Clitheroe, Ward, Rocheleau win

Class Councils to take office April 1 after being elected with over 50 percent of votes

By SARAH MERVOSH
Assistant News Editor

The freshman, sophomore and junior classes decisively elected next year's Class Councils, without the need for run-off elections. The winning tickets will assume their roles April 1.

Juniors Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner and Evan James won the race for Senior Class Council with 52.1 percent of the vote. They defeated their opposing ticket, juniors Tim Castellini, Jessica Leiferman, Brittany Johnson and Cole Patterson, who garnered 39.5 percent of the vote.

"I'm relieved and out of control excited. I'm so pumped," Class of 2011 president-elect Clitheroe said.

"I think we have a lot of new and exciting ideas for next year that really focus on being seniors and concluding our four years here," she said. "I think our enthusiasm about our platform just kind of gives it a lot more oomph. We're going to make it the best year we have had here."

Clitheroe said by the end of the year, she would like to host a class rosary at the Grotto. In the fall, she said her administration will begin by focusing on an event to kick off the football season.

"We want to do something with the new season and the new coach ... to get everyone excited," she said.

Sophomores James Joseph Ward, William Thwaites, Tessa Fitzpatrick and Lauren Ruhling collected 52.9 percent of the vote to secure their position for the Class of 2012.

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Lecture examines U.S. foreign policy

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

A Cornell University political science professor criticized the lack of foreign policy progress of both the former Bush and current Obama administrations in a lecture Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Professor Matthew Evangelista's lecture, titled "A ‘War on Terror’ by any other name ... What has Obama changed?" was partly based on Evangelista’s book “New Wars, New Laws? Applying Laws of War to 21st Century Conflicts.”

The lecture examined how policies regarding the war on terror have changed or not changed under the Obama administration, Evangelista said.

Much of the lecture focused on controversial topics like Guantanamo Bay, military torture and targeted killing using drone aircrafts.

Evangelista compared statements made by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld — like his description of Guantanamo Bay detainees as “the worst of the worst” — with CIA Director John Brennan characterizing detainees as “the worst of the worst” — a reference to CIA detainee Abu Zubaydah.

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Students send thanks to generous benefactors

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Hand-written thank-you notes are not a lost art here on campus.

Students stopped by the fourth annual Thanksgiving in February event Monday and Tuesday to write more than 500 letters of thanks to alumni donors who have contributed to the Notre Dame Annual Fund this year.

"Alumni donations make up a huge part of the financial aid that Notre Dame is able to give out and also help fund many of the activities that go on here," senior Emily Everett, co-chair of the Student Development Committee, said. "I think it’s important for the alumni to hear from the students and know that their gift is appreciated."

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Annual Fund and the Student Development Committee, Thanksgiving in February provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the financial contributions alumni donors make, understand how these donations affect life at Notre Dame and personally show gratitude to the University benefactors.

"We have a list of recent donors and we ask that students come in and spend a couple of minutes writing thank-you notes to the alumni who have so generous-
It's bobsled time

The Vancouver Olympics have sparked a deserved fascination with icy athleticism. While watching competitive curling, speed skating, ice skating and luge-ing, it's impossible to avoid one question. Where does someone's career in such an obscure athletic endeavor begin? How does one become a successful bobsledder on a worldwide level? Notre Dame, and our education here, provides many answers to life's great questions.

But on this nagging question, our offensive, world class education is stunned into silence. But fear not! The Finests from Finest Hall have an answer to your dilemma — Farley Fiasco. While the Finests might not be able to help you with your career in curling or speed skating, we are certainly capable of helping you kick off your career in bobsledding — or something like it.

Here's the Farley Fiasco plan to achieve the Olympic Gold in bobsledding:

Step one: Go to shop ND and register you and four friends (that's a team of five) for Farley Fiasco. The fee is $25, but obviously well worth it if it will eventually result in an Olympic bid down the line.

Step two: Watch "Cool Runnings" to prepare yourself for this athletic, frozen feat. Before you know it you'll be "Feeling the rhythm, feeling the rhyme," and you'll want to get up because "It's Bobsled Time!"

Step three: Finally the big day arrives. Friday, wake up and make sure you eat your Wheaties and stretch. Then, at 7 a.m. Saturday, Bobsled Time!

How does one practically result in an Olympic bid down the line? Keep in mind that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4715 so we can correct our error.

Jess Shaffer
Scene Editor

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

In Brief

An exhibit titled "All Art is Propaganda" will open at 8 a.m. today in Room 102 of Hesburgh Library.

"Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvon and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" will be hosted in the 0'Shaughnessy Galleries West of the Snite Museum of Art beginning at 10 a.m. today.

Daily Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today.

The women's tennis team will take on Ohio State today at 3:30 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Center. Admission is free.

The men's basketball team will play Pittsburgh tonight at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. Ticket information is available at 631-7136.

Eric Cable’s play "Natural Selection" will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $10.

The 52nd annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event is free.

Bengal Bouts finals will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. General admission is $6.

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

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Professor calls on Church laity

By ALICIA SMITH

Fairfield University professor of religious studies Paul Lakeland delivered a lecture at Saint Mary’s LeMans Hall Tuesday calling for laity to assume more responsibility in the salvation of the Catholic Church.

The laity must be responsible to uplift the Church by paying close attention, practicing discernment, becoming understanding and acting responsibly, he said.

Lakeland’s lecture, titled “Catholicism at the Crossroads: Thinking From Below,” was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality’s Spring Lecture Series “Catholicism at the Crossroads.”


Lakeland’s lecture focused on his most recent book, “Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church.”

“Saving the Church starts in the local parish,” Lakeland said.

Lakeland discussed the ways in which the lay people must work to preserve the Church.

He said parishioners can begin by paying attention to the world around them, especially to three major factors which are affecting the Church.

One problem is the shift in Catholic demographic within the United States, Lakeland said.

“This demographic, he said, does not consist just of the change in ethnicity, but in the age of the congregation as well.

“Connected to these demographic issues is the change in factors of participation in parish life, especially the decline in regular Mass attendance and the loss of religious literacy,” he said.

Additionally, Lakeland said the developing understanding of the relationship between consciousness and authority was another factor that requires extra attention.

Finally, attention must be given to the tension between the historical passivity of the laity and the emerging movement for a more participatory church.

“We need to be attentive to all three of these issues before we can turn our intelligence loose upon analyzing their meaning,” he said.

Lakeland also discussed why parishioners must practice discernment.

“We can only be discerning in a community of adults in which genuine accountability is systematically practiced by the laity,” Lakeland said.

The final step from thinking from below, Lakeland said, is understanding.

“This is the moment at which I believe we look at theological models,” he said.

“What models help explain to us out of our grassroots experience how to think about the church today?”

Lakeland said the Church could be looked at in four models. He described the Church as a hospice, as a pilgrim, as an immigrant and as a pioneer.

Finally, he spoke about the importance of acting as a responsible Catholic.

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Paul Lakeland professor Fairfield University

“The roots of lay passivity lie in ignorance of the responsibility of Christian discipleship that occurs in Baptism.”

Panelists examine entrepreneurship

By EMILY SCHRANK

When senior Jeff Lakusta was a freshman, he never imagined that he would one day be the president of a successful, internationally recognized nonprofit organization.

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Student body president Grant Schmidt said this decision would be “an opportunity to see how input for student decisions that affect our scholar- domes” that students have to voice their opinions. “We believe that because the professors and students who will be affected by such decisions should have a chance to voice their opinions. “We want to be educated before a deci- sion like this is made,” he said. Schmidt said Student Senate will require a vote to see if the res- olution to dissolve the Developmental Economics and Policy Studies be postponed until undergraduate economics majors have the chance to give their input to the College of Arts and Letters.

other COR news:
- Schmidt brought to the atten- tion of COR members a request made by Fr. Mark Poorman, vice- president of Student Affairs, to increase the allotment to the Rector Fund. The Rector Fund is provides monetary assistance for stu- dents who can’t afford fees for textbooks, books and service trips. The money for the Rector Fund comes out of the Shirt Charity Fund, which has a current value of $1.3 mil- lion. Schmidt said the allotment for the Rector Fund for the 2009 fiscal year was $60,000 but around $92,000 was given to students from the Office of Financial Aid. In response to the increased need, Poorman asked that the allotment be increased to $100,000.
- “Use of this fund has increased dramatically over the past few years and people are requesting assistance for legit- imate reasons,” Schmidt said. “To me, increasing the funds seems like a no-brainer because it goes to a very important cause.”

OR also discussed the recent passing of a resolution in Student Senate that proposes and recommends the passing of an senator medical amnesty policy. The Senate and the Office of Residence Life and Housing will work together to develop and implement a policy for the 2010-11 academic school year. The policy would allow stu- dents to report medical emer- gencies without having to worry about accepting a disciplinary record for breaking school rules. Schmidt said because of recent discussion about revi- sions to du Lac, it is very likely that a medical amnesty policy could be in place by the Fall 2010 semester. He said one of the main argu- ments against the passage is that many University officials believe that such a policy is already “unofficially” in place on campus.

“Even if it is in place, students have no idea about knowing it,” Schmidt said. “It needs to be outlined in du Lac so that students can have that phone call without being deterred.”

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ously donated to the Notre Dame Annual Fund in the past year.” Everett said. “This is a great opportunity for students to show their appreciation for the benefits that they have received because of the gener- osity of Notre Dame's alumni donors.”

The Notre Dame Annual Fund is a source of expendable financial sup- port that provides not only student finan- cial aid but also meets the growing needs in academic and student life, beyond the earnings from the endow- ment.

“Many stu- dents don’t know that tuition only covers half of the cost of their education, and alumni dona- tions make up a huge portion of the difference,” Everett said.

Junior Aleksandra Koryzno recognized the importance of keeping in contact with alumni donors, as they contributed to her education and experience at Notre Dame.

“Let them know what I’m doing. I thank them for giving me the opportunity to be here and I inform them what their help is allowing me to do here,” she said.

Koryzno has remained in con- tact with one donor from Ann Arbor, Mich., whom she was able to meet in person at an alumni club picnic.

“He was very appreciative of me thanking him and also that I’m fully utilizing the scholar- ship that he provides for stu- dents like me,” Koryzno said.

Most alumni echo the same sentiments of thanks for student recognition of their dona- tions, Everett said.

“Many alumni will send us let- ters and let us know how much they enjoy talk- ing to our stu- dents who call them from the phone cen- ter, and we know that our let- ters are also well received,” she said. “We encourage stu- dents to continue this tradition by participating in Thanksgiving in February in the future.”

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Chesley said. Schmidt said this would include members of SGA going out to meetings of other clubs when possible and to hold events that bring together club leaders to encourage dialogue.

The ticket would also like to increase knowledge and com- munication with the alumni network. Chesley said. “This College is built on the foundation of tradition and one of the things that attracted me to this college is the alumnus- base,” she said.

Chesley said she and Smith would like to increase the “presence of alumnus on cam- pus.”

The two said they recognize that their opponents’ experi- ence may appear to place them at an advantage, however they believe they bring an “unbiased view.”

“Sometimes you just need to shake things up a bit with an outside perspective,” Smith said.

Chesley agreed, saying their view is “exactly how a student would see student government from outside.”

“We have an understanding of what a student thinks,” Chesley said. “We would be thrilled to dive in and learn SGA.”

Chesley and Smith said their main goal can be summed up in two words: community and integrity.

Both have studied abroad and heard about other clubs and those lessons back to campus.

Everybody is involved in some way, and we want to encourage students to be the face of Saint Mary’s, this com- munity and its government include,” she said. “We want to try to be this face of Saint Mary’s whether they are here on campus or off campus and even if they graduate.”

Meg Griffin and Emily Skirtich

Griffin, who currently serves as student body vice president and previously held the post of sophomore class president, and

Skirtich, who currently execu- tive secretary for SGA, said their overarching goal for the next academic year will be to “invigorate the student body with a sense of unity and school spirit.”

The pair hope to continue the work of the current SGA administration and hold more all-campus events, like the Navy Blue Award.

The team also wants to work to connect students with the heritage of the College, improve communication with students, faculty and administra- tion and improve campus life overall, Griffin said.

In order to help improve stu- dents’ connection with the her- itage of the College, Griffin said she hopes to continue the work she did this year with Jenny Hoffman, student body president, including planning the creation of an academic course on Saint Mary’s her- itage.

“Since it frequently takes more than one academic year to create a new course, we are still in the midst of the process and look forward continuing the process next year,” Griffin said.

Ideas to improve communica- tion between the student body and its government include:

- “Some of our plans are to refine the allotment process, hold club orientation sessions, make the SGA Web site a working tool for clubs, open a club workspace in the SGA office and release a 2010-11 Handbook that will serve as a reference tool and answer frequently asked ques- tions,” Griffin said.

Club changes would be part of their short-term goals for the end of this academic year.

To improve campus living for students, Griffin and Skirtich say they hope to connect with Notre Dame’s student govern- ment and local restaurants to get “campus currencies accepted.”

Griffin said their experience makes them best suited for the job.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Hunger-striking Cuban dissident dies**

HAVANA — An opposition political activist imprisoned since 2003 died Tuesday after a lengthy hunger strike, members of Cuba’s human rights community said.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who was jailed on charges including disrespecting authority, died at a clinic in Havana’s Combinado del Este prison, according to Vladimir Roca, a leading dissident who said he spoke to Zapata Tamayo’s family.

Zapata Tamayo, 42, was not among the island’s most-striking dissidents. He was convicted in 2003 on charges of disrespecting authority, said Elizardo Sanchez, head of the Havana-based, independent Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation.

**UK considers anti-libel tourism laws**

LONDON — A committee of British lawmakers says the government should change the country’s laws to stop “libel tourism” from stifling investigative journalism and press freedom.

The chairman of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee said Wednesday that it was “a humiliation” that several U.S. states have introduced laws to protect American citizens from the enforcement of legal settlements in foreign jurisdictions such as Britain. A similar federal law is currently before the U.S. Congress.

The committee, which has members from the three main political parties, said in a report that the government must act “as a matter of urgency” to redress the balance of libel laws that have “tipped too far in favor of the plaintiff.”

The report calls on the U.S. Congress to consider setting limits on how libel tourism works, including introducing a “safe harbor” for online publications.

The report also suggests that the U.S. government should consider pursuing the use of the ultimatum to get the U.S. government to work with the U.S. government.

