krispy Kremes seem to be camping out in Jordan Hall because I see them every time I cut through on my way to Rolls. Even my parents, who are normally pretty good about healthy Valentine’s Day gifts, sent me a dozen donuts with the usual assortment of fruit.

Incidentally, as I sat in my room typing this column just now, my RA knocked on my door and presented me with a Funfetti cupcake. This is torture.

I don’t understand how I’m supposed to go to class, write papers and type this column, let alone eat healthily, with so many well-meaning people offering the entire “eat sparingly” section of the food pyramid in exchange for a kiss. I know it’s not fair, but I’m also not entirely sure how I’m supposed to come up with a creative come-back aside from “Why not do something about it too much.”

She said the heart would be darker except for the recent heavy snowfall that mixed with the marble.

10,000 Detroit square inch plots on sale for $1 each

Detroit — A Web designer is hawking square inches of an empty lot in Detroit for a dollar each to show what can be done with vacant spaces.

Jerry Pedaffendorf says nearly 600 “inchvestors” have bought some of the 10,000 plots for sale in the “Loveland” art-and-real-estate project on Detroit’s east side.

The 28-year-old says he bought the lot for $500 and that profits are fed back into the project.

He says some inchvestors buy one plot while others have taken 1,000, and that they may do with the land as they wish. He says some plan to construct tiny buildings.

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Freshman Rich Estes said that he felt pressured into taking his

girlfriend out for Valentine’s Day because of the tradition-
al expectations of the holiday. “I really felt obligated to take her out,” he said.

“I feel like Valentine’s Day is all about obliga-
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While many students have a skeptical view of the holiday, others believe that the purpose
of Valentine’s Day is for individ-
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Juniour Chris Lee shares the more traditional view of Valentine’s Day and believes it is
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for information on the following:

- Ash Wednesday
- Traditional Practices
- Lenten Disciplines
- Stations of the Cross
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AFGHANISTAN

U.S. rockets crash into home

Blasts kill 12 civilians outside Taliban stronghold; president appeals to NATO

Associated Press

MARIJAH — Two U.S. rockets slammed into a home Sunday outside the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah, killing 12 civilians after Afghanistan’s president appealed to NATO to take care in its campaign to seize the town.

Inside Marjah, Marines encountered “death at every corner” in their second day of a massive offensive to capture this bleak mud-brick city filled with hoody traps, hardcore Taliban fighters and civilians unsure where to cast their loyalty.

Marines confronted a fierce sandstorm as they ducked in and out of doorways and behind bullet-riddled walls to evade sniper fire. To the north, U.S. Army troops fought skirmishes with Taliban fighters, calling in a Cobra attack helicopter against the insurgents.

Insurgents lurched the area with hoody traps and explosives before the offensive, and the sound of controlled detonations — about three every hour — punctuated the day along with mortars and rocket fire.

“Our children are very scared by the explosions. When will it end?” asked Zahir, a 25-year-old poppy farmer who liked the helicopter before it crashed and burst into flames at about 3 p.m. MST, said Deputy Lindsey Smith, a spokeswoman for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

“It’s a pretty horrific crash,” she said. “It just obliterated.”

Authorities have specifically identified three victims killed in the blast, said Smith. But since the Eurocopter EC135 can hold six people, officials are looking into whether there were additional victims.

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Local News

New street signs simplify navigation

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A new breed of street signs is helping drivers navigate at night or in bad weather.

The signs have begun replacing more than 15,000 street signs with highly reflective ones to meet federal regulations.

The new signs have a high-intensity metal sheeting that reflects light better than the old signs. Bloomington traffic manager Derek Nell says the signs look like they’re lit when headlight hit them.

The new signs cost $25 apiece. The city plans to spend more than $175,000 when all its signs are upgraded.

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According to Palmer, the weekend began with an opening reception in the Student Center Lounge where College President Carol Ann Mooney gave a welcome address. Following the opening remarks, students and their parents were invited to participate in a silent auction and trivia games. A slideshow was also presented with baby and college photos of the women in attendance.

Students and their parents were provided with a brunch in the Stapleton Lounge in Stefy Hall on Saturday morning.

Following the brunch, the a cappella group Bellacappella performed a private show in the Little Theatre at Moreau Hall. Dance group Troop ND also performed. To educate families on College history, a display of Saint Mary’s heritage was exhibited at the Welcome Center.

In addition, students and parents were invited to a special Mass held at the Church of Loretto.

Wasserman also enjoyed the time spent with her family.

“It was a busy weekend, but I enjoyed spending one on one time with my mom because we love spending time together.”

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Like University President Fr. John Jenkins, who spoke during the game, Duman Scheel is enthusiastic about the recent addition to Raclin-Carmichael Hall, the Harper Cancer Research Institute.

The many groups that came together for the Pink Zone game included Fannie Mae, which sold chocolates to raise money, as well as the Hmmes Notre Dame Bookstore, which sold pink pom-poms and gave away pink flashlights. Representatives from the Women’s Task Force of Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, the Secret Sisters Society, RiverBend Cancer Services and Young Survivors Breast Cancer Support Group were also in attendance.

Pink Zone exceeded its goal of raising $25,000 by more than $15,000 for a total of more than $70,000, as announced at the end of the game. The Irish defeated DePaul 90-66.

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The Fighting Irish: Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger

A Student Program on Competition and Perfectionism

February 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

Speakers include Dr. Daniel Lapsley, Dr. Rita Donley, and Sondra Byrnes
**Market Recap**

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**Commodities**

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**Exchange Rates**

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**In Brief**

*Samsung unveils new smart phone*

BARCELONA — Samsung Electronics Co., the largest maker of cell phones for the U.S. market, on Sunday revealed the first phone running Samsung’s own “smart” software system, bada.

With bada, Korea-based Samsung is taking the flooded mobile phone market by creating a new touch-screen smartphone platform and making it the basis of a smart phone ecosystem, a system to take on Apple Inc.’s iPhone, Google Inc.’s Android and Research In Motion Ltd’s Blackberry.

Samsung also makes phones based on other competing smartphone systems. Android is created by Google Inc., and Symbian, of which Nokia Corp. is a major backer.

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To support the Wave and existing phones using TouchWiz, Samsung is launching online applications stores in 50 countries this year, including the U.S. Most major phone makers now operate applications stores, or make phones that use stores administered by others, like Google.

*Iran begins drilling in Caspian Sea*

TEHRAN — State TV reports that Iran has begun drilling its first exploratory oil well in the Caspian Sea.

The Sunday report quotes head of Iran’s North Drilling Company Hedayatollah Khadem as saying that well is one of the three planned to gauge the amount of recoverable oil available in Iran’s territorial waters of the sea.

Khademi said the drilling began last week and is taking place at 1.55 meters under the seafloor.

The move is the latest Iranian push to take a bigger stake of the natural resources of the sea, which is shared by Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan.

In 2009 Iran inaugurated its first offshore oil platform in the Caspian.**Chrysler reveals plans to dealers**

New management discusses company’s future, sellers express mixed emotions

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — As he walked out of an auditorium Sunday afternoon, Grant Irwin Sr. pretty much summed up the mood of Chrysler dealers who had just spent two hours listening to the automaker’s new management.

The 73-year-old dealer from Northwest Oklahoma said he’s impressed by the executional style of Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, and optimistic about new cars and trucks that are coming.

But he’s also wondering about the short-term, which he and other dealers somehow must survive with an aging model lineup that pushed sales down 36 percent last year.

“We’re struggling,” said Irwin, who runs a Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealership rural Woodwind, Okla., about 140 miles from Oklahoma City. “We’re going to sell less cars.”

Dealer after dealer who exited the annual meeting at the National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Orlando, Fla., said they were happy with what they heard, but also said executives didn’t offer any options to help them get through the next six months to when new products are scheduled to arrive.

Chrysler sold only 930,000 cars and trucks last year, down from 1.4 million in 2008. January sales were even worse, down 62 percent from the month, down 55 percent from the same month in 2009.

“I think there’s a lot of good things coming,” said Walser, who runs a Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealership in Hopkins, Minnesota, near Minneapolis. “I think we’re all wondering what the future looks like between now and the time when all the product starts to arrive.

Chrysler plans to have 20 new or significantly redone models by the end of this year. The company has high hopes for a new lighter, and more efficient, Jeep Grand Cherokee that is coming around June. A redone Chrysler 300 and Charger, the new Fiat 500 minicar and a new Dodge sport utility vehicle are expected later in the year.

The dealers heard presentations on advertising, marketing and incentives from Fred Diaz Jr., who runs the Ram truck brand and is Chrysler’s top U.S sales executive, and Olivier Francois, who heads advertising and the Chrysler brand.

They told the dealers they are projecting sales this year at just under 1.2 million, up a little from last year. The company, the dealers said, still has $5 billion in cash and has reduced its expenses and gained efficiencies so it can break-even at just over a million in annual sales.

Many dealers said they will have to adjust the same way, keeping overhead low and making money on used cars and service, if they want to survive. Others are hoping for better incentives so they can sell more vehicles by offering great deals.

“Some dealers I think were pretty encouraged and others are frustrated,” said Walser. “We’re kind of playing defense, I think, for the moment.”

Dealers who are totally reliant on Chrysler Group LLC brands, Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge, were a little more frustrated because they’re totally reliant on the company, said Walser, who also runs Toyota Motor Corp. and other franchises.

Some dealers said they were skeptical of recent advertising campaigns, which were humorous and focused more on brand identity than touting Chrysler’s products. Some wondered how the brand advertising would help them sell more cars.

Chuck Eddy Jr., a Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealer in Youngstown, Ohio, said he had good sales last year in marketing deals, helped by incentives from the company such as rebates and low-interest financing. He’s hoping for increased incentives to help make it until the new vehicles arrive.

“Our buyers are loyal because they like the deal,” Eddy said. “We’ve got to get to the new product so we don’t have to worry so much about selling the deal.”

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**Fishermen to rally against federal law**

Associated Press

BOSTON — Fishermen from around the country are planning to pack the steps in front of the U.S. Capitol this month to demand changes to a federal fisheries law they say is killing jobs and eroding fishing communities.

Organizers say the “United We Fish” rally expect to see 3,000 people at the Feb. 24 protest, including a bipartisan roster of congressmen and fishermen from as far away as Alaska.

The rally comes as various issues roll the fishing business, including questions about uneven law enforcement, restrictions on key recreational stocks and a switch to a new system of regulating Northeast fishermen.

But Jim Hutchinson Jr. of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, a rally organizer, said the overall goal is raising awareness of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the federal fisheries law that was reauthorized in 2007.

Hutchinson said the law sets unrealistic fish stock recovery goals based on flawed science, then mandates harsh cuts for failing to meet the goals.

“This is about real people having real concerns and being put out of business, being kicked off the water,” Hutchinson said.

Tina Jackson, a Point Judith, R.I., fishermen who is organizing a bus ride to the rally, thinks policymakers will be forced to pay attention when they see solidarity from a field traditionally filled with factions.

“The competition has always run so high,” Jackson said. “Now it’s come down to ‘You know what, it’s do or die, we’re all in this together, regardless of what kind of fishing you do.’”

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spokeswoman Monica Allen said the agency “will be listening carefully to what fishermen and others have to say that day.”

She added that the U.S. has world-leading fishery science and management, and fishermen will see the benefits.

“We estimate that once the nation rebuilds all fisheries, which we are on a track to do and required to do by law, the discard value of our fisheries would go from $4.1 billion to $6.3 billion annually, a 54-percent increase,” she said.
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Rain, low clouds and predicted high winds Sunday grounded searchers seeking the body of a ConocoPhillips Alaska employee missing and presumed dead in an avalanche that killed the head of the company.

The avalanche hit around noon Saturday on the Kenai Peninsula buried Jim Bowles, 57, head of ConocoPhillips Alaska, and Alan Gage, 39, part of the company’s capital projects team in Anchorage.

Gage remains missing.

“The weather is not cooperating and it’s not conducive to search,” said Megan Peters, a spokeswoman for the Alaska State Troopers.

The men were in a party of 12 snowmobilers in the Grandview wilderness area, part of the Chugach National Forest, between the tiny communities of Moose Pass and Portage.

Bowles was buried for about 45 minutes before companions using avalanche beacons dug him out. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Gage apparently was not wearing an avalanche beacon, troopers said.

# Weather halts rescuers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The message on dozens of billboards across Atlanta is provocative.

Black children are an “endangered species.”

The eyebrow-raising ads featuring a young black child are an effort by the anti-abortion movement to use race to rally support within the black community.

The reaction from black leaders has been mixed, but the “Too Many Aborted” campaign, which so far is unique to only Georgia, is drawing support from other anti-abortion groups across the country.

“It’s ingenious,” said the Rev. Johnny Hunter, national director of the Life Education and Resource Network, a North Carolina-based anti-abortion group aimed at African-Americans that operates in 27 states. “This campaign is in your face, and nobody can ignore it.”

The billboards went up last week in Atlanta and urge black women to “get outraged.”

The effort is sponsored by Georgia Right to Life, which also is pushing legislation that aims to ban abortions based on race.

Black women account for the majority of abortions in Georgia in 2006, even though blacks make up just a third of the state’s population, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, black women were more than three times as likely to get an abortion in 2006 compared with white women, according to the CDC.

“I think it’s necessary,” Cheryl Sullivan, senior policy adviser for Operation Rescue, a prominent anti-abortion group, said of the billboard campaign.

“Abortion in the black community is at epidemic proportions. They’re not really aware of what’s actually going on. If it shocks people ... it should be shocking.”

Anti-abortion advocates say the procedure has always been linked to race.

They claim Planned Parenthood, its founder Margaret Sanger wanted to eradicate minorities by putting birth control clinics in their neighborhoods, a charge Planned Parenthood denies.

“The language in the billboard is using messages of fear and shame to target women of color,” said Leola Reis, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Georgia. “If we want to reduce the number of abortions and unintended pregnancies, we need to work at a community to make sure we get quality affordable health care services to as many women and men as possible.”

In 2008, Issues4Life, a California-based group working to end abortion in the black community, lobbied Congress to stop funding Planned Parenthood, calling black abortions “the Darfur of America,” referring to the violence-wracked western Sudanese province.

Pro-Life Action League Executive Director Eric Scheidler said a race-based strategy for anti-abortion activists has gotten a fresh zeal, especially in the wake of the historic election of the country’s first black president, Barack Obama, who supports abortion rights.

“He’s really out of step with the rest of black America,” Scheidler said. “That might be part of what is shifting here and why a campaign like this is appropriate, in kind of wake up that disconnect.”

Abortion rights advocates are disturbed Spelman College professor Beverly Guy-Sheftall called the strategy a gimmick.

“To use racist arguments to try to bait black people to get them to be anti-abortion is just disgusting,” said Guy-Sheftall, who teaches women’s history and feminist theory at the historically black women’s college.

Pro-life Ga. billboard causes controversy

This anti-abortion billboard in Atlanta, Ga., creates controversy in an attempt to rally support within black communities.

ANTHONY PLANO

Plain Text

Georgia Right to Life is using a provocative billboard campaign to target black community members. The campaign, called “Too Many Aborted,” features images of young black children and uses messages of fear and shame to target black women. The campaign’s creators, Georgia Right to Life, aim to attract support from the black community for their anti-abortion efforts.

The billboard campaign is not without controversy. Critics, including Planned Parenthood, argue that the campaign is unhelpful and divisive. They claim that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger wanted to eradicate minorities by setting up birth control clinics in their neighborhoods. Planned Parenthood denies these claims.

Georgia Right to Life defends its campaign, saying that it is necessary to address the high rates of abortion among black women. The group argues that black communities need quality affordable health care services, which it claims will help reduce the number of abortions.

The campaign has encountered mixed reactions. Some black leaders in the Atlanta area have found the campaign’s messages to be powerful and needing attention. Others, however, are concerned that the campaign may be a gimmick or that it is distorting the true reasons for high rates of abortion among black women.

Meanwhile, anti-abortion activists argue that the campaign has a valid point, even if the methods are controversial. They see the campaign as a necessary response to the trend of high abortion rates among black communities.

Despite the mixed reactions, the “Too Many Aborted” campaign continues to generate attention. It is a brave effort to engage black communities in the fight against abortion, and it is a conversation that needs to be had.
FLINT, Mich. — A fire that apparently started after a man fell asleep while cooking swept through an apartment building, killing the man’s young child and three others he was baby-sitting, authorities said.

The fire started at about 11 p.m. Saturday in a kitchen in one of the building’s six town houses, said Rod Slaughter, executive director of the Flint Housing Commission.

Neighbors spotted flames and smoke, and banged on the doors of the unit to wake the 28-year-old father, who escaped through a first-floor window, Fire Battalion Chief Andy Graves said.

They unsuccessfully tried to coax one of the children to jump from a second-floor window.

“They were able to reach one child, but they couldn’t get her to jump,” Graves said Sunday.

The children were between the ages of 1 and 4 years old.

Smoke detectors either were not working or the residents of the unit where the fire started did not heed them, Graves said.

The apartment was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived.

Flint Public Safety Director Al Lock said firefighters arrived at the building within minutes of the emergency call.

“I couldn’t imagine what it would be like to lose my children like that. I couldn’t live. I live for my children,” said Chiquana Richey, 32, a former resident of the complex.

Alanna Richey, a former resident of the complex, raced to the scene after getting a call from a friend soon after the blaze broke out.

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Melinda Stewart, a neighbor whose three children played with the children who died, said she called 911 in a panic after the fire erupted.

“I was just screaming to 911, ‘The babies are inside,’” Stewart told The Flint Journal.

It took firefighters hours to bring the blaze under control but it flared up again early Sunday, destroying Stewart’s apartment and possessions and those of other neighbors.

The fire spread through a common attic and damaged all of the six units in the two-story apartment building, part of a sprawling, low-rise complex.
Operation Togetherness

As Operation Mushtarak (which means togetherness in Pashtun) — aimed at Taliban strongholds in Helmand province — enters the fifth day of operations, NATO coalition forces are meeting with considerable tactical success. Opposition has been minimal and the show of force has, according to CNN, convinced many leaders in the area that the coalition is there to stay. Still, commanders on the ground have emphasized that the operation is not yet complete and may still encounter significant complications. Placed into the larger picture of Obama’s planned surge, the operation illustrates the capabilities of American and coalition forces when effectively concentrated against the enemy. At the same time, it is impossible to judge the true effectiveness of the operation or the Surge at this time. In the past, initially successful operations have been unable to bring as much pressure against the Taliban as was hoped or were unable to hold out against Taliban counterattacks. Additionally, it should be remembered that there will be an additional 30,000 troops on the ground by the end of the Surge and it is impossible to say with certainty how successful this massive deployment will be until all books are on the ground. Keeping Iraq in mind, many political commentators began calling the Iraqi Surge was a failure before much of the deployment could be carried out. Another aspect of the Iraqi Surge applicable to Afghanistan is that both operations are only military operations and are only one aspect of a multi-faceted solution. To say that a military operation is a failure because it did not bring political unity is like saying an apple tastes bad because it does not taste like an orange. Military operations are meant to provide military solutions and provide a certain level of security — nothing more or less. Just as much political and structural ground work remains to be done in post-Surge Iraq, the same will be true in Afghanistan when military operations begin winding down. Despite the parallels one can draw between Iraq and Afghanistan, there are also many differences and certain approaches taken in Iraq that will simply not work in Afghanistan. While Iraq has its share of sectarian problems, it has a history — however troubled — of unification and Iraqis have shown an ability — albeit rarely — to overcome sectarian rivalries for the sake of a broader communal concept. Afghanistan, on the other hand, has long been a very fractured country and has overcome sectarian rivalries for the sake of a broader communal concept. Afghanistan's rulers and strike a balance between pressuring Afghanistan to democratize and partnering with Afghanistan against enemies of the United States. Simply put, there is not enough public interest, or international support for lofter goals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth, identity and Edith Stein

Many thanks to those who organized the Edith Stein Conference last week for their dedication to exploring religious, cultural and sexual identity. However, I would invite the planners next year to give voice to the experience of faithful Catholics who do not identify as heterosexual.

The Conference hosted Melinda Selmys, who lived as a lesbian for over seven years before “converting” to both Catholicism and heterosexuality. Selmys’ story was a nuanced one; she did not claim to be ex-gay and questioned the morality of the University’s current non-discrimination policy. However, if the conference desires to reflect upon homosexuality and Catholicism, planners may want to consider allowing someone to speak who actually identifies as homosexual, which they failed to do with both Selmys and in the two men chosen for the panel discussion.

In privileging Selmys’ voice, a subtle message was sent that homosexual identity is illegitimate and anti-Catholic. For those struggling to integrate body and soul (a theme of the conference), this message can actually do more violence than any ill-conceived cartoon ever could. In protest to Selmys as a speaker, students gathered at McKenna Hall to recite “queer poetry.” While some called security for them to be taken away, Selmys’ husband stood and listened to the poetry preachers and applauded them.

I hope that Conference organizers in the future follow his example and give space to listen to the voices of LGBTQ Catholics. Such dialogue could form a complimentary relationship that would give everyone deeper insight into the incredible beauty of humanity created in the image of God, and the boundless love we receive from such a Creator. At the conference, Dolores Hart, OSB remarked, “It is the love of truth that led Edith Stein to the truth of Love.” The conference developed out of a love of truth, and I hope in the future it will voice the truth of the experience of homosexual Catholics. While such dialogue takes courage on both parts, there is nothing to fear because as Catholics we know the outcome, which is the truth of Love.

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Cloudy with a chance of meatballs

There are many things to like about North Dining Hall, from the large main room to its lovely employees swiping everyone in day after day. However, it is hard to be complacent, as there are things within the walls which seemingly defy logic or reason.

First, one has to wonder why North chooses to have Mini Swedish Meatballs as an option. Not only are they terrible, but the real atrocities is that they replace the delicacy that is regular meatballs. Why mix Swedish with Italian? I’d like to know.

Secondly, it may blow some people’s minds, but grilled chicken that is available and not dry is actually preferable to other options. Why cook to order? Keep some out for those of us who just want to eat quickly.

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Olympics are a brief time of world peace

The Olympics are here, again. After their habitual four years of dormancy, the Winter Games return to the world stage in Vancouver, British Columbia.

While many people couldn’t care less about the Olympics, I have been counting down for this for 17 months, since the Olympic flame in Beijing was extinguished.

And now I reflect on why the Olympics are so important to me, and why they’re important to the world.

It goes like this: At a young age, it was instilled in me that the Olympics were a huge deal. My whole family would gather around the TV, enthralled with my dad’s ’60s philosophy “that these things only happen every four years, Bev. Enjoy them.”

While most kids were out copies of Disney or superhero movies, I watched the 1996 Olympic Gymnastics team win gold and Dan Jansen finally win for his sister over and over again. I also secretly know every word of the 2002 Opening Ceremonies, from many after-school viewings.

I wanted to be Dorothy Hamlin, a ’70s figure skater, for Halloween one year and I cried the day my ’96 Atlanta hoolie got a hold in it.

But my love for the Olympics didn’t stop in my pre-teen years, they have always been a part of my life. In high school I wrote a thesis paper on the inter-workings of Olympic judging. I even got to interview an employee of the International Olympic Committee. In 2008 I ate, slept and breathed Michael Phelps’ road to eight gold medals, and the original 1984 cover of Newsweek with Mary Lou Retton, the first American to win the all-around title in gymnastics, is hanging on my wall.

Last summer, I made a trip to Lake Placid to touch the actual goal where Mike Eruzione scored the game-winning shot against the Soviet Union in 1980, “Do you believe in Miracles?”

But really, miracles are what the Olympics are all about. The world takes more than two weeks off for peace; there is nothing more miraculous than that. It’s the world as I wish it could be.

And that’s why I love the Games so much. They’re more than a collection of sporting events; they’re a global recognition that we are all human with indomitable passion and goodness.

So whether you will follow the Olympics this year or not, there is definitely a chance for amazing things to happen in Vancouver.

Eight years ago, in the shadow of the Sept. 11 attacks, NBC anchor Bob Costas summed up the tone of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and it still applies today.

“The (Olympic) Flame that is lit tonight is not like any other. It’s not the fire of destruction but a light in the darkness.”

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Collide to Enhance Fashion Week Experience

By BRANDY CERNE
Scene Writer

Tired of living in sweatpants and the lack of inspiration in not exactly fashion-forward South Bend? Turn your eyes towards Fall 2010 Fashion Week, which began in New York City Thursday. Now, it is easier than ever to imagine that you are one of the elite in the fashion world, due to the ability to see entire collections online only moments after the shows finish. Some designers, such as Marc Jacobs, Calvin Klein and Michael Kors, are even live streaming their shows online, making almost anyone feel like they have a ticket to a big-name fashion show.

Unfortunately, the week started out on a tragic note, as designer Alexander McQueen was found dead from apparent suicide on Thursday morning. This event has cast a somber tone on what should be an exciting time for designers, editors and all fans of fashion. Luckily, there is always enough activity and drama during Fashion Week to keep people on their toes and moving from one show to the other quickly. Who will be the new up-and-coming designer? Which designers will strike out? What are the new fall trends? The answers to these questions are revealed little by little after each show.

Thus far, critics are hailing the collections shown by Peter Som, Preen and Chado Ralph Rucci. Chado Ralph Rucci presented an upscale collection filled with luxurious fabrics such as fur and feathers. The Peter Som show had more of a bohemian feel to it, mixing prints and layering beads and tweed. Preen showed silhouettes with both masculine and feminine elements. There have been many other emerging trends that do not need to be saved for fall. Thin long-sleeved T-shirts layered under sleeveless dresses were shown at BCBG. Chunky knits, which are necessary for South Bend weather, were on display at Jason Wu and Lacoste. The latest style of blazer seems to be double-breasted, seen at Ruffian and L.A.M.B. One trend that hopefully will not be making a comeback in real-life wardrobes any time soon is the maxi-skirt, which was present in numerous shows so far. That is just a little too reminiscent of late-1990s teenagers.

If just looking at the beautiful clothes in the shows is not enough, there is real entertainment to be found in the behind-the-scenes action of the fashion industry. Two excellent documentaries about giants in the fashion world came out in 2009: “The September Issue” and “Valentino: The Last Emperor.” “The September Issue,” the better of the two films, documents the making of the September 2007 issue of Vogue magazine, which is the biggest in the magazine’s history. It presents a fascinating portrait of the mysterious editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, who is without a doubt the most powerful person in the fashion industry. The contrast between Wintour and creative director Grace Coddington makes for some of the most interesting dynamics seen in any film in recent years, but it is made all the more appealing for the fact that it is real. “The September Issue” will be released on DVD on Feb. 23.

“Valentino: The Last Emperor” is also worth seeing. Valentino Garavani is one of the most important designers in the world. This film follows him at the end of his long career. It is rare to get an inside look at how a legendary designer works and to see what inspires them. “Valentino: The Last Emperor” is available now on DVD.

For those who would rather watch the rise of the future in fashion, look no further than the popular reality series Project Runway. Now in its seventh season, there is no doubt that this show has influenced the fashion industry. Past contestants Christian Siriano and Daniel Vosovic both showed collections in the last few days. If you need a fashion fix, these are great options to get an intimate view of the important, the legendary, and the newest style-setters in the fashion industry. Fashion Week has only just begun, and there is much more glamour and excitement still to come.

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It’s hard to place Lil Wayne in the rap cannon. One thing is very clear: he is one of the most productive musicians of the past decade. In that time he’s released 10 albums and 23 singles and has been featured on over 50 other tracks as well as countless mixtapes. It almost seems as if the confusion is intentional. He’ll drop a top-10 hit like “A Mill” but then follow up with a song about playing basketball on a moon made of drugs.

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Listening to the album, it becomes clear that Lil Wayne spent his formative years in the post grunge wasteland of the 1990s. From the opening track, Lil Wayne’s understanding of rock music is, at best, warped. His inspiration is drawn from late period metal acts such as Korn and Limp Bizkit, whose commercial pull righty ended at the turn of the millennium. Boring riffs, un-inspired choruses and forgettable verses populate the album.

As for Lil Wayne’s actual performance, it leaves much to be desired. While his distinctive vocal attributes serve his now iconic flow well, they also tend to fade quickly when he starts singing. Rarely surviving beneath heavy doses of auto tune, it just may not be possible for Weezy to carry a tune. Wayne is also credited with a fair amount of the instrumentation across the album. While this seems a dubious claim at best, their truth wouldn’t make the effort any more impressive. Most of the backing music could have been written by a 15-year-old with two months of guitar lessons trying to impress his friends.

Besides music, the other defining characteristic of Lil Wayne is his prolific drug use. As displayed in his music, his relationship with illicit substances is rather complex. While his raps most often profess love for them, at times they appear conflicted. It may be best said that his hand rolled mised-meanors are the closest thing he has to a muse.

Someday shortly after 2006, Lil Wayne transformed into a rap star. While he had been moderately successful as an underground musician before then, his mixtape work caught the attention of critics, mainstream fans and indie kids. Riding this wave of newfound momentum, “Tha Carter III,” his fifth studio album, sold over one million copies in the first week, earned eight Grammy nominations and transformed Lil Wayne into the brightest star in the business.

With several mainstream sources, including Rolling Stone and MTV, naming him the hottest MC in the game, Lil Wayne announced his follow-up album, “Rebirth.” Some confusion resulted from his first press release, but it was quickly clarified. “Rebirth” was no remix album, it was going to be his rock debut.

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From there, the orchestra moved on to Aaron Jay Kernis’s “Air for Violin and Orchestra.” Kernis originally wrote the piece, a lovely and moving air, for his wife, Eyelene. The piece began enthusiastically and sonorously, captivating its audience from the outset. As the air continued, it became more and more passionate, until it tempered into the euphonious solo, played exquisitely by Carolyn Plummer on violin. After another short burst of passion and zeal, the work slowly ebbed to its conclusion. The violin solo was a beautiful, central part of the air. Plummer is an associate professor of music at Notre Dame with many impressive achievements to her name, having played in a number of orchestras across the United States, including some in Wisconsin and Colorado. Her solo Friday night was heart-rending in its passion. It lent even more emotion to an already heartfelt piece, striking chords in the hearts of all its listeners.

After a brief intermission, Stowe concluded his program with Mendelssohn’s “Scottish Rhapsody.” The piece featured a full orchestra, including the trombones, giving breadth and emotion to the final movement.

The night spent in DPAC, with the Symphony Orchestra was extremely enjoyable, both the music and the atmosphere. DPAC, with its fantastic acoustics and comfortable seats, provided a lovely background for the melodic night of music.

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‘Rebirth’ is NOT Lil Wayne’s Saving Grace

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FRIDAY NIGHT, students, parents, children and professors alike trudged through the snow banks and drifts and skated over patches of black ice to make it to the Winter Concert of the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). A night that started off with a short burst of passion and zeal, the work slowly ebbed to its conclusion. The violin solo was a beautiful, central part of the air. Plummer is an associate professor of music at Notre Dame with many impressive achievements to her name, having played in a number of orchestras across the United States, including some in Wisconsin and Colorado. Her solo Friday night was heart-rending in its passion. It lent even more emotion to an already heartfelt piece, striking chords in the hearts of all its listeners.

After a brief intermission, Stowe concluded his program with Mendelssohn’s “Scottish Rhapsody.” The piece featured a full orchestra, including the trombones, giving breadth and emotion to the final movement.

The night spent in DPAC, with the Symphony Orchestra was extremely enjoyable, both the music and the atmosphere. DPAC, with its fantastic acoustics and comfortable seats, provided a lovely background for the melodic night of music.

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Worst of all, Wayne falters where he normally shines: his lyrics. While his audience has come to expect elaborate metaphors, tight word play and copious punch lines, he instead delivers what he thinks should be in a rock song: vague anger, undirected aggression and a revenge narrative.

Lil Wayne’s fruitlessly compiles beats, distortion and auto tune in an attempt at a futuristic sound, but instead sounds more like a computer program. He’s gathered all the pieces that would make a rock album, but just didn’t quite put them together correctly. Most importantly, the album is completely lifeless.

After a stunning disappointment, his fans are left hoping this musical adventure is a diversion and not a completely new path. Lil Wayne appears to have already moved on, already hyping his next projects including a collaborative effort with Juicy J and “Tha Carter IV.”

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**SCM TENNIS**

**Bellets get off to rough start**

By LUKE MANSOUR  Sports Writer

The Bellets expected a battle heading into their season-opening match against non-conference opponent Case Western. Unfortunately, a seasoned Spartans team proved to be too much for the Belles to handle.

Saint Mary’s (0-1) kicked off their season on a sour note, dropping its first dual meet to Case Western (1-0) by a 2-6 score on Tuesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

A slow start doomed the Belles early. Despite the tough loss, the Belles gained valuable experience by playing such a tough team early in the season.

“I think that we can take a lot from the competitive match and we can learn from Case Western,” senior Camille Gebert said. “It will be a matter of adjusting to stronger teams like Case Western if we want to bring our play up a notch.”

Junior Jill Hurley agreed with Gebert’s assessment of the match.

“Although Case Western was such a tough team, it was beneficial for us to play them because playing more challenging teams can help raise our games to a higher level,” she said.

The Belles’ lone victories came from the No. 4, No. 5 singles positions, where juniors Elena Peluso and Mary Theresi Lee managed close wins over their Spartan counterparts. After winning the first set 7-5, Peluso jumped out to a 4-1 lead over her opponent Corey Bowen. Bowen cut the deficit to 4-3, but Peluso held on for a 6-3 victory in the second set.

At the No. 5 singles position, Lee cruised in the first set en route to a 6-1 victory. The set was back-and-forth, but Lee was finally able to swing the fight to her favor by her consistent serve.

“We will need to be ready to play from the start of the match, and we need to take advantage of any opportunities to gain early points with doubles,” Gebert said. “We need to focus less on the results and more on improvement in general during our non-conference matches.”

“Hopefully, [the Case Western match] will push everyone to step up for next week’s match and to perform at a higher level,” Hurley said.

The match is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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**SCM SWIMMING**

**We’ll need to be ready to fight back**

By MEGAN FINNERAN  Sports Writer

The Belles did not end the weekend, and their season, the way they would have liked, finishing seventh with a total score of 241 at the MACA Championships hosted by Case Western.

But just as they had hoped going into the meet, many individual Swimmers and Relay teams came out with huge accomplishments.

Freshman Ellie Watson started her first season with a bang, on the Belles on a high note, breaking the school record in the championship heat of the 500-yard freestyle on the first day, finishing second in the preliminaries and advancing to the finals, where she earned a second-place medal with a time of 5:09.90 minutes.

“It feels really good to break the school record. All my hard work this season has finally paid off,” Watson said.

Watson also finished eighth in the finals in the 100 individual medley with a time of 4:45.50 the second day. From there, things only got better when she ended the weekend with a second-place finish and an NCAA B-cut time in the 1650 freestyle at 17:47.70. Now she must wait to see how other swimmers in her event finished to determine whether or not she will advance to the Olympic site in Vancouver.

“For me this season has been a good foundation year,” Watson said. “Hopefully, the Belles can emerge from the pool. I am hoping my season is going to end on a high note.”

That first round of finals also ended with a 13th-place finish in the 500 freestyle from senior Sara Niemann. Additionally the Belles gained a fifth-place finish with a time of 14:1.29 for the 200 freestyle relay team of sophomore Barbara Beidler, freshmen Watson and Katie Griffin and senior Meredith Lierz.

The 400 medley relay team of Beidler, Watson, Griffin and freshman Genevieve Spittler finished seventh in the 1:43.45 heat.

The second day continued with strong performances from senior Griffin, freshmen Calla Poyhress and freshman Emily Pearl placed ninth and 12th, respectively, in the 200 backstroke at 1:02.21, 1:03.54 and 1:04.68.

Other Belles advanced to the finals: Spittler finished 16th in the 100 butterfly at 1:02.90 and ninth in the 200 butterfly at 2:15.43 while Niemann and Bierdler took places 17th and 18th, respectively, in the 200 freestyle at 2:03.47 and 2:05.28.

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Blackhawks beat Blue Jackets; Kane injures knee in third period

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio Troy Brouwer scored in the fourth round of the shootout to give the Chicago Blackhawks a 5-4 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Sunday night, sending the NHL into its second break with a flourish.

Each team came back from — and blew — a two-goal deficit in the third period. A slow start doomed the Blackhawks early, but Chicago goalie Corey Crawford came through in the shootout to give the Blackhawks a 5-4 victory in a round of the shootout to give the Blackhawks a 5-4 victory in the first round of the shootout.

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Louisville coach Rick Pitino, center, talks with his players during a time-out in the second half against Syracuse in Syracuse, N.Y., Sunday. Louisville won the game 66-60, marking the Cardinals’ fifth straight victory over the Orange.

Samuels key to Louisville’s upset of Syracuse

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Samardo Samuels scored all eight of his points during a late surge and Jerry Smith sank a pair of clutch free throws with 17.8 seconds left and Louisville rallied for a 66-60 upset of No. 2 Syracuse on Sunday.

Syracuse (24-2, 11-2 Big East), which held off Connecticut 72-67 on Wednesday night after squandering a 16-point lead in the second half, had won 11 straight since a loss to Pittsburgh.

It was the fifth straight win over the Orange for Louisville (16-9, 7-5), which was 0-4 against ranked teams entering the game.

Its last win over a ranked team was a 10-point triumph over Syracuse last March.

Samuels scored his first points of the game on a pair of free throws with 7:46 left and followed with a hook off the glass to tie the game at 50. Mike Marra’s 3 from the left corner gave the Cardinals a three-point edge and Samuels made a twisting layup through traffic to put Louisville up 55-52 with 5:14 left.

Samuels’ dunk off an inbound pass gave the Cardinals their biggest lead in the second half and gave Louisville a 42-39 lead.

Its last win over a ranked team was in desperate need of a signature win.

Samuels was unable to score again after Kris Joseph’s slam dunk with 31.9 seconds left made it a two-point game.

Joseph was then called for an intentional foul on Smith, who sank both free throws.

Edgar Sosa and Marra each had 12 points to lead Louisville. Jared Swopshire had 10 points.

After three turnovers by the Orange and two more by the Cardinals as both teams repeatedly passed the ball around looking for an open man, Rautins hit consecutive 3s in transition in a 37-second span to put Syracuse back on top midway through the half.

Syracuse never got its high-powered transition game untracked against the Louisville defense, which limited the Orange to 41.4 percent shooting.

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Rankings:

In Brief

Georgian luger dies after high-speed crash

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A men’s Olympic luger from the country of Georgia died Friday after a high-speed crash on a track that is the world’s fastest and has raised safety concerns among competitors.

A tearful IOC president Jacques Rogge said the death hours before the opening ceremony “clearly casts a shadow over these games.”

Nodar Kumaritashvili lost control of his sled during training, went over the track wall and struck an unpadded steel pole near the finish line at Whistler Sliding Center. Paramedics and doctors were unable to revive the 21-year-old luger, who died at a hospital, the International Olympic Committee said.

“We are heartbroken beyond words,” said John Furlong, chief executive of the Vancouver organizing committee.

U.S. Medals for first time in Nordic Combine

WHISTLER, British Columbia — The Americans broke through in the Nordic combined barrier Sunday, winning their first Olympic medal in the sport dominated since its inception by the Europeans.

But it could have been even better.

Jason Lamy Chappuis — who was born in Missisquoi, Mont., but has always raced for France — overtook Johnny Spillane on the final straightaway for the gold medal, winning the individual race in 25 minutes, 47.1 seconds, four-tenths of a second ahead of Spillane.

Italy’s Alessandro Pittin won the bronze, finishing eight-tenths of a second behind Chappuis and just ahead of American Todd Lodwick.

Crosby OK for Olympics after taking shot

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Penguins and Team Canada star Sidney Crosby said he was unhurt and headed to Vancouver for the Olympic tournament despite wincing in pain shortly after he took a slap shot in Pittsburgh’s loss to Nashville on Sunday.

“I will be there," Crosby said after the 4-3 shootout loss to the Predators. Team Canada was scheduled to practice Monday and open against Norway on Tuesday.

“I’m on the flight tonight,” he said.

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Joe Schmidt of Salem

Joseph “Sweet Cheeks” Decker def. Kyle Bianco

Bianco entered the ring a fighter with a flurry of punches, but as time went on Decker established a lead that Bianco could not overcome. The sophomore in the boxer in the fight. The O’Neill freshman took the lead throughout the fight and utilized a second round interruption of repeated body shots in between furious lunges at Goddard. The junior fought a hard battle with an aggressive style. The Keough freshman could not beat the sophomore. He dominated the third round and earned the unanimous decision.

Nicholas “The Guillotine” Goode def. Josh Schanzso

The fight got off to an exciting start, as the two featherweights bludgeoned each other in the head relentlessly throughout the first round. Near the end of the round, the sophomore Goode showcased his footwork and a barrage of repeated body shots in between furious lunges at Goddard. The junior fought a hard battle with an aggressive style. The Keough freshman could not beat the sophomore. He dominated the third round and earned the unanimous decision.

Andrew “The A-train” Ziccarelli def. Bobby Sullivan

Sevond after the match began, Sullivan used his long reach to his advantage and struck Ziccarelli in the face enough to dislodge the junior’s mouth guard. The sophomore Sullivan remained on the outside of the ring, boxing the junior short, laying rain down an aerial assault on his opponent. The junior Ziccarelli landed punches in the two subsequent rounds, rounding out the storm before Frickey went on to win by split decision.

Michael “In” Nightman Burdell def. Alessandro “The Silence” Cardenas

The boxers fought evenly in the first round as they landed punches at a high rate early. The sophomore Burdell wasted no time in establishing his presence in this match, forcing the freshman French to the back foot. The lightning fast jabs dished out to the junior gave him the second round and allowed him to rack up his points. Unfortunately, his punches were met with a barrage of punches from the junior. The second round with mixed success as Enzweiler was able to keep up with Murayama’s advances and battle back with defensive jabs. By the third round Murayama continued to dominate and knock down Enzweiler, countering with a relentless barrage of repeated body shots. A string of punches and uppercuts to the head in the second round. Thayer continued to chase but was met with a thundering uppercut to the glove to the head in the second round. The sophomore was awarded a victory by unanimous decision.

Mike “It’s All About the Q” Quigley def. John “The Spaniard” Flores

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Michael “Yo mamma Murayama def. Thomas “Shake n Bake” Enzweiler

Murayama started this battle of juniors well as he ducked below the arms of the lanky Enzweiler. Murayama landed few well placed jabs to the head of Enzweiler in the first round. Enzweiler countered with a barrage of punches in the second round with mixed success as Enzweiler was able to keep up with Murayama’s advances and battle back with defensive jabs. By the third round Murayama continued to dominate and knock down Enzweiler, countering with a relentless barrage of repeated body shots. A string of punches and uppercuts to the head in the second round. Thayer continued to chase but was met with a thundering uppercut to the glove to the head in the second round. The sophomore was awarded a victory by unanimous decision.

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Jahs to Powers’ head. Powers’ counter-attack was too much for Carey. Powers won by unanimous decision.

158-pound Weight Division

*“The Situation” Losco def. Kyle “Serve Chilled” Bailey

The freshman Losco defeated the junior Bailey in an evenly-matched fight. Early in the first round, Bailey got Losco into a corner against the ropes. Despite his disadvantage in the first round, Losco came back looking more energetic in the second round, and carried that energy with him through the remainder of the round, tossing detrimental blows to the tiring Bailey. In the final round, Bailey was able to hold his ground with a few combination throws, but was unable to convince the judges he was the better boxer as they made a split decision in favor of Losco.

Andrew Bachinskas def. Steven Hollis

In what was a one-sided match in most parts of the bout, senior Bachinskas was able to outlast Hollis as both fighters tired in the third round. Bachinskas was on the offensive for most of the fight, and two good shots to the sophomore’s head sealed the unanimous decision in Bachinskas’ favor.

William “Gary Meyers” Kemp def. Greg “Blackout” Dow

The senior Kemp used his height to his advantage as he defeated Cunningham in the first round. Kemp led the fight, offering many powerful blows that weakened Cunningham substantially. In the second round, Cunningham came back with a different boxer, full of energy and making up for the ground he lost in the first round. A powerful left hook from Cunningham in the third round led Kemp into the corner. In the end, Cunningham’s ability to put up a fight in the second and third rounds did not make up for the many points that Kemp got in the first round as the judges unanimously declared Kemp as the victor.

John “The Caucasian Asian” Crabtree def. Samuel Wengryn

After a first round in which both Crabtree and Wengryn got their fair amount of shots in, Crabtree took over in the second round. Despite law student Wengryn’s decided height advantage, the junior was able to land a steady dose of both head and body punches. With a wicked left hook the chin, Wengryn went down and Crabtree got the knockout.

Adam “Mad” Codwen “Disease” def, Eric Monzon

Codwen took an early lead over his fellow sophomore, a lead which he kept for the duration of the fight. Though Codwen brought Monzon to the ropes early in the first round, Monzon was able to escape before any crucial damage was done. Later in the round, Monzon started to tire and his throws were increasingly off target. The second round was particularly evenly matched as both Codwen and Monzon were able to get substantial blows to their opponents in before the round. In the third round, Codwen served Monzon a series of combinations that the judges decided unanimously that Codwen was the winner.

**WHAT’S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?**

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Monzon started to tire and his punches have decreased effectiveness. After the final bell, it was Monzon’s corner that decided that Bowers had the better fight.

Kevin Goodwin def. Andrew “The Juggernaut” Oksonka

Goodwin defeated Oksonka as the referee called the fight halfway into the second round. From the beginning of the fight, the referee determined Oksonka more dominant in the ring, but the sophomore Oksonka got an impressive job protecting himself during the first round. Oksonka began the second round with a little more energy, but could not keep up with Goodwin’s dominant style. As Oksonka suffered incredibly from a combination punch from Goodwin.

Daniel “Cabbage Patch” Chapman def. Dace “Skin” Lard

The pick of the crop of young boxers, Chapman and Lard lead a successful in their second meeting, with Chapman gaining the advantage in both rounds. Chapman’s height and reach with good combinations and countering punches led him to fall. In the second round, the sophomore Lard’s distinct advantages in the ring with a series of combinations that the judges decided unanimously that Lard was the victor so Chapman advanced over the junior.

*James “Rambo” Fultz def. Cameron “C-Money” Dow

Fultz defeated his fellow freshman Dow with a technical knockout call from the referee halfway into the second round. At the start of the second round, Dow looked like he would last the full round and get the knock out from the ropes and took advantage of the few instances that Fultz left his face unpro- tected. As the first round came to a close, Dow looked tired, dizzy and in need of a new strategy to defeat the more athletic Fultz. In the second round, Dow threw more detrimental hits, but he grew weak or each punch. The ref-eree stopped the fight because Dow was hardly able to stand.

Joseph “McManimal” McMahon def. Michael “Sleepy” McHale

After thestart of thebell, bothfighters seemed to go off, broke, trying to land a decisive blow in the final round. Bothfighters adopted a rather unorthodox style, each gam- bling with his rival’s defenses. However, both fighters often leaving themselves vulnerable by getting off-bal- ance. The first round was more of the same, the two giving everything they had. In theend, the junior McMahon was named victor over the sophomore McHale in a split decision.

Alex “Gatito Loco” Olorio def. Chris Newman

In the first round, neither Newman and fellow sophomore Olorio showed much detrimental blows, but Newman’s left hand got his guard down. After the first break, Newman recovered and tried to fight, but Olorio’s energy was not able to match up to Olorio. In an important third round, Olorio dominated the bout, Newman’s fist the ground, and the junior Olorio showed his superior skill, getting more tired toward the end of the fight. Olorio won in a unanimous decision.

163-pound Weight Division

Jordan Bucci def. Jeffrey “Yeah Baby” Abbracciamento

Bucci came out immediately on the offensive, forcing Ulrich to the ropes quickly and knocking out in the first round. Ulrich covered up well, though, and was able to land some of his own. The second round was similar with the senior Bucci landing some heavy blows to the head of Ulrich. After the referee stopped to check on the freshman, Bucci landed another heavy shot to the head of Ulrich, forcing him from a bounce off the rope to land it. In the third, the tide dra- matically turned with the senior Bucci getting quick back into the fight by going on the offensive, turning Ulrich’s defense into a completely pointless match. However, Ulrich recovered well and was able to climb out of and Bucci won by a unanimous decision.

Adrian “Yo Adrian” Moreno def. Kevin “The Recruit” Dacey

In the first round, both the sophomore Moreno and the senior Dacey rushed in on each other in the opening round, with the sophomore Moreno turning Ulrich’s hole was too big to climb out of and Bucci won by a unanimous decision.

Andy Nester def. Andrew “Hababero” Foreno

Nester came out on the offensive, but graduate student Foreno did a good job of dodging and covering up when necessary and landing counterpunches. In the second round, Nester came out of the corner with a bang, but Foreno, once again, kept the senior honest, and recovered. After a good round of his own, Nester the referee called the fight and Nester won by a tech- nical knock out.

Ryan “The Show Stopper” Shestak def. Xavier “The Nicaraguan Heymaker” Newman

In the first round, MBA stu- dent Navarro looked more ener- getic enough to match up to Olorio. In an important third round, the senior Bucci landed some heavy blows to the head of Ulrich, forcing him off his feet and landing some detrimental blows. However, Ulrich recovered well and was able to climb out of and Bucci won by a unanimous decision.


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Steven Brownwell def. Caleb Lane

Even though the senior Laux started off strong, throwing several uppercuts and pot shots, he continually backed up, through the second round. At the start of the third, the junior served Laux a right-handed hook shot that Laux was not able to recover from. During the second round, Brownwell took over the fight, pinning Laux to the ropes numerous times before the referee called the fight.

Keenan “Mr. Chops” Dufey def. Joe “The Missile Crisis” Perez

Each boxer showed his dominance in the initial blows in this battle of sophomores, bloodying Dufey with a left hook shot to the head. After the fight was stopped several times because of the bleeding, Dufey came back firing and took the fight to Perez in the final seconds. It was a close fight, but Perez showed his dominance.

Matt Hopkins def. Ryan “Dirty” Alberdi

In the second round, the fresh- man Alberdi aimed for the body with hopes of weakening the senior, but was unsuc- cessful as Hopkins’s long reach put him in a good position to defend himself. Alberdi entered into the second round looking to be ready to put up a fight as he pinned Hopkins against the ropes. At the end of the third round, Alberdi began to noticeably fatigue, and Hopkins won in a unanimous decision.

16-pound Weight Division

Jack “The Ripper” Healy def. Trevor “The Combine” Menke

In the opening bell after the opening bell and put Menke on his heels. However, Menke was able to stay on his feet, and the junior put Hopkins down several times. But in the end, Hopkins came out firing with a flurry of lightning- quick combos and knocked Menke down. Although blooded, Healy managed the rest of the fight and won by unan- imous decision.

Michael “Caveman” Abercrombie def. Mick “Lobster” Lockwood

Each boxer showed his strategy of the fight clearly in the first round, when each went directly for power punches over his oppo- nent’s head. Neither boxer focused on defense in a heavy offensive fight. The junior Madden pinned Abercrombie, but the junior was dominated by Abercrombie during the three rounds, but the sopho- more easily jumped back out to establish his dominance in the ring. Madden protected himself well and could get the hits in he needed to for securing the win. In the final seconds, Abercrombie threw combination punches that landed to his unanimous vic- tory.

Jason “Pretty Boy” Miller def. Michael Savage

Miller came out of the gates on fire, immediately putting Savage on the mat. Savage recovered however and came back with a left hook shot of his own. In the second. Savage swelled up and came out as the aggressor. But Miller was able to turn it around again and put Savage back on the ropes. Through a steady barrage by both boxers in the third, Savage dominated. In the final seconds of the fight, Savage’s return was answered with a virulent and decisive decision on the scorecard.

Nicholas Severn def. Corey Scott

In the first round, the junior Severn went for Scott’s head and body. The sophomore had the upper hand and dominated in the first round because of a powerful right hook shot that caught Severn off guard. The second round was about to end. In the second round, Severn, a lead he held for the duration of the remaining rounds, he went on to show his ability to utilize his own powerful right hook. Miller never gave up, but Severn won in a split decision.

Robert Manfreda def. Thomas “The Tank Engine” Dybiz

The first round consisted of a constant exchange between the two. At the beginning of the ring. In the end, both boxers in the third, Dybiz was knocked down. In the final seconds of the fight, the junior Miller used the strategy of the junior, and Severn won in a split decision.

Kevin “The Night Man” Kray def. Tyler “Everyman I’m Husslin’” DeBoer

All it took was one round for both boxers to land several punches, but the sophomore was the aggressor and dominated the round. Kray took the round with a left hook shot to the head. Dybizc was bloomed and slowed down. But in the third, neither fight- er did much to separate him- self on the scorecard, and the decision was left to the judges. On the scorecard, Miller controlled the fight by split decision in what was one of the closest match- es of the night.

David “Mountain Man” Cray def. Dan “Cha-Ching” Jasinski

Kray held his ground against an extremely aggres- sive DeBoer to win a split decision in this battle of juni- ors. DeBoer came out throw- ing a series of fast punches, which Kray deftly dodged as several good shots. Kray kept his cool and landed a number of headshots that momentarily stopped the fight in the 3rd round, which pro- pelled him to victory.

John Bollman def. Alexander “McGuats” Lewis

Bollman dominated all three rounds of the match, cornering Lewis multiple times. Despite ending the final round with a shot to the face from Lewis, Bollman eas- ily took the match in a split vote.

Michael “Nobody Puts Baby in a Corner” Unciolfi def. Paul “Iceman” Amiri

Unciolfi’s energy from the opening bell enabled him to prevail over the younger Amiri in an unanimous deci- sion. The junior Unciolfi took control of the fight with a flurry of body shots in the first round and was able to slip away from the sophomore Amiri’s counter-attacks for most of the bout. By the third round, Amiri was too tired to mount a comeback and Unciolfi coasted to the victo-

Jake Joe def. Zachary “The Southern Stedgehammer” Overby

Overby was full of energy as they began the first round, with both sides throwing a series of fast punches. The second round began with Joe coming back strong, proving his domina- tion. The final round included plenty of action from both sides, and the match ended with a split decision in favor of Joe.

Connor “The Skelettor” Skelly def. Andrew “Glass City” Roman

The very physical fight ended with the sophomore Skelly prevailing over the student Roman in a split deci- sion. Though Roman who was bunched by one of the biggest cheering sections of the day, Skelly used his height advan- tage to keep him at bay. Skelly’s punches eventually took too much of a toll on Roman.

Matthew “Cool and Tough” Paletta def. Joseph “Colonel Klinker” Klinker

Both fighters held their own throughout the match. Nonetheless, Paletta dominated three rounds of the match. The judges awarded the decision to Paletta on several occasions. Despite a series of strong punches from Klinker, Paletta won in a unanimous decision.

180-pound Weight Division

Mike Doran def. Leo “Kid Italy” Dipiero

Doran, the 2009 runner-up in the 175-pound division, prevailed in a unanimous decision over the upstart freshman Dipiero. Dipiero started the fight counterpunching the favorite Doran punch for punch. However, as the fight wore on the junior consistent-ly landed punches to Dipiero’s upper body and head. Doran’s endurance was evident as he dominated the final round.

David “Played and It Please the Lord” Overby def. Matthew “The Flying Otter” Twardzik

The first round brought a quick advantage to Fosselman when he knocked down Twardzik twice, despite Twardzik’s height advantage. Twardzik came out fighting at the beginning of the final round, and his strong push continued throughout the second round, but Fosselman came back even stronger in the third, making the match a very competitive one. Fosselman’s successes of the first round paid off, and the judge declared him a unanimous winner.

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Glacomo "Il Capo" Minafra defeated Lorenzo "El Ninio" Sanchez in a fight that would have made any of his fellow Zahmbies proud, the sopho-
more Minafra showed both the consum-
ming and wild style to a unani-
mous victory over his fellow sophomore. Sanchez came down to his feet a few inches early in the first round but Minafra was ahead on two judges, with the third giving it to Sanchez. Minafra's victory was one of the most solid of the night.

Alex "Mac Attack" Macomber def. Brian " Polish Thunder" Kachmar

Both sides came out swinging aggressively to begin the fight, and the first round ended with neither a clear advantage to either side, but the second round showed a change of pace when Macomber took over the ring. Defeated by a rib injury for Macomber, he managed to corner Kachmar and make his mark. Macomber's distinction lasted until the end, when he earned a unanimous decision.

Nicholas "It's-a-Me" Ponzo def. Daniel "Dancing with the Death" Balcarel

This fight, between Bengal Bouts senior captain Ponzo and the freshman Balcarel, appeared to be a mismatch on paper. However, Balcarel kept the fight close and Ponzo escaped with a split decision victory. Ponzo's experience was not enough to put away his novice opponent in all 10 rounds.

Dominic "Warsaw War" Lacey def. Golab def. Matthew "Matt" Losego

Both fighters came out quickly, but when things slowed down toward the end of the first round, neither seemed to come out on top. Golab proved his superiority in the second round, knocking Losego off his feet. Losego came out of his fall looking for revenge, but was faced once again with Golab's unyielding punches. Golab solidified his control in the third round with a series of rights to Losego's face, and ended the match with a unanimous win.

198-pound Weight Division

Bernardo "Blue" Garcia def. Matthew Losego

The junior Garcia seemed to overpower the law student Losego as he dominated the fight the whole time but his wiry, tall frame had a tough time with "The Tank," who punched him into submission on route to a unanimous decision.

Christopher "Stubs" Sarks def. "The Captain" Paape

Neither freshman showed a lack of respect, but Sarks broke down and disarmed Paape's fierce tactics quickly revealed themselves. In the first round, Paape found himself chasing Sarks, but during the second round, Paape seemed to gain the momentum, connecting with Paape's face and drawing blood. The round ended with a unanimous vote in favor of Sarks.

Jim Hasson def. Joe "Boy Wonder" Roque

Punches flew in this aggressive fight but the junior Hasson landed more en route to a unanimous victory over the sophomore Gary. Both fighters seemed to have good endurance, and although Roque was clearly exhausted, he was still a threat with his aggressive and much more consistent.

John Zivailich def. Christopher "The Jersey Devil" LaCosta

LaCosta had the height advantage as a sophomore quickly became apparent with his fighting style, but freshman Zivailich never hesitated to fight back. LaCosta started the second round by scoring the knockdown that had slipped away and used his height to stay in the match. The final round played out fairly evenly, with both fighters coming out strong. In the end it was the rookie Zivailich who came out on top by a split decision.

Patrick "The Paddy" Davey def. Pat "Samuel" Jacks

The freshman Davey defeated the sophomore Jacks in this entertaining and lively bout. Davey had trouble early landing punches against Jacks, who used his height advantage to his advan-
ced stance. Ultimately, however, Davey took their toll, as by the end of the bout the freshman Enzweiler was visibly wobbly and unable to put together any decent combina-
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Within seconds of the bell, Hsu took control and main-
tained it throughout the match, swinging constantly as fresh-
man Toombs tried to hold off the punches. The second round began just as the first had, as Hsu cornered Toombs time and time again. Toombs came into the final round stronger than the previous two, but his efforts fell short of the raw strength of Hsu. After three rounds of Toombs and by round two he was content to defend him-
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Heavyweight Division

Kyle "Chief" Roque def. Jeffrey "Borncali" Orenchuk

The freshman Diaz had no answer for the technically impressive Tchoula, who held his ground and pounded Diaz with numerous headshots in what appeared to be an easy victory for the junior. Tchoula physically overpowered his inexperienced opponent in all three rounds and by round two he was content to defend him-
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Heavyweight Division

Timothy "Silky Smooth" Healy def. Nolan "Keep On" Welsh

In a very close bout, the two heavyweight trades crushing blows for three rounds. Welsh used a lot of a size advantage to stay on the offensive, but ultimately the senior Latham used his experience to land more punches and score the split decision victory by main-
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No. 4 Hope College vanquished Saint Mary’s 94-75 Saturday in a victory that guaranteed that the Flying Dutch would have a share of the conference championship and dropped the Belles into a tie for third.

Hope (22-10, 14-0 MIAA) jumped out to an early lead, but Saint Mary’s (12-11, 7-7 MIAA) kept it close in the early minutes. Up two, however, the Flying Dutch reeled off a 9-1 run in three minutes to extend their lead to 22-12. Though the Belles stopped that run, Hope came right back with another to take its advantage to 37-19.

As has been the Belles’ trademark, however, the Belles did not give up. Junior guard Liz Wade converted a steal into an assist of sophomore guard Maggie Ronan on a 3-point play, cutting the Flying Dutch advantage to 42-34 with 2:46 left in the first half. The game was all over from there as Hope ran off 11 straight points to take a 53-35 halftime lead.

The second half was more of the same, with the Flying Dutch maintaining no less than a 19-point lead throughout the second period. Hope came right back with another to take its lead to 63-39 as the game wound down.

The Belles were led by sophomore forward Kelley Murphy’s double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds, sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney’s 14-point performance, 11 points from sophomore forward Jessica Centa and 10 from Wade.

Wade added five steals, bringing her total to 91 on the season, surpassing the previous school single-season record of 90, which has stood for over a decade. Hope was led by a 16-point, six-rebound effort from junior center Carrie Snikkers.

Freshman guard Liz Ellis also added 16 to the Flying Dutch’s total, while senior swing player Philana Greene chipped in 14 points, six rebounds, five assists and six steals in a fantastic all-around performance.

The Belles will have their home finale Wednesday against Olivet as they try to hold on to third place in the conference. The game will also be Senior Recognition Night for the team’s lone senior, forward Anna Kammrath, as well as the team’s Pink Week in which they help raise money for breast cancer research.
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was unable to play for the remainder of the tournament. Later on, the Irish geared up again to take on the Oregon Ducks, but fell 4-1 for their first loss of the season.

Freshman pitchers Jackie Bowe and Brittaney O’Donnell made their first collegiate appearances at the mound. Bowe started, giving up the four total runs, and Bowe took over to finish out the game. “It’s hard for freshmen to go against these Division I hitters,” Ganeff said. “But they both got in there, got their feet wet and did a really good job.”

The Ducks were unable to shut the Irish out as junior Erin Marrison singled and made her way around the bases for the only Irish run of the game.

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“Things began to look up for the Irish offensively as Lux’s two RBIs in the sixth inning with a ground-rule double. Sophomore Alexa Maldonado batted in one runner in the seventh, but the Irish were unable to keep the rally going long enough to defeat the Beavers.”

“Our State [definitely played their best game against us the whole weekend],” Ganeff said. “They came out with a gotta-win-this-game mentality and had their best game offensively and defensively.”

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Michigan, as they split the two times they played the Wolverines in 2009 and fell again this year.

Michigan swept all three doubles positions from the Irish to start off the match. Jason Jung and Evan King defeated junior Tyler Davis and sophomore Casey Watt at No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-3.

“They have two outstanding players at No. 1 and No. 2 in Jason Jung and Evan King,” Bayliss said.

No. 50 Jung as Watt pulled out the first set 6-3, and held off a comeback by the Wolverine to take the second set in a tiebreaker.

At No. 4, Stahl had a tough battle and won his match to knot the score at 3-3, before freshman Blas Moros fell at No. 5 singles to give the Wolverines the victory.

The Irish will next travel to No. 24 Washington on Feb. 20.

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The contest’s scariest moment came in the first half when senior guard Lindsay Schrader stepped on senior guard Ashley Barlow’s foot while after a loose ball. Schrader fell to the floor, was helped off the court and did not return to play. It was later announced that she sprained her left ankle, and her status is currently day-to-day.

It was hard for us because down a fourth player with them playing a zone like that …we were forced to put a guard inside, and in the first half it really wasn’t working,” McGrav said. “Then in the second half Barlow was able to go inside, and coming up with eight assists, she was able to really work the high post and find Becca down low.”

Picking up the slack left by Schrader’s absence, Bruszewski credited her career day to the team’s balance and ability to find the open shooter.

“I think it’s just any given day anybody on this team can get double figures, get a double-double,” Bruszewski said. “Lately, Lindsay’s been our go-to, and she’s been doing a great job. Today, she went down, and I just stepped up, and my teammates did a great job of finding me, so I got the easy buckets.”

Bruszewski’s 25-point performance was only eclipsed by the monster game of Blue Demons forward Keisha Hampton. Hampton finished with a game-high 28 points and eight rebounds, as the Irish had no answer for the lanky sophomore on either end of the court.

Nevertheless, Blue Demons coach Doug Bruno said Notre Dame’s depth and pressure at the guard position were too much for Hampton and his squad, who coughed up 25 turnovers.

Despite shooting over 50 per-
cent from the floor, Notre Dame (23-1, 10-1 Big East) struggled to break away from the Blue Demons (16-10, 5-7) in the first half. The Irish needed a 12-2 run in the final minutes to take a 42-22 lead into the break. Freshman guard Skyler Diggins hit a floater to beat the buzzer, energizing a sold-out Purcell Pavilion.

“It was a huge shift,” McGrav said. “I thought that we were just a little out of sync, missing some shots. Skylar was able to get going, and with four seconds left was able to go the length of the floor and hit that shot. That just gave us great momentum heading into the locker room. She had a very good game.”

Diggins finished the game with 18 points, four steals and three assists, solidifying her status as the conference’s leading freshman scorer.

Barlow’s eight assists were a new career-high for the senior. She also contributed nine points, six rebounds and five steals.

Notre Dame will travel to Queens, N.Y., Tuesday to take on No. 25 St. Johns. Tip-off will be at 7 p.m.

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Abromaitis led the Irish offensively with 24 points on 7-of-11 shooting. “Everyone had to step up and obviously we missed ‘Gody out there,” Abromaitis said.

“At the same time we made some mistakes out there we shouldn’t have missed. We put ourselves in a position to win but couldn’t do it down the stretch,” Abromaitis said.

After looking out of rhythm offensively in the game’s opening minutes, Hansbrough began attacking the Red Storm defense from the inside and outside. The junior hit his first five attempts from the field, scoring 12 of Notre Dame’s first 15 points.

While St. John’s kept pace, trailing just 15-14 early, Abromaitis keyed a 7-0 run to give Notre Dame (17-9, 6-7) an eight-point lead with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

Just as quickly, the Red Storm went on a run of their own. Draining three straight shots from distance led St. John’s on a 12-0 run, putting Notre Dame down four.

The Irish briefly regained the lead on a 3 by Abromaitis, only to see St. John’s guard D.J. Kennedy answer right back. A late basket by Red Storm guard Malik Rosehe gave the visitors a 37-34 lead at the break.

“They shot lights out, and they beat us to those spots, and fought us long enough,” Jackson said. “We're a lot better than what we played today. We didn't take care of the ball at all.”

Notre Dame came out flat after the half, sputtering offensively and giving up three early buckets, allowing St. John’s to expand its lead to 45-28. After slowly making up ground on the Red Storm, a Tyrone Nash layup put the Irish within a field goal at 49-47. Nash tallied 16 points working the post without Harangody underneath.

A 3-pointer from Jackson, who missed his first seven shots from the floor, tied the game at 52 with less than eight minutes to go.

The game remained close down the stretch with both teams fighting hard to drive the basket and drawing fouls. Down 64-60, Abromaitis converted a 3- point play off of a nice look from Nash to close within a point with a little over two minutes remaining.

After forcing a St. John’s turnover, Abromaitis hit another 3-pointer, his third of the game, to put Notre Dame up two.

With less than a minute to go, Red Storm guard DWIGHT Tardy hit a huge 3-pointer to slow the Irish momentum and put St. John’s back up. Notre Dame responded by going back into the post to Nash, who drew a foul and converted two clutch free throws for a 68- 67 lead.

“My guys got me open down there to go to work, and I’m comfortable with that,” Nash said. “I just tried to take advantage, and I had to work harder without Luke in there.”

The Red Storm went to their leading scorer Kennedy on their next possession, who drove the basket and was fouled. Jackson attempted two deep 3s in the closing seconds, but neither came close.

The Irish will next face Louisville at the Purcell Pavilion Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Across
1. Go back and forth in choking (8)
2. Traffic tie-up (8)
3. Hit hard (8)
4. Common cause of food poisoning (8)
5. Melville novel (8)
6. Bonobodogo in 2008 campaign news (8)
7. Elt's Adam (8)
8. Pianist(8)
9. Florman 552 (8)
10. Put a spell on (8)
11. Positive of an ostrich (8)
12. Part of a mushroom (8)
13. Place to get gas (8)
14. Minds (8)
15. Tue. follower (8)
16. Having ___ of fun (8)

Down
1. Yukan S.U.V. repair (8)
2. Very hot and dry (8)
3. Reach across (8)
4. 1960s-1970s service site (8)
5. Molecule parts (8)
6. Full-size Fortas (8)
7. Queuer pronoun (8)
8. Where Obama was born (8)
9. Texas A& M player (8)
10. Summit (8)
11. Degrees for corp. execs (8)
12. Carts ready to crash (8)
13. Cotton unit (8)
14. State north of it (8)
15. Matt, Jr. (8)
16. Still shopping (8)
17. Suffix with major (8)

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Playing for hope

Bruszewski scores 25, Schrader hurt in win

By CHRIS MASoud
Sports Writer

Following No. 3 Notre Dame’s 69-66 dismantling of DePaul University in the annual Pink Zone game, the Irish may consider wearing their pink and white jerseys on a regular basis. Led by the career-high 25 points of junior forward Becca Bruszewski, the Irish moved into sole possession of second place in the Big East standings while raising over $70,000 towards cancer research and awareness.

“I was really pleased with the offense,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I thought we moved the ball well. We shared the ball well, we made some good passes. We were able to get it inside to Becca, and she had just a great day on the offensive end. Just really, we were able to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Holy Cross Brothers Missions in Bangladesh. The prelims consisted of 93 fights split between two rings, and began at 1 p.m. Nearly eight hours later, the field was set for Tuesday’s quarterfinals.

133-pound Weight Division

Michael “Boricua” Perez def. George Warner

The 80th Bengal Bouts got off to an energetic start as these two fighters sparred through three intense rounds. Footwork was key in the first two rounds as the junior Warner parried the punches of the senior. Perez eventually connected on a devastating cross to Warner’s face. At the start of the third round, Warner came out swinging, trying to make up for lost ground throughout the entire match. Perez fought hard throughout the entire match and utilized his powerful combos and quick footwork. Although Corr made a strong effort in the final round, the judges award Rohillard the victory by unanimous decision.

The Irish always have tough matches against the Wolverines. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikeouts and 11 in six innings. Following that victory, the Irish were able to pull out another win as they fell to Oregon, Auburn, Oregon State and No. 1 Washington. Against Creighton, junior pitcher Daniele Padula led the Irish defensively with 10 strikes...