ND students in Chile unharmed in earthquake

University faculty, ACE graduate students, Congregation of Holy Cross members also safe after 8.8-magnitude quake strikes Saturday morning

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Junior Cari Pick was chatting with friends online early Saturday morning in Santiago, Chile, when the Internet cut out and her building began to sway. “My initial reaction was to stare out the window at nearby buildings to see if any of them were collapsing. Luckily, they were not,” Pick said of Saturday’s earthquake. “My host mother told me in Spanish that the safest place to stay was inside our building, which had been built to withstand earthquakes.”

Pick is one of 19 undergraduates studying abroad in the South American country for the spring semester. The University confirmed Saturday that all Notre Dame students and faculty in Chile are safe after an 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country. All the students studying in Chile live with host families, and after the earthquake, Pick said she immediately tried to reach other students.

“I spent the next few hours frantically trying to contact other students to make sure they were alright as well,” she said. “The phone systems are unreliable right now.”

The University also reported that five graduate students participating in the Alliance for Catholic Education program, three staff members and members of the Congregation of Holy Cross working in Chile are safe.

“For the second time this semester, we are immensely grateful that Notre Dame students, faculty and staff are safe in the wake of a devastating natural disaster,” University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a press release. “As was the case last month for Haitians after an earthquake hit that nation, the prayers of the Notre Dame family now are with the people of Chile.”

The University offers most of its programs in the South American country for the second time this semester, with a total of 19 undergraduate students and 12 graduate students participating.

Robinson Center celebrates ninth anniversary

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

For the past nine years, Notre Dame faculty, staff and students as well as members of the South Bend community have volunteered their time to better their lives of local children at the Robinson Community Learning Center.

The Center, an off-campus educational initiative sponsored by the University, celebrated its ninth anniversary Friday afternoon and gave thanks to the support of its volunteers.

Speakers at the event included University President Fr. John Jenkins and South Bend Mayor Steve Lukee.

Jay Caponigro, the founding director of the RCLC, was officially appointed to the position of the Director of Community Engagement for the University, a promotion effective March 1.

No announcements about his replacement at the RCLC have been made yet.

Friday’s festivities also included the recognition of various community volunteers and Notre Dame faculty and students who work to further the Center’s ventures.

In addition, the James Kapsa Take Ten Award was presented to a local school leader and awards were given to the top 12 schools in the Take Ten poster design contest.

The Take Ten Program is an outreach project of the Robinson Community Learning Center encouraging students to “Talk it out, Walk it out and Wait it Out”.

Registation for Basilica weddings during 2011 year begins

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Today, the first day couples can register for weddings at the Sacred Heart Basilica for the 2011 year, is perhaps one of the reasons the “ring by spring” mentality pervades for many a Notre Dame senior.

According to Amy Huber, Wedding and Baptism Coordinator of the Basilica, current students, alumni, University administrators and Sacred Heart parishioners are all eligible to sign up for weddings at the Basilica beginning today by calling in.

“People have to be patient and keep redialing until you get through,” Huber said. “I probably take about 70-80 reservations [on call day].”

Huber said the Basilica accommodates only a certain number of wedding reservations each year, and that number is limited by certain days on which wedding ceremonies are disallowed.

“Tthere are a little over 100 dates for 2011 to give out and the summer afternoon dates always go first as expected,” she said. “[Weddings are not held] on holiday weekends, JWP, Alumni Weekend, final vows weekend, ordination weekend, Freshman Orientation weekend and Commencement weekend.”

The fee for use of the Basilica is $750, and Huber said that figure includes not just the ceremony itself.

“It also provides a wedding reception,” said Huber.

For the second time this year, Samantha Malinieri Roth and husband Andrew Roth, both Notre Dame graduates, exchange vows at the Basilica in the fall of 2009.
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CEO discusses changes in media

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Diamond recognized the immense effect the accessibility of the Internet has had on media becoming more biased.

SMC hall director receives award

By ALICIA SMITH

Responsible for supervising 10 resident advisors (RA) and about 264 residents, McCandless Hall and Opus Hall director Kady Shea received the Advisor of the Year Award for her work with the College Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Shea has not only managed to keep the residence halls in tip-top shape, but has helped make some vast improvements to the quality of life on Saint Mary’s campus. "[I really enjoy] getting to interact with students on a regu- lar basis, and getting to know them personally, what’s going on in their lives and just being able to help them as best I can with whatever is going on," Shea said. "That’s my job as advisor to my residents."

Shea was nominated by the members of RHA and was chosen by the directors of the Indiana Residence Hall Association (IRHO).

The advisor of the year was pretty cool just because advising RHA is part of my job but it’s just one small part of my job," Shea said. "They nominated me for this award and the directorship of IRHO recognized my accomplish- ment. That was pretty cool to receive that."

Shea began working at the College in August 2008. Since that time she has not only managed to be a co-advisor for RHA, but as advisor for McCandless Hall Council as well. Additionally, she has worked to help improve RA training as well as the room selection process.

Shea is also responsible for keeping the Residence Life Web site up to date. "It’s a challenge, but I also find it very entertaining," Shea said. "I try to have a positive look at it. Working with Residence Life and Residence Halls, you have to take some time out every day not knowing what to expect. It’s not the type of job where you can sit down at a computer and start entering numbers all day."

Shea decided to become a hall director during her undergradu- ate studies at Simmons College in Boston. Shea said she origi- nally wanted to be a teacher. "I always knew that I wanted to help people in some capacity," she said. "I had a first-year advisor at Simmons where I had a job to actually talk to the students and help them be involved."

Shea said she enjoyed working as a hall director at Saint Mary’s. She has had a positive experi- ence with the RAs as well as the students working in the hall.

"I really enjoy working with first year students just because the transition to college is not always easy and being able to help them with that transition is pretty awesome, and being able to see them grow through out the year," Shea said. "I think you can work with people you don’t know and you can do everything you love, work with students and meet new people."

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College bookstore holds fashion show

By ALISON MEAGHER

Saint Mary’s Shaeven Bookstore held a fashion show Friday in the student center atrium to promote the College’s new spring clothing line, featuring different types of apparel including sweatpants, T-shirts and shorts.

"We hold the fashion show to promote all the new clothes and get the student body involved," freshman Katie Gutrich, mem- bership and fashion show director, said. Gutrich, junior Sarah Schuchman and senior Lillian Reeves all served as merchandise and fashion show directors for the event.

The students were responsible for designing the line, finding models and advertising the event to students around campus.

Gutrich said organizing the event was a lot of work for all involved. "We’ve been working on the line since fall semester," Gutrich said. "We’ve advertised around campus using flyers and television.

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coordinator who will attend the rehearsal and wedding and will assist in all the details of the wedding liturgy,” she said.

Couples who choose to marry in the Basilica tend to do so because of a sentimental bond with the University.

“Most of the couples met here, fell in love here and want to have the sacrament of marriage here,” Huber said. “The Basilica is one of the most beautiful places on campus and our staff at the Basilica and Campus Ministry are wonderful in supporting these couples in all aspects of their preparation and liturgy.”

Samantha Mainieri Roth, a 2009 graduate, married her husband Andrew Roth, a 2008 graduate, in the Basilica on Oct. 10, 2009.

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Cari Pick
junior

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the abroad program’s classes at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica, a Catholic university in Santiago. The students arrived in the Chilean capital Thursday after completing a three-week program in the rural Chilean town of Linares. They were originally scheduled to start classes in the city Wednesday.

Pick said the students have been told, however, they will start classes March 8, and the academic facilities are relatively undamaged.

Junior Alex Barker, an Observer Sports writer participating in the Chile study abroad program, said the students were lucky they arrived in Santiago when they did.

“The pre-program took place in a less developed area that was much closer to the epicenter [of the earthquake]. It took a great deal more damage,” he said. “Buildings we were in just last week now lay flattened and destroyed.”

Barker said most students are fortunate to be living in buildings meant to withstand earthquakes.

“Most of us live in some of the nicest parts of Santiago so the houses are much sturdier, and from what I’ve heard thus far, did not take any significant damage,” he said.

The Associated Press is reporting the death toll to be more than 700 with nearly two million displaced by the earthquake.

With unreliable communication, Pick said many students are not sure how the next few weeks will go, but many will try to get involved in the relief efforts if possible.

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Samantha Mainieri Roth and Andrew Roth walk down the aisle at the Basilica after being married there in fall 2009.

Photo Courtesy of Samantha Mainieri Roth

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australians bare all for photo shoot
SYDNEY — About 5,200 naked people have embraced each other on the steps of Sydney’s Opera House for a photo shoot by photographer Tunick. Tunick, who is known for his nude group photos of public figures, got people to pose for more than an hour in a variety of positions.

“It was difficult to get the straight participants to embrace the gay participants and vice versa,” Tunick said. “I was very happy that that last set up finally got done and everyone came together (in a) united, friendly kiss in front of this great structure.”

Dead fish stink up Rio lagoon
RIO DE JANEIRO — Thousands of dead fish washed up on the shores of a popular beachside lagoon in Rio over the weekend, offending joggers’ olfactory senses and leading the city to fight with disinfector.

The official state news service Agencia Brasil said about 100 city employees working full-time cleared nearly 50 tons of fish as of Monday. There was no immediate estimate of how many died, but several species were involved.

Rio’s environmental secretary speculated that increased levels of a harmful algae may be the immediate cause of the sudden die-off Friday. She told Globo’s G1 Web site that authorities were still investigating, but the problem was not affecting the fish anymore.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ebert partially regains voice
CHICAGO — Film critic Roger Ebert says computer programmers have captured his voice from movie commentary tracks so he can read his e-mails and listen to his grandchildren.

Ebert recorded commentaries for DVD movies before he lost his voice. He said he was very happy that that last set up finally got done and everyone came together (in a) united, friendly kiss in front of this great structure.”

Man shot to death in mall
WAYNE, N.J. (AP) — Wayne police said a man was found shot to death at the Castleton Square Mall.

The man was found shot to death near the wing of a movie theater. The victim was not immediately identified.

A police spokesman said the man had no ties to the mall.

LOCAL NEWS

Man caught using shoe camera
INDIANAPOLIS — Police arrested a Fort Wayne man for taking a camera attached to his right shoe and video and audio controls in his pockets.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department says 40-year-old David Delagrave is being held on charges in a case in which he apparently took photos of women’s underwear.

Delagrave was arrested after police say they caught him using the camera.

Storm leaves 200,000 without power
PORTLAND, Maine — Nearly 200,000 homes and businesses were still without power Sunday as restoration efforts continued days after a slow-moving storm battered the Northeast with heavy snow, rain and high winds.

More than 83,000 utility customers still lacked electricity Sunday afternoon, according to the state’s Department of Environmental Protection.

At the peak of the storm, more than a million customers were without power.

Hundreds of utility crews from as far away as Michigan and Maryland continued removing trees that knocked down power lines and replacing utility poles that snapped during last week’s storm.

Dozens of shelters provided warmth and food at fire departments, schools and other places.

Even after spending three nights at a shelter in New Paltz, N.Y., 28-year-old Maxwell, who said he was working in New York City when he was ordered to leave, moved back to the area from South Carolina, where he worked cutting trees away from power lines.

“They’re trying to do the best they can with the power,” he said. “You get to take into account there are a lot of lines down.”

Bryan Bush lost electricity Thursday, but he used a power generator he owns to turn the lights back on in his home in Kittery, Maine. Neighbors without that option have been stopping in for show- ers, warmth and cups of coffee.

But with three utility poles still down in front of his house and wires crossing his driveway, he wasn’t too confident about getting power back anytime soon.

“I wouldn’t expect much before the middle or the end of the week,” he said.

A lot of people cannot honestly get out of their house and get to the shelters,” said John-Anthony Bruno, executive director of the United Way Center of the American Red Cross, in a phone call last June, leading to a political crisis.

Clinton heads to Latin America
Secretary of State to visit post-quake Chile, four other countries in weeklong tour

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s weeklong foreign trip to visa Latin America is certain to focus on the earthquake in Chile, which she will also try to build support for fresh penalties against Iran.

Clinton will begin her trip in Santiago, Chile’s capital, Tuesday. She has been scheduled to go to Chile late Monday for talks with Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and President-elect Sebastian Pinera, who takes office March 11. But that meeting has been canceled as Chile struggles to recover from the quake.

Before Clinton left Washington on Sunday evening, she made clear she would show U.S. support for disaster rescue and reconstruction operations in Chile.

“Our hemisphere comes together in times of crisis, and we will stand side-by-side with the people of Chile in this emergency,” Clinton said after President Barack Obama called Bachelet to offer assistance.

The State Department issued a travel alert Sunday urging U.S. citizens to avoid nonessential travel to Chile.

Clinton starts her trip in Uruguay, where she will meet with U.S. citizens and other leaders who are still affected by the earthquake. She is expected to build ties with several world leaders before wrapping up her tour in Guatemala next Thursday.

Chilean officials say a team of9,000 rescue workers has been deployed to the hardest-hit areas.

Clinton will also attend a meeting in Costa Rica of regional foreign ministers that will focus on improving economic conditions in the hemisphere. She expects to see outgoing President Oscar Arias, who brokered an accord that ended the political crisis in Honduras last year.

Clinton will also meet with incoming Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla before wrapping up her tour in Guatemala on Friday.

In Guatemala, Clinton will meet a group of Central American leaders, including Honduran President Porfirio Lobo, who took over late in January from an interim govern- ment that had ousted leader Manuel Zelaya in a coup last June, leading to a political crisis.
Colleges enlist parents to stop drinking

Associated Press

At Virginia Tech, where tailgating and raucous apartment complex parties are time-honored rituals, university officials are turning increasingly to Mom and Dad to curb problem underage drinking.

This semester, the school in Blacksburg, Va., began notifying parents when their under-21 students are found guilty of even minor alcohol violations such as getting caught with a beer in a dorm room.

Although it’s common for colleges to alert parents of major alcohol offenses — or when a student faces suspension — Virginia Tech is part of a small but growing number sending letters home on minor ones.

The debate about how much to involve parents in such cases is a balancing act for colleges and universities. Officials want to hold young adults accountable as they venture out on their own, are less likely to drink heavily when parents can help when things go too far.

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"I think it helps students open up to parents," said Steven Clarke, director of Virginia Tech's College Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center. "And parents can be hands-on parents who can help when things go too far."

But some parents complained that because they had not been notified of minor offenses, they were in the dark until a student was suddenly facing suspension, said Edward Spencer, Virginia Tech's vice president for student affairs. Hence the change this semester — a move Spencer says also reflects changing times.

"Parents of Generation X students were often reluctant to get involved when the school invoked an emergency clause in privacy laws and alerted them of alcohol problems, he said.

"The response would be, 'You know, I'm leaving on a cruise. I'm going to a class reunion.'"

But today, parents of millennials tend to be tethered by cell phone to children who studies show often idolize their parents — so it makes sense to go a step further in parental involvement, he said.

"We'd like to strike a happy medium," Spencer said.

Virginia Tech resident advisor David Dorsett, left, chats with fellow dorm resident Matt Londrey about college drinking behavior Monday.

Student Affairs

is now accepting nominations for the

Denny Moore Award

For Excellence in Journalism

Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

Candidates may be nominated by faculty, staff, or fellow students.

For a nomination form, please visit our website at:
http://osa.nd.edu

Nominations are due by Friday, March 5, 2010.

Contact Carly Landon at clandon1@nd.edu

Congratulations RYAN LASH, Gates Cambridge Scholar

Medieval Studies and Anthropology Major

Originally from Venetia, PA, Ryan will be one of 29 new 2010 US Gates Cambridge Scholars who will take up their places at University of Cambridge, England this fall. Ryan will study for an MPhil degree in Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic. In the program's ten years, Ryan is the first degree-earning student from Notre Dame to be awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.
**IN BRIEF**

EU finance chief travels to Athens

BRUSSELS — The EU’s financial affairs chief is traveling to Athens to hold discussions with Greeks on the country’s debt crisis and efforts to enact painful austerity measures to curb public spending.

In a phone call, Greek Finance Commissioner Olli Rehn will have talks Monday in the Greek capital with both sides, Deputy Premier Theodorus Pangalos, Finance Minister George Papakonstantinou and George Prokopovolis, the governor of the Bank of Greece, the European Commission said Saturday.

His visit follows days of hectic international negotiations.

On Friday, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou said he held talks with the head of Germany’s biggest bank and President Barack Obama discussed Greece with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown via video conference.

Greece’s EU partners have said they will not toss Greece a financial lifeline.

Rehn’s visit is designed to impress upon Athens that its partners want to see quick, credible steps to put Greece’s finances in order.

Topeka aims to be Google test site

TOPEKA, Kan. — A campaign to make Topeka a test site for a new, ultrafast Internet service is gathering speed.

Google Inc. announced plans Feb. 10 to build and test new high-speed broadband networks in one or more places around the country. The company says the system of fiber-optic cables would deliver Internet connections 100 times faster than most systems now available.

Over the past week, Topeka city officials have announced they’re completing Google’s request for information from potential community partners. The City Council has indicated that it’s behind the effort.

And a group called “Think Big Topeka” is campaigning to build community and government support.

Google has given communities a March 26 deadline to submit the completed requests for information.

-- Jon Elswick, Associated Press

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**JFK runway closed for repairs**

Repayment of airport’s largest landing strip will cause delays, higher ticket prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One runway, a whole lot of problems.

The main runway at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport will be closed for four months starting March 1. Millions of travelers will experience delays — including some not flying anywhere near the Big Apple.

With about one-third of JFK’s traffic and half of its departures being diverted to three smaller runways, planes will wait on longer lines on the ground for take-offs and in the air for landings.

Delays at one of the nation’s largest airports will ripple to cities across the US, including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orlando.

Passengers using JFK also face another headache — higher ticket prices. JetBlue, American, Delta and other airlines have cut their schedules by about 10 percent for the shutdown period.

They can raise prices because there will be a smaller number of seats to meet demand.

JFK’s Bay Runway, at 14,572 feet, is one of the longest commercial runways in the world. It’s a back-up landing spot for the space shuttle, which has its next mission in April. The runway is being repaired with concrete instead of less-durable asphalt and widened to accommodate today’s bigger planes.

The project will affect at least the first month of the peak travel season and officials start on Memorial Day. But the chosen four-month period was picked because it’s the driest in the New York area and weather-related construction delays less likely.

Of course, some flights will be rerouted.

A similar runway repair in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area created thousands of delays when it was slowed by unseasonably wet weather.

JFK is already one of the nation’s most delay-plagued airports. It ranked 25th out of 31 major airports in 2009 in on-time performance, according to the Department of Transportation. A delay at JFK, especially one early in the morning, can push back flights across the U.S.

The longest delays occur at peak hours — from about 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. ET and between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The airlines and the airport are making adjustments. Besides cutting flights, airlines are adding time into their schedules. So although flights may take longer, more won’t necessarily be considered late. Still, Mike Sammartino of the Federal Aviation Administration expects delays at JFK will be about 50 minutes during peak times and 29 minutes on average — similar to busy summer days.

Sammartino also says JFK officials have added new taxi ways at angles that allow planes to go from terminal to takeoff more quickly. He noted that the FAA and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which are financing the $376 million project, began planning the shutdown in early 2009.

JetBlue, the biggest carrier at the airport, said it expects some “operational challenges,” but that its reduced flight schedule should help alleviate congestion.

However, for passengers on network carriers like Delta and American the delays will likely be worse, said Lance Sherry, executive director for the Center for Air Transport Systems Research at George Mason University.

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George W. Bush liked to talk about democracy and its many virtues. He even went so far as to make promoting democracy a central component of American foreign policy. I mention this because on March 7, Iraq will finally hold the elections that had originally been scheduled for Jan. 15.

Contemplating the many issues at stake in this election, I began to wonder if democracy is actually all that great. This is not to say Iraq's nascent democracy is hopeless — if anything, the past few months have shown Iraq has and will have rough patches but can work through its issues in a legal and productive manner (though there are many problems still to work out). Rather, my question should be seen more simply as investigating whether there are virtues inherent in democracy.

Often, we attach high-minded ideals of freedom of speech, human rights and other liberal ideas with democracy. In reality, these are concepts that are not integral to democracy but to liberal democracies like the United States and Great Britain. A democracy does not fundamentally ensure any rights, as a democratic government is merely one which is elected by the general populace — or perhaps a portion of the populace. Democracy can encourage political awareness amongst the populace which in turn can encourage freedom of speech and other liberal ideas. However, there is no guarantee that this will happen. History abounds with ill-liberal democracies and democratically-elected governments destroying the very constitutions which allowed them to be elected in the first place. The most famous case occurred in Germany in 1932 and we all know how that turned out. Though Hitler never gained a majority vote, his rise to power illustrates how a democratic government can be manipulated into a dictatorship. Other, more recent cases are Russia and Venezuela. Neither country is overtly authoritarian nor threatening to become so. However, neither country is exactly ful of liberalism and free ideas. In Russia, there is little question Vladimir Putin is running the show. Also, given the many reporters killed in Russia over the past several years, I would not recommend anyone interested in pursuing a journalism career move to Russia. On the other hand, Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez was very much legally elected and also very much abuses his power to strangle any opposition. The point here is that casting votes does nothing to secure freedoms. If the above cases are unconvincing, just look at Hamas’ 2006 election in the Gaza Strip. The group’s entire platform is opposed to anything even approaching liberal ideas. And their actions are nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by very much legally elected and also very much abuses his power to strangle any opposition. The point here is that casting votes does nothing to secure freedoms. If the above cases are unconvincing, just look at Hamas’ 2006 election in the Gaza Strip. The group’s entire platform is opposed to anything even approaching liberal ideas. And their actions are nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and nothing short of atrocious. When living in Egypt, I met a young Palestinian who was captured and tortured by Hamas on three separate occasions within a two-year time span. At the time, he was living with family and
Black History Month: Where do we go from here?

This column was written and approved by the Notre Dame Student Association. Its members include Martin Langston, Danielle Keller, Brittany Suggs, Raymond Umpe, Cedric Jun, Courtney Hughes, Christopher Moore and Marques Camp.

Guest Column

Eighty-four years ago, African American historian Carter G. Woodson founded the annual “Negro History Week,” to be celebrated in the second week of February in remembrance and celebration of the diverse and dynamic history of the African Diaspora in the United States. Until then this history had been sometimes buried, but most often omitted, from the standard tales of American history. Intended to coincide with the birthdays of two prominent figures in this history, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, this one week has since become an entire month in celebration of the black community.

During the past month members of the Black community at Notre Dame came together to create a discussion and reflection on this history — we organized “Black Collar Workers,” a panel on labor and race in the United States, the Black Cultural Arts Festival, and “Our Lady Weeps for the Poor,” a series of events

Just a few thoughts on the discussion of just wages and the working poor taking place on campus. Our Lady Weeps for the Poor is about the working poor, those on the one side who emphasize that the Church has no specific teaching on just what the exact figure of a just wage should be, and even that Christ himself doesn’t talk about just wages — His teachings is completely otherworldly. There are those on the other side who seem to think that somehow the Church suddenly woke up in 1891 to talk of economic justice when Leo XIII said “Torches and Compassion” in Humani Generis. We have spent much of our history focusing on what the minimum we must do is, like the rich young man of the Gospel who sold all he had to buy a beautiful vineyard that brought in a good profit for him. Perhaps the difficulty experienced by one and all in working together to address the issue of just wages at just given name for the working poor who clean our toilets, wash our halls and offices, cook our food and make our places of worship and study so beautiful, is that both antagonists argue in terms of what the minimum we must do is, like the rich young man of the Gospel who seemed to want to know the minimum he had to do to be good. Maybe we need to change the terms of the discussion and ask whether we are doing as much as we can, or whether in our desire for low wages and nicer dorms, or higher salaries and benefits for ourselves, we are preventing ourselves up for the slaughter, denying the right of the poor and rushing headlong into Hell for want of justice or charity. Few of us will take the counsel of perfection that Christ gives the rich young man, to sell all we have and commit it to the poor in order to follow Him. I complain as much as anyone, perhaps more, that I’m not being paid enough, and I’m not. I then laugh, and make it to confession if I can. But perhaps you and I could do just a little bit more than the minimum, whatever it is. Whenever we do the minimum for the least of our brethren, we do the minimum for Him. So, whenever we think we have determined the minimum, let’s do more.

With James, let’s give thanks for all good gifts around us sent from Heaven above, but let’s also ask whether there isn’t just a little bit of excess in those gifts that we could give to others in their wages, wages where justice and charity might meet and embrace. In that way perhaps we will give greater thanks for the working poor among us in whom we find the image of God above all other gifts.

The rich young man went away and wept. Will people ten times as rich, ten times as good things. Does Notre Dame weep for the poor? Our Lady does. But do we?

Letters to the Editor

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Feb. 25

Use resources

What saddens me about the current “conversation” in the Viewpoint section on poverty, wages and Notre Dame is not that many people don’t seem to understand that we can live better lives without the experience of living in poverty, but that they don’t realize that there are resources right here to help educate them on the issues.

We don’t need to hear the stories of vulnerable people working on campus for evidence (although they have, in the past, often been the victims of our ignorance and apathy now), April 28, 2008). Journalists have interviewed the working poor, social scientists have studied them. In Notre Dame’s own town are working poor, the problems they face or how poverty affects every- one, check out books like Shipley’s “The Working Poor” and Hofferth’s “The Retreat of the Middle Class.” Underprivileged. Or take a course offered by Poverty Studies (or web-ed/poverty).

We have more than Catholic doctrine or living examples to offer the debate. Use your resources to make informed choices about social change and justice (or to argue against them).

Read the Feb. 24 cluster of essays in support of Catholic Social Doctrine, I feel obliged to respond in some way.

I am not Catholic and nothing I am about to say is rooted in Catholic Doctrine. Actually, Catholic Social Doctrine is one of the most difficult pieces of writing on economics. However, it is also one of the most influential and still relevant today, in the long run. The incentives created by a free market serving well-educated and informed people create more economic prosperity, and spread it more widely, than any other system ever conceived.

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Feb. 25
Glenn Beck’s Path to Power

President Obama’s meteoric rise to Commander in Chief of the United States was a unique moment in American politics. His calm demeanor, level-headed oration, willingness to compromise and intellectual heft were combined in a campaign promising change. In the 15 months since his election, change has proven elusive, bipartisanship scarce and progressivism negligible.

In a climate where only 25 percent of the voting population approves of the work being done by Congress, there will be a natural backlash against the party in power. The man leading the dissent is Fox News pundit Glenn Beck. He’s a near perfect foil for Obama, he’s emotional to the point of crying on national television, has less than a semester of college education and isn’t afraid to speak impulsively. For a politician, his trait set would be a death sentence, but as he has said himself, “I’m not afraid to speak impulsively. For a politician, his trait set would be a death sentence.”

For the past year, as Beck’s opponents point out wrong at times, Beck may be taking a newfound appreciation of his power. Although he’s abrasive, partisan and flat out wrong at times, Beck may be taking his role quite seriously. Beck may be taking a bit of pride. Instead, it seems Beck has a newfound appreciation of his power. Although he’s abrasive, partisan and flat out wrong at times, Beck may be taking his role quite seriously.

The first hint of this occurred early this year when Beck was asked to speak as headliner at the CPAC. Beck spoke directly to the disillusioned Republican and independent voter, candidly stating, “I don’t even know what they (Republicans) stand for anymore. And they’ve got to realize that they have a problem. ‘Hello, my name is the Republican Party, and I’ve got a problem. I’m addicted to spending and big government.”

It’s statements like these that have gained Beck both his audience and enemies, and statements like those from his CPAC speech may mark a dangerous step towards converting the former to the latter. Beck has also recently stepped off the party platform with respect to President Reagan (“I don’t think Reagan was a real Republican. He just maintained some shared values.”) and global warming (“You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change” and its origins with “You’d be an idiot not to notice the temperature change).”

This moment may end up being a watershed for Beck. It may be yet another dead end for the nomadic entertainer. More likely, this will transform Beck into a serious political player. He’s already proving his ability to grab and hold an audience, and now he may be proving he has something to say.

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Scene Writer

As his Web site, GlennBeck.com, says, “at the age of 30, Beck lost his passion for radio – and everything else.” Drinking and drug abuse took their toll, destroying his marriage and radio career, leaving him with a divorce and job in New Haven, Conn., a long way down from many of his earlier stations. Having hit rock bottom, Beck began recovery. Alcoholics Anonymous helped him to quit both smoking marijuana and drinking and his second wife helped him find God through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Beck started over as a talk radio host in Tampa, Fla. On the radio waves, Beck experienced the beginning of a dramatic climb, taking his station from 18th to first in the course of a year.

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Soon afterwards, Beck’s show went national and led to a talk show on CNN. Beck’s libertarian-flavored conservative views managed to mesh well with CNN’s typically liberal viewers, giving him the second highest-rated show on the network. Beck jumped ship and left to Fox News in late 2008, where his show has enjoyed even greater ratings, soundly beating the combined ratings of competitors CNN, MSNBC and HLN combined.

Settled in at Fox News, Beck has quickly become one of the most despised men on cable. His tactics, whether motivated by ratings or principles, often leave much to be desired. He’s no stranger to slinging ludicrous accusations under the guise of “just asking questions” nor is he afraid to question Obama’s birth, religion, racism or love of country. These underhanded methods have brought personal attacks against Beck, a boycott of his show by advertisers and roughly three million viewers every night.

Beck comes off as a far right jester, pointing out the flaws of power but concerned with becoming a joke himself. While his detractors may wish for that fate, he’s become an increasingly powerful force with each passing scandal. Beck has been instrumental in the public exposure of ACORN and just recently played a large role in the resignation of Van Jones, Obama’s director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Beck’s attacks on Jones are particularly insightful. While his public and political motives centered on Jones’ involvement with STORM, a far-left political group, his underlying personal reasons concerned Jones’ suggested boycott of Beck’s program through Color of Change. This mixture of political savvy with personal vendetta has become hallmark of Beck’s style.

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It seems rather odd to call this a music “rewind,” Empire of the Sun’s album “Walking on a Dream” was only released in 2009. While the album was by no means overlooked or forgotten, it was an album that should have garnered much more attention than it actually did, given its quality and the timing of the album’s release in the wake of MGMT’s massive success with a similar synth-pop sound. It is an album that at first will seem foreign to most but with just one listen will have anyone smiling and taking to the dance floor.

Hailing from Sydney, Australia, and armed with a style of music that makes them awesome for the same reasons that MGMT are awesome, Empire of the Sun has a flare for the “out there” that gives the duo a Lady Gaga-like quality. They created a dance floor dream of a record on their debut album, “Walking on a Dream.” There’s a daring quality to every bit of the duo, Luke Steele and Nick Littlemore, that more than just creeps into their music. Much of their 10-track LP takes on a “love it or hate it” quality. The first half of the album, until the track “Delta Bay,” showcases something real special. Songs like “We are the People” and “Half Mast” play like funk-pop bliss at its best, giving each track that sort of airy, cloud-nine feel that