**Congress hears testimony from defect victim and company’s U.S. sales chief**

WASHINGTON — Massive recalls of popular Toyota cars and trucks “not totally solve” troubling problems of sudden, unintended acceleration, according to the company’s American sales chief Tuesday as he tried to ensure the Japanese president of the world’s largest automaker must confront angry U.S. lawmakers.

House members listened in rapt silence Tuesday to the tearful testimony of a woman whose car unexpectedly surged to 100 mph, then they pressed U.S. sales chief James Lentz on the company’s efforts to find and fix the acceleration problems — actions many suggested were too late and too bold.

Lentz apologized repeatedly for safety defects that led to recalls of some 8.5 million Toyota cars and trucks, and he acknowledged the changes the company is making probably aren’t the end of the story.

Putting remaining doubts to rest is of vital importance to tens of millions more Toyota owners in the United States and elsewhere, who have long been unable to drive but with serious concerns about their cars. Toyota sales have suffered too, and a small army of dealers showed up on Capitol Hill Tuesday, arguing that this week’s high-profile hearing was unfairly targeting their company.

“We are vigilant and we continue to look for potential causes,” Lentz told the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

That search had better continue, a number of lawmakers said, openly questioning Toyota’s insistence that the problems are mechanical, not linked to the vehicles’ sophisticated electronics.

Without a more vigorous investigation of the possibility that electronics are involved, Texas Republican Rep. Joe Barton said of Toyota’s probe. “In my opinion, it’s a sham.”

The U.S. government is pursuing the electronics question, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood told the panel. “We’re going to go into the weeds on that and come up with answers,” LaHood said. He said the company’s recalls were important but “we don’t maintain that they answer every question.”

Lentz’s appearance set the stage for Toyota’s president — Akio Toyoda, grandson of the company’s founder — to apologize in person on Wednesday.

Toyota will accept “full responsibility” for the halting steps that led to the recall, according to prepared testimony released in advance. He also will offer his condolences over the deaths of four San Diego, Calif., family members in a crash of their Toyota in late August.

“I will do everything in my power to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again,” Toyoda will tell the House Government Oversight Committee. “My name is on every car. You have my personal commitment that Toyota will work vigorously and unceasingly to restore the trust of our customers.”

“Quite frankly, I fear the pace at which we have grown may have been too quick” and led to safety defects at the heart of the recall, Toyoda says in his prepared testimony.

There were repeated displays of emotion at Tuesday’s daylong hearing — both from the Tennessee woman who survived a 2006 sudden acceleration incident when she was unable to control her runaway Lexus and from Lentz himself, who choked up while discussing the death of his own brother more than 20 years ago in a car accident.

“I know what those families go through,” Lentz said. Rhonda Smith, of Sevierville, Tenn., said her Lexus raced out of control to speeds up to 100 miles an hour, and that nothing she did to try to stop it worked — including braking and shifting into neutral.

“I prayed to God to help me,” she said, fighting back tears.

**N.Y. subway terrorist pleads guilty**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Distressed over the deaths of civilians in his native Afghanistan, a man who once operated a coffee cart near the World Trade Center site hatched a plan to join the Taliban and fight the U.S. military.

Najibullah Zazi traveled to Pakistan in August 2008 but fell out of favor with the group, which is deeply in debt to the federal government.

The Al Qaeda-controlled chamber voted 90-5 for an amendment to repeal the tax increase. The fund has been paying out hundreds of millions of dollars more in benefits than it has been taking through employer taxes and owes the federal government $1.6 billion in loans to remain solvent.

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Statement that classified most detainees “noncombatants.”

“Only 8 percent of the detainees at Guantanamo were Al Qaeda,” Evangelista said.

The treatment of detainees was one of the main focus areas of Evangelista’s examination. Evangelista quoted excerpts of Article 5 of the Geneva Convention, which calls for a determination of detainee status by “a competent tribunal.”

Evangelista said that vague terms typically imply a committee of officials from the military force itself.

Matthew Evangelista
Cornell University

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Evangelista offered a simple answer. “Our class trips next year and hosting a ‘Domecoming’ in the fall, which would be comparable to other college’s Homecoming events. We have experience. All four of us were a part of student government this past year so we sort of know how the system worked,” he said. “We think that we’ll be very effective, next year when we’re in office.”

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Class of 2011

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Junior Class Council

They defeated sophomore Chase Riddle, Paul Moya, CJ Kelley and Megan Carey, who won 36 percent of the vote.

“We’re really honored to have this privilege to serve you guys,” Class of 2012 president-elect Ward said. “We’re excited for next year and we love the Class of 2012.”

Ward said one of the main goals of his administration will be to hold events with the sophomore and senior class.

“I feel that our class is already pretty unified,” he said. “I feel like it’s time that we start getting unified with the classes above and below us because those are the two we’re going to be spending them most time with.”

Ward also commended Hoover’s opposition ticket and said he looks forward to working with them next year.

“Chase and those guys put up a great campaign and they’re all great kids,” he said. “They have great ideas too and it will be exciting to work with them next year.”

“Hopefully together we can crank out more than just the ideas that we had in the campaigns.”

Freshmen Brett Rocheleau, Kevin Doherty, Kathleen Kehl and Patrick Adams were the winning ticket for Sophomore Class Council. They won with 53.9 percent of the vote.

The Rocheleau ticket ran against two opponents — freshmen Richard Bevington, Ashley Armendariz, Elliot Pearce and Sadaf Meghani, and freshmen John McKissick, Brianna Nebling, Alex Ibraim and Ian Trudell.

Rocheleau said he was “blasted” and “excited” to win the election.

“With three tickets, we thought we were definitely going to go for a run-off on Thursday so knowing that the campaigning is done is a relief,” he said.

Rocheleau said one of his main goals is to unify the Class of 2013.

“Half of us are in school and half of us are out in the community,” he said.

He said he plans to do this by holding a dance for the freshmen class mid-April, holding more class trips next year and having a “Domecoming” in the fall, which would be comparable to other college’s Homecoming events.

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New York — The stock market fell sharply Tuesday after a surprising drop in consumer confidence, further clouding the fragility of the economic recovery.

The Dow Jones industrials fell 100.97, or 1.2 percent, to 8,783.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was released. The Dow fell 100.97, or 1.2 percent, to 8,783.10. The Dow Jones industrials fell 100.97, or 1.2 percent, to 8,783.10. The Dow Jones industrials fell 100.97, or 1.2 percent, to 8,783.10.

Greece's woes have affected confidence in the euro as a common currency, and hiked the country's borrowing costs. The Greek unions strike in midst of crisis.

Rally has ended this year. The Dow Jones industrials rallied the past two months on upbeat earnings news, including some from retailers, a sign of improving housing and manufacturing numbers.

That rally has ended this week in response to a growing pile of disappointing consumer news indicating a retail earnings reports. While Home Depot Inc., Sears Holdings Corp., Macy's Inc. and Target Corp. all reported better-than-expected earnings Tuesday, the companies indicated that sales growth is lagging. That's a sign that consumers are still too hesitant about the economy and their own job security to spend freely.

"Consumers are still very confused," said J. Garrett Stevens, chief financial officer of CareGroup Inc (C), -1.10, or 1.3 percent, to 72.04 in Tuesday trading.

Stocks have been volatile during the first two months of the year, alternating between multi-week stretches of gains and losses. Stocks rallied the past two weeks on signs of domestic growth after a nearly monthlong decline because of worries that European debt problems would upend a global economic recovery.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, which is known as the market's fear gauge, shot up 7.2 percent Tuesday. An increase in the VIX signals that investors are prepared for swings in the market.

Meanwhile, interest rates fell in the bond market as Treasury prices rose. Investors were betting that a weak recovery will force the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates low. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.69 percent from 3.80 percent late Monday.

Investors will get further insight into potential interest rate changes when Fed chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before Congress on Wednesday and Thursday. A modest increase in sales and cost-cutting helped Home Depot's profit hit expectations. The home improvement retailer also raised its dividend and outlook, evidence it is confident about the strength of an eventual recovery.

Competitor Lowe's Corp. on Monday also raised its outlook, but had a cautious tone about growth.
Lessons from inside the ring

Andy Ziccarelli

I came to Notre Dame fully realizing that my experience here would be very different from my high school friends. Notre Dame is unique, I was told, and it is true. The grind is everywhere. At most schools, kids go out to bars or fraternity parties on Thursday nights, but you are more likely to find me in the Dillon Hall chapel at Mass there. Most schools would have given anything to have President Obama speak at their commencement, at Notre Dame it was controversial (to say the least). And most people tend to gain a little weight their freshman year, the so-called “freshman 15.” I, however, experienced the much less common “freshman negative 15.” Thanks to another Notre Dame tradition: Bengal Bouts.

Not that I knew what being a boxer meant when I signed up. It sounds cliché, but until you experience a boxing match, you really have absolutely no idea just what goes into it. It is the epitome of the individual sport. Once that bell rings, it is just you and the other person inside that ring: no timeouts, no substitutions and no way to escape. You’re trapped. The rush of adrenaline so completely takes over your body that a plane could land behind you and you wouldn’t notice. That rush, combined with the nerves that everyone inevitably feels in the spotlight, makes boxing the most physically demanding sport in the world. Not once have I ever left the ring feeling as though I had anything left to give in my body.

Now, as I sit here and look back at my Bengal Bouts career having just finished my third year in the program, I can honestly say it has been the single most influential experience I have had in my time at Notre Dame. Personally, I have given the boxing program a lot of myself over the past few years. I have given the Bouts money in the form of donations, an uncountable number of pushups and sit-ups and a hell of a lot of my time. I’ve even contributed to the blood stains that are on the canvas of the sparring ring in the boxing gym.

However, everything that I have given to Bengal Bouts has been repaid to me in some way, and then some. Boxing has given me a sense of direction and purpose and, in college, it can be very easy to not have one. How many people swear that they are going go workout every day, and then two weeks into their resolution, they stop? Particularly as a college student, when there is nobody that can force you to do anything, people get lazy. As a boxer, though, you don’t have that luxury. If you miss a workout, enjoy it, but don’t be surprised if you happen to get popped in the face when you come back.

More than that, though, Bengal Bouts gives you a chance to be part of a team; something I thought I was saying goodbye to forever when my high school days were passed. It is certainly an interesting dichotomy. In many ways boxing is the loneliest of all sports. However, during the season you train as a team and everyone who will fight goes through the same grueling workout day after day. Regardless of who comes out on top in the end, everyone has mutual respect for every other fighter in the gym because you know just how much they had to go through to get to the tournament. It is a brotherhood, something that can’t just be created and certainly not something that you can take away from anyone who has fought in the Bouts.

The best part of the whole experience, however, is the fact that I learned more than I could imagine by putting myself through the program. I’ve learned that it is better to be tall than short (that one I can’t do much about, unfortunately). I’ve learned how to handle disappointment. Believe me, there isn’t a worse feeling in the world than the one you get after losing a 4 minute fight after spending four months of your life training for it. I’ve learned that persistence can be more valuable than talent. And I’ve learned (been reminded, actually) that I have the best friends and family in the world. People that took time out of their life to support what I was doing, even if they disagreed of me doing it in the first place or if they spent the whole time hiding behind their hands.

Boxing is not for the faint of heart. But if you have a strong urge to work extremely hard, experience an adrenaline rush like nothing you’ve ever felt before and discover more about yourself than you ever wanted to know, then maybe I’ll see you in the ring. Just don’t drop your hands.

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The theme of this year’s Human Development Conference at Notre Dame is “People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World.” Just like in the title of the conference, I believe that we need to put people first in the field of human development. Seemingly, this should not be a hard task for us.

In the era of globalization, we are more connected than ever to the world around us. Think of how much time we spend on our cell phones, e-mail, Twitter and Facebook (to name but a few). This technology ensures that we are always capable of being instantly connected to friends and family, whether they are a few feet from us or half a world away. In theory, we all should be masters of the art of taking time to interact with our social networks. In reality, relationships should be as natural as our impulse to check our e-mail inbox every time we open the laptop.

Human development should also come natural to us as students at the University of Notre Dame. Father Jenkins espouses the “distinctive mission” of Notre Dame to be a shining example of Christ’s love in today’s world through our service to humanity. Catholic Social Tradition provides us with the framework of how to live out of our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. Principles such as the “life and dignity of the human person” and the “preferential option for the poor” are supposed to be the norm in all that we do. According to the University’s Mission Statement, the ultimate product of a Notre Dame education is the cultivation of a student with “a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.”

To me, it is clear that the mission of this University is inextricably linked to the field of human development. Both emphasis to place the dignity of each and every human being is at the center of all of our efforts in this world. This weekend, the Human Development Conference will feature 64 presenters who have conducted research in 14 fields and 43 countries. It is a tremendous opportunity to continue to develop the “distincted sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many” that is at the center of the University’s mission.

For me, this weekend is also an opportunity to examine my own development as a human being. How are my relationships? Is upholding the dignity of every human life the foundation of all my actions? Am I truly becoming the student that is described in our Mission Statement? Am I truly an example of Christ’s love in the world? When I am completely honest with myself, I always fall short of the answers that I would hope for. I would like to invite you to do your own examination this weekend. At the very heart of it all, the field of human development is a part of our “distinctive mission” to build the kingdom of God on earth.

We must remember, however, that Jesus taught us that “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). Ultimately, authentic human development starts with me. In striving to be all that God calls me to be, I become “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

Human development is truly all about people. And it starts with you. Be the light of the world and start renewing the face of the earth.

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A personality a little too shallow to make for an amiable conversation, Megan Fox fails to impress in her latest interview with W Magazine. With looks that are unquestionably beautiful — dark long waves, steel blue eyes highlighted by arched eye brows and delicate, rosy lips — Fox is a pleasant break from the Barbie blonde America loves to love. Her daring and sultry attitude, tattooed arms and perfect body (all of which lead to apt Angelina Jolie comparisons) make you wish for an equally mesmerizing personality. Unfortunately, personality does not seem to be a forte for Fox.

After controversial comments about how “Transformers” wasn’t all that great of a movie (surprise, surprise) Fox went on to star in the massive fiasco that was “Jennifer’s Body.” Luckily for her, however, that won’t be much of a problem since she recently signed a seven-figure contract with Armani underwear in what Fox claims will be a challenge because, not only is she “a Vargas girl” (and, when wearing lingerie, immediately “provokes a pinup image”), but she has no confidence.

But that’s not the problem. It’s cool when celebrities as huge and beautiful as Fox show their insecurities (they’re humans too). The problem is in her contradictions and nonchalant-ness to everything. Where’s the charisma we used to find in celebrities? For that matter, where’s the talent? Fox herself said acting isn’t her talent. Instead, she’s “marginally talented at a lot of things.” What? What is that supposed to mean?

Let’s go to the beginning. Fox begins her interview complaining about photo-shoots and how she hates them. Indeed, if you look at her pictures you can tell she isn’t having much fun (and likes maintaining that same facial expression… in every picture). Fox is a pleasant break from the Barbie blonde America loves to love. Her daring and sultry attitude, tattooed arms and perfect body (all of which lead to apt Angelina Jolie comparisons) make you wish for an equally mesmerizing personality. Unfortunately, personality does not seem to be a forte for Fox.

Tatiana Spragins
Scene Writer

As much as I love popular music, sometimes I need to take a break and play some of my favorite songs from musicals. Musicals can be enjoyed by any audience, and they should be. The best songs can range from the tender, heartfelt ones to the upbeat, fun songs that make you want to get up and dance. I feel musical numbers are meant to be sung aloud and proud, preferably with friends and on road trips. No matter if the musical was created in 1956 or 2007 these numbers are relevant. You need not be a musical buff to enjoy these songs.

Give these songs and others like them a chance and listen at www.ndsmcobserver.com
February has never flown by so fast. Usually, these 28 (sometimes 29) days creep along as the long break over President's Day instead of just a quick weekend. It's a New England phenomenon that really breaks up the monotony of February. But here at Notre Dame, we don't even have three-day weekends, so the idea of a February Break is a laughable one. This year, though, there is something almost as good as February vacation to get everyone through the winter doldrums: the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Olympics have provided endless entertainment and distraction for the past week and a half. At almost every given moment, one Olympic event or another is playing, either live or on replay, on NBC, MSNBC, USA or another NBC syndicate. From ski jumping to pairs skating, half pipe to two-man bobsledding, the opportunities for viewing and cheering on the Americans are limitless.

But why do we watch all these events? Why do we allow ourselves to spend so much time watching sports we have never before cared about in our lives? If you've recently found yourself transfixed for hours by men's and women's curling, you understand. The draw these random sports hold over us is inexplicable. Never before in my life have I cared about curling, and yet I can now explain many of the rules and even some of the stats from the round robin men's match between the United States and Switzerland. I recently had a conversation with friends on this same subject. We all find ourselves entranced by sports like curling or speed skating and we do not know why. It's easy to understand our fascination with Shaun White and his gravity defying aerals, or the men's Olympic hockey team and their stunning defeat of Canada, but not some other sports.

I think that a lot of it stems from the desire to be involved. The Olympics have been a major sporting event, uniting city-states and nations, since the times of the ancient Greeks. We all, on some level, want to feel included in this international event that puts our favorite television shows on hiatus for two weeks. We all want to feel some of the power and magic surrounding the Olympics, the aura and history. Watching every sport, no matter how boring ice dancing is compared to the men's short program, helps us forge this deep connection to the Games. Another thing people love about watching the Olympics is whipping our ancient and possibly questionable family genealogy and hatred or support for teams off the family tree. You can't just root for Team USA during the Olympics — though they should be your No. 1 — because sometimes the Americans do not make the competition or are not competing in the heat currently playing at 11 p.m. on MSNBC. Instead, Denmark is competing against France in women's curling. Obviously, you choose to support Denmark because you are pretty sure that your family is 1/16th Danish (or was it 1/20th?). Or maybe German skaters are neck and neck with the Swedes, and you, possibly 1/16th Danish, have never forgiven the Germans for taking the state of Schleswig-Holstein from your already tiny country. Obviously, then, you chose to throw all your support behind the team from Sweden. No matter your reason for watching or for supporting a certain team, the 2010 Winter Olympics will be there on at least two channels whenever you flip on the TV, at least until Sunday. So thank you Shaun White, Apolo Ohno, Rod Millner, and all other Olympic athletes for helping us through February. It would have been a rough month without you.

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Ricketts acknowledged that could take time.

"That’s rough, right? Because you do sometimes let your fan base take over," he said. "The fact is, it’s a pretty comfortable balance for us. You let the guys like Donovan McNabb and LeSean McCoy do their jobs, and Louis do their jobs and everything will take care of itself after that." 

First baseman Derrek Lee said it’s nice to have a face with on-}siderhip instead of a corporation.

"I think it will help, someone you can relate to in that sense can speak to," Lee said. "I already got a chance to speak to him and he was asking different questions and it was very nice. We really never had that." The Cubs had considered moving their spring training opera-}n to Florida before deciding to remain in Mesa with the promise of a new stadium.

An Arizona legislative commit-}ee has approved a $1 surcharge on each auto rental in the Phoenix area and an 8 percent surcharge on tickets to all spring training games played in Maricopa County to help pay for a $14 million complex. The so-called Cubs tax is opposed by some owners of other teams in the Cactus League, including the}

**WHITE SOX’S JERRY REINDORSE**

"I am not going to talk about any} of that," Ricketts said. "I think we are very confident we’ll get a solution that works for everybody down here." One of the biggest buzzes of the first day of camp surrounded 19-year-old shortstop Starlin Castro. Pinella said Castro reminded him of a young Edgar Renteria.

Cubs owner Tom Ricketts addresses the media on Tuesday at Chicago’s spring training facility in Mesa, Ariz.

**CUBS OWNER T. RICKETTS ADDRESSES THE MEDIA ON TUESDAY AT CHICAGO’S SPRING TRAINING FACILITY IN MESA, ARIZ.**

Castro hatted 299 combined last year at Class A Double A and} then hit .276 in the Arizona Fall League.

Could he make the big league} team at such a young age as a non-roster invitee? Stay tuned.

"I want to do what I have been doing, play the game, enjoy the} game, practice hard," Castro said through a translator.

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Bode ‘right there,’ but skis out of giant slalom

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller makes no apologies for his high-risk, high-reward style. It’s what earned him three medals in the first three races at the Vancouver Olympics, and what caused him to ski out in the giant slalom on Tuesday.

“I’m taking more risk than everyone else. That’s partly why I’m able to get medals. It looks easy when you make it,” Miller told The Associated Press in an interview after missing out on becoming the first man to win four Alpine medals at one Winter Games.

“When you crash like today, it’s like, ‘Oh, huh?’ I did a good job today, too,” Miller continued. “I was right there. I was right on the edge.”

He’s constantly on the accelerator going down the mountain, taking chances few others would, and that gambler’s mentality has paid off richly for him in Whistler.

Until Tuesday, of course, when his attacking nature cost him. The other side of Miller surfaced, the one that was on display in Turin four years ago.

Miller chucked up his failure to complete the first run of the giant slalom to his aggressiveness and intensity.

“Losing time on the upper section of the course, where he narrowly avoided a crash, he tried to make it up by going faster on the bottom.”

This time, the 32-year-old from Franconia, N.H., couldn’t correct his line with that much speed. He came out of a right-hand gate in the second half of his run, and simply couldn’t bring it around in time for the next gate. He said he hooked his glove on a gate and “that’s all there is to it.”

Miller also told the AP that he had trouble picking up the bumps on the course because of the overcast conditions.

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IN BRIEF

Report: Woods apologizes to parents at preschool

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods has offered another apology, this time to parents of children at the preschool that his 2-year-old daughter attends, an Orlando television station reported Tuesday.

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Wizards Howard tears ACL out for season

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards said Tuesday that forward Josh Howard will miss the remain­der of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Howard was injured Monday night in Washington’s win over the Chicago Bulls, only his fourth game with the Wizards since being acquired from Dallas in a seven­player trade on Feb. 13. He collided with the Bulls’ Flip Murray(tones) with 4:23 to play in the first quarter and stayed on the floor for a minute before being helped off the court by two trainers.

Howard started three games for Washington and scored 14.5 points a game to help the Wizards go 3-1 since the deal, which also sent starter Caron Butler to the Mavericks.

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Michigan accused of major recruiting violations

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The NCAA is accusing Michigan Wolverine football coach Rich Rodriguez of five potentially major rules violations under his leadership, including failure to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the football program and providing wrong information about his tenure in Ann Arbor.

Rodriguez stumbled to a 3-9 season in his debut at Michigan, the team's first losing season since the late 1960s and his 4-0 Wolverines stumbled down the stretch last season, leading to speculation about his tenure in Ann Arbor.

According to his contract, Rodriguez can be fired for cause if the NCAA, the Big Ten or the school determines he has committed a major violation of NCAA rules or he has intentionally committed any other type of violation of NCAA rules.
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Both landed solid shots back and forth in the third round, and neither was fazed by shots to the head. After more of the same back and forth action, Straccia landed a good left to the chin. Despite Straccia’s constant attempts to deal a blow that would leave Wallace unsteady, Wallace never left himself in a position in which Straccia could do so, and Wallace claimed the unanimous decision.

205 pounds
Pat ‘Tigers love pepper, they hate cinnamon’ Burns def. Jason Healy
The first round between seniors Burns and junior Healy was relatively slow. Each wanted to be patient and pick and choose their spots carefully. With both adopting low, wide stances, neither could attack well enough to knock the other off balance.

At the outset of the second, Healy landed a solid left, and then a few strong body shots as Burns covered. After a stoppage, Burns came out strong and landed a few combinations.

In the third, the tempo moved up a notch. With each fighter sensing that he needed to distance himself on the scorecard, the two broke out of the rigidity of their styles. After two good 1-2 combinations, Burns landed a quick right and a sweeping right, Burns landed one more heavy right to the head and Healy went down. At that point, Burns celebrated the fight as his and did indeed win in a unanimous decision.

John ‘Pap!’ Tchoula def. Luke Scullion
Before the opening bell, it was clear Tchoula would need to overcome a distinct disadvantage in height and reach in order to top Scullion, an MBA student.

By staying low and in close, Tchoula effectively nullified Scullion’s advantage and quickly took over the fight. Tchoula was on the offensive nearly the entire fight, and Scullion’s only option was to try to counter in the few instances in which Tchoula left him unsteady after an attack. Although Scullion made several impressive counterattacks and even made it appear that he would make a comeback, Tchoula never really lost control and continued to work the body occasionally go after the head with reaching jabs.

Tchoula advanced to the finals via a unanimous decision.

Heavyweight
Will ‘at the Edge of Darkness’ Burroughs def. Timothy Latham
In a downright dominating performance from Burroughs, the Law student never really had a doubt in his mind that he was going to put an end to senior Latham’s attempt at an upset. After Latham tried to put Burroughs on his heels with a quick combo right after the opening bell, a combo that Burroughs simply absorbed, Burroughs put Latham in the corner with one counterpunch. That’s where it ended.

Burroughs sent a flurry of body punches that landed with a thud in the ribcage of Latham. When Latham slid his arms down to cover, Burroughs pounded him a few times before the referee stopped the fight less than 20 seconds after the opening bell.

Kevin ‘The Long Beach Lumberjack’ Crepeau def. David ‘Dutch’ Stedman
In a much closer battle than the bout before it, the two southpaws had a great test of mettle. The bout started with an exchange that went both ways for a while, but when the junior Crepeau landed vicious a left hook to the body, senior Stedman hit the mat.

In the second, Crepeau came back out on the offensive. Stedman tried to counter, but did so ineffectively. After blow to the chest, Stedman staggered again. But Stedman kept battling back. After the bell rang to start the third, Stedman got right in on Crepeau and landed three consecutive left hooks to the body, seemingly knocking the air out of Crepeau. Although Crepeau was ahead in the fight for all three rounds, he just did not have anything left in the tank to finish Stedman off, but still won in a split decision.

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Phil’s Werth hopes to build on breakout year
Associated Press
CLEARWATER, Fla. — Sporting a thick, scrappy beard and long hair flowing beneath his baseball cap, Jayson Werth caused a stir with his appearance on Monday. After a breakout season with the Philadelphia Phillies last year, Werth’s performance should get most of the attention.

Werth hadn’t 268 with 36 homers, 99 RBIs and 20 steals, earning a trip to the All-Star game in his first full season as a regular. The right fielder hit .275 with seven homers and 13 RBIs in the postseason as the Phillies fell two wins short of repeating as World Series champions.

If Werth puts up similar numbers this year, he can really cash in. He’s entering the final year of a $10 million, two-year deal. It’s uncertain whether the Phillies will be able to afford Werth when he becomes a free agent next winter.

Werth made it clear he doesn’t want his contract situation to become an issue and he’s not going to keep discussing it.

“This is the first time I’ve been in a situation of dealing with a long term deal and extensions and all that,” Werth said. “This is the first time I’ve had that opportunity. We’ll deal with that when it comes. It’s not something I’m going to be focused on. Really, I’m here to play baseball, play the game hard, play the game the right way and win.”

Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. already has warned that the team isn’t going to be able to re-sign all of its star players. Since winning the World Series in 2008, Philadelphia has given several players multiyear deals.

“I know how much they’re spending is an issue and I think it’s always an issue no matter what the situation is,” Werth said. “I definitely think that will play a part of it going forward. But that’s something that my agent and the team will work out and hopefully it will work out and I’ll be in Philadelphia for a long time and continue to play with these guys. The game of baseball is weird like that. Guys come out and go. But with our situation here, we’ve had a lot of guys stay. I’m already a part of something special here and have been for a few years, but to continue that would be awesome.”

As for his new look, Werth didn’t want to explain.

“It’s a cross between Jesus Christ and the Geico Caveman,” teammate Brad Lidge said.

With that comes Werth’s look. His beard and long hair are a constant reminder of his signature look from last year.

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Irish edge Hofstra in season opener

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The Irish return from Long Island undefeated following their season-opening victory against Hofstra yesterday. The Irish fought through the rain and cold to emerge ahead of the Pride by a single goal, 13-12.

Though the momentum swung back and forth between the two teams throughout the first half, the Irish showed their depth on offense by setting up plays with numerous players putting points on the board. Going into halftime tied at seven goals apiece, the two evenly matched teams waged a defensive battle throughout the much of the second half.

After securing the lead on an unassisted goal by junior midfielder Shaylin Blaney, the Irish were able to fend off the Pride for the final grueling 10 minutes.

“I’m really pleased with the win, its always going to be tough [against Hofstra] but they didn’t get flustered when they were down and they handled it really well,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. Blaney set the tone offensively, scoring six of the team’s 13 goals, including the game-winner. Junior Jackie Doherty and sophomore Megan Sullivan put on a clinic at defense with some big plays in the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling was crucial to the team’s defensive effort, playing the full 60 minutes in the net while tallying seven saves in her first performance at the collegiate level.

“Two years ago it was a one goal win too, they’re a really well coached team,” said Coyne. “I’m happy with the win, it shows our experience and confidence.”

The Irish will host their home opener against Duquesne on Saturday in the Loftus Center at 6 p.m.
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defensive, and he spent a good portion of the second round controlling the action.
Bulirillard opened the third round punching, nearly knocking down Cugliari, but ultimately Cugliari grounded himself with two strong jabs and earning the unanimous victory.

Senior captain Sayles earned a split decision over the bigger Goode, a junior, to return to the finals. Sayles began the fight by evading Goode’s punches and jabbing repeatedly to the body. Sayles ended up pounding Goode’s body into the corner, though Goode successfully tied up Sayles to stop him whenever he got on a roll.

In the final round, Goode closed very strong, maintaining his energy against the quicker Sayles and landing a number of different powerful hooks to the head. Sayles triggered and fell towards the end of the round, but ultimately the advantage in punches landed throughout the bout was enough to pull out the split decision.

140 pounds
Michael Johnston def. Brian ‘The Good Thief’ Heath
The two seniors came out with differing styles, and ultimately Johnston prevailed with a unanimous decision. Johnston landed a number of combinations in the first round, which Heath couldn’t counter with enough punches to bring the momentum back in his favor.

Johnston settled into a nice rhythm in the second round, moving shifty around the ring and striking at will whenever Heath opened himself up to an attack. Heath mounted a couple of com- bos but Johnston’s strong defensive abilities usually cut them short before Heath could gain the upper hand.

In the third, Johnston went to the body and Heath out, countaining to a unanimous victory.

Albert Toscano def. Nick ‘Bronco’ Bortolotti
The two boxers went toe-to-toe for three rounds as Toscano ultimately bested Bortolotti in a unanimous decision in this energetic bout. The pair fought an even first round as both of them came out aiming to dominate the third from their large cheeking sections.
Both fighters righted back up to work early in the second, as Toscano’s relentless left hook started to hurt on each round. Bortolotti attempted to use his long jab to keep him at a distance.
In the third round Bortolotti appeared to turn the tide, striking with a number of punches and staying on the offensive. Toscano adapted and rode his upcutter, which he connected with often to help wrap up the unanimous decision.

147 pounds
Kieran Bulger def. Matthew Lemanski
The senior Bulger advanced the finals after stealing in the semifinals last year by besting the sopho-
more Lemanski in a unanimous decision. The fight took on a defensive style early on as each fighter held back their punches and looked to pounce whenever their opportunity presented.
Bulger rode the momentum from a strong end of the opening round into the second, dodging a flurry of punches from Lemanski and countering with headshots.

The third round was a slow affair, as both fighters were visibly spent from the furious second round. Bulger’s statement in the second round proved to be enough to win him the unanimous decision.

Kevin ‘DiGilioio’ Orazio def. Thomas ‘Shake and Bake’ Enziezer
Junior Enziezer had a clear height advantage, giving him the confidence to begin the match with energy, but the sophomore Orazio fought back with tech- nique. Both boxers went on the offensive in the second round, and while both ended up worse for the wear, neither took an advantage into the third round. Orazio utilized the height disparity well in the third, delivering a series of uppercuts to Enziezer. In the end, Orazio was the very close fight by split decision.

Bachinski started the second round with just as much fire as the first, but again, junior Maier took control at the end of the sec- ond. The energy from both sides died down slightly in the third round, but Slaney held strong, landing a couple of punches despite his fatigue than Bachinski managed to. Via split decision, Slaney advanced to the finals.

Adam ‘Mad’ Cowden ‘Disease’ def. Kyle ‘No Name Just Game’ Kober
Sophomore Cowden took no mercy in the first round, repeated-ly finding control early on by landing a freshman and fellow Sorin resi- dent Severyn. Severyn did his best to stay in, finding the sophomore’s face on multiple occasions. Maier began the second round by unloading a flurry of punches, but Cowden’s experienced showed through with a ability to quickly and deliver jabs in key locations. After receiving aid to stop a bladed nose, Cowden forced Kober into the ropes and maintained control of the third round. In the end, Cowden’s expe-
rience earned him a spot in the finals via a split decision.

156 pounds
John ‘My Body is a Wonderful’ Maier def. Kevin Goodwin
Junior Goodwin was pushed him-
self as the dominant force early in the first round, but the sophomore Maier contained him the angle to land punches to Goodwin’s head and body.

The second round saw a similar pattern as the first, as Goodwin was left open and Maier danced around the ring and proved to be quick on his feet. In the third, Goodwin landed solid blows to Maier’s head and energy saved up to make a strong last effort. Despite Goodwin’s initial offensive attempts, Maier held back his jabs to Goodwin’s head and bloodied his nose. Maier was awarded the match by unanimous decision.

Alex ‘Gatto Loco’ Olizar def. Daniel ‘Cabbage Patch’ Chapman
Olizar unleashed a flurry of punches to open the first round and pinned Chapman against the ropes to set the tone for an aggressive, hard-fought match. As the first round continued both boxers took turns throwing combinations and exhibited strength and inten-
sity. They went punch for punch to the body and head.

Olizar came out strong in the second round, landing a flurry of jabs to Chapman’s head. Olizar exhibited constant energy and placed many well-timed punches. In the third round, the Olizar pinned Chapman against the ropes and set the tone for the win by unanimous decision.

163 pounds
Jordan Bucci def. Ryan ‘The Show Stopper’ Shetek
The two seniors fought an even main event bell-to-bell, as both fighters refused to let up throughout the three rounds. The round started with an even showing from both box-
ers. In the second round both fighters engaged in multiple series of jabs and combinations. Still remaining clean, both fighters refused to tire. In the third round, Bucci came out strong and landed a strong combination to Shetek’s body. Shetek returned the favor by pinning Bucci against the ropes and land-
ed one staggering blow to Bucci’s face. The judges ultimately award-
ed Bucci the split decision and a return trip to the finals.

Matt Hopke def. Caleb Laux
Toward the end of the largely-
even first round between the two fighters, Hopke established himself as the stronger of the two, completing a series of jabs to the head that put Laux on the defensive.

In the second round, Laux came out strong but Hopke returned his aggressiveness with a series of jabs. Hopke continued to control the ring effectively and put on a fine display of his height to his advantage.

Hopke came out strong once again in the finale of the third round and proved that he would not be taken over by fate. He landed multi-
ple combinations in the third round and forced Laux to the ropes in the final seconds of the third round, highlighting the fact that he was deserving of a unani-
mous victory.

166 pounds
Jason ‘Pretty Boy’ Miller def. Matthew Gimlett
The first round opened with Gimlett focusing on good low and attacking Miller’s body, but Miller was able to counter and land punches when his senior class-
mate controlled jabs to the head in prepara-
tion for a body shot.

The second round was much more even, with Gimlett hitting each other early and not many big punches were landed. For a good part of the round, both fighters bailed their time before Miller caught up by landing a combination that drove Gimlett into the corner.

The third round was markedly more energetic. Miller would land two punches, but Gimlett would come right back, adding a couple of shots of his own. In the end, Gimlett’s combinations prevailed over Gimlett’s sneaky punches as Miller prevailed by split decision.

Gregory Bennett def. Nicholas Severny
Bennett displayed an extremely aggressive mentality early, moving in and out, looking for quick eva-
sions and jabs. The first round went back and forth between the fighters until the junior Severny landed a combination on the sopho-
more in the corner at the end of the first round.

At the start of the second round, Bennett again came out with near-
reelack abandon. Severny began relying more and more on 1-2 punches for a fight that became extremely chippy.

In the third round the bout went back and forth, with both fighters landed punches and got tangled up. In a third back fight, the judges took Bennett’s side in a split deci-
sion.

173 pounds
Alex Kissinger def. Kevin ‘The Night Man’ Kray
Kissinger was on the attack, but Kray also landed punches early. Kissinger utilized his strate-
gy of driving late to the ropes in the first round. Kray moved constantly, dancing around the ring while throwing occasional punches, hoping to frustrate the sophomore.

As the second round began, Kissinger again attacked Kray into the ropes, but Kray moved right off the ropes, he played a defen-
se role and countered to the ropes. In the second round, Kray abandoned throwing punches and evaded Kissinger.

Kissinger took control of the role of the aggressor and dictate the fight in the third round. He constantly drove Kray to the ropes, where he would throw flur-
ries of punches. Near the end of the round Kissinger overpowered Kray at the ropes to the point where Kray nearly fell out of the ring. In the end, Kissinger won by unanimous decision.

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Lindsay Schrader played in her first game since spraining her left ankle on Feb. 14. In 20 minutes of action, she scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Missing the game “was not even a question,” she said.

Senior captain Ashley Barlow added 11 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Senior walk-on and crowd-favorite Alena Christensen, playing in her first career start, grabbed the first rebound of the game and scored its last two points.

“We were the five of us. We were just trying to have a good time.” — Lechlitner said. “We were even attempting — or even attempting — a 3-pointer, she added two points, three rebounds, three assists and one steal to the Irish effort.

“‘It was our class, the five of us,’ Lechlitner said. ‘We were just trying to have a good time.’”

Melissa Lechlitner Irish senior

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with time.

“You just can’t put some- body in there on this kind of thing until it’s better,” he said.

In Harangody’s absence, junior forward Carlsson Scott will start. Scott has his first start against Louisville and had nine points, six rebounds and three blocks in 34 minutes.

“I thought Carlsson Scott maybe took a step forward into some new territory that we’ve kind of waiting on,” Brey said.

The bench also saw more playing time: freshman Jack Cooley played 19 minutes and freshman Michael Brehm played 10.

“Our young big guys did a heck of a job,” Brey said.

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breaking loss that snapped a four-match win streak. The loss was to No. 10 Tennessee, 5-2.

“It’s really important for us to stay focused, and the girls know that,” said Louderback.

Crucial to the girls continued success will be sophomore Kristy Frilling. Frilling will look to stay consistent in both singles and doubles in the spring season. She is 8-0 at both No. 1 singles and doubles, chalking up some very impressive victories over top-ranked players. This weekend alone, she defeated No. 85 Rachael White of Illinois and Northwestern’s No. 12 Maria Mosolova.

Frilling has taken out five nationally-ranked singles opponents in all this year. On the doubles side she has been just as impressive. Frilling pairs up with teammate senior Kali Kriaski at No. 1 doubles for the Irish. In total, the pair has three wins over ranked teams, including the Wildcats No. 14 duo

Notre Dame had a bye week this week, a much-needed rest after losing to Louisville in double overtime on Feb. 17.

“It seems like we played a month ago after not playing this weekend,” Brey said. “I don’t know if I’ve been prouder of a team in 10 years after a loss.”

Pittsburgh (21-6, 10-4) is third in the Big East and has won five straight conference games. The Panthers beat No. 7 Villanova Sunday and took down No. 8 West Virginia in overtime on Feb. 12.

“Guard Ashton Gibbs leads the Panthers in scoring with 16.8 points per game and shoots 38 percent from 3-point range.

Notre Dame got help in Harangod’s absence, help it will need again tonight. Junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 29 points, senior guard Tory Jackson added 19 and senior guard Ben Hansbrough scored 21, making 10 of 12 foul shots in the process. The bench didn’t add many points, but they allowed the starters to rest — except Jackson, who played all 56 minutes.

The Cardinals made 3-of-5 3-pointers in the overtime period. Something Gibbs may attempt to exploit. The Irish made 13-of-14 free throws in extra time but it was not enough.

Brey said Saturday’s game against No. 11 Georgetown was a possible time for Harangody to return but was not certain that he would be ready.

“This group that has played 100 minutes without him will continue to play without him until it’s really ready,” Brey said.

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Lauren Lui and Elena Chernyayeva.

“Frilling has been so impressive,” said Louderback. “Just a model of consistency.”

Frilling will look to stay perfect against No. 67 Kristin Flower of the Buckeyes. Flower is 8-4 this season, and will be looking for her biggest personal victory of the season. The two teams are set to square off at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Belles edge Albion to advance to MIAA second round

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s triumphed over Albion 61-59 in a game that was not decided until the last two possessions were in the books and earned a first-round MIAA tournament win.

The Britons jumped out to an early 10-6 lead, but Albion quickly recovered and took a 16-12 lead. After a 13-0 run, the Belles fought back to a 4-point advantage, the Belles were able to create another run, this time 14-2 to give Saint Mary’s a 48-40 lead with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Each team continued to reel off runs until the game was tied at 59 with about a minute left to go.

The Belles missed an opportunity to take a lead, but Albion could not capitalize, missing a shot that was rebounded by senior forward Anna Kammrath with 24 second left in the clash. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney took the ball on an end-to-end drive into the lane and banked the deciding layup in with 13 seconds left.

The Britons had a final opportunity to force overtime — or even win the game — but Saint Mary’s played solid defense, forcing the last Albion shot to clang harmlessly off the rim and sealing the Belles’ victory.

Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy paced Saint Mary’s with a 16-point, nine-rebound effort, while sophomore guard Maggie Roman added 11 points and five assists on five-for-five shooting.

Kammrath’s biggest rebound was one of 10 on the night, all of which came in the pivotal second half.

The Belles coach Jennifer Henley also earned her 100th career win in the victory, which placed the Belles in a second-round tournament game at No. 2 seed Calvin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Showdowns set

Cugliari beats Robillard by unanimous decision

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133 pounds

Chris ‘Cougar’ Cugliari def. Brian ‘Ghost Hands’ Robillard

Senior captain Cugliari’s fast hands and quick feet overcame the sophomore Robillard in a unanimous decision. Cugliari opened the fight looking to set the tone and three plenty of punches. He connected on a big punch early to Robillard’s face, knocking him down. After scoring the early knockdown, Cugliari played it safe, picking his spots and powering whenever Robillard let his guard down.

Robillard fought back in the second round using his strong left jab and throwing plenty of punches. He connected on a big punch in the second round looking to set the tone and throw plenty of punches.

The Irish (17-10, 6-8 Big East) will try to keep their momentum going and avoid a letdown after such a monumental victory.

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Buccaneers Beat Northwestern, mean-while, won the tournament. “The kids were upset with their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to get some of their respect back,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It was one of the few times we’ve competed as an underdog.”

Now they’re faced with an equally daunting task, backing up the impressive victory against the dangerous No. 17 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes will be especially hungry, considering they are coming off a heart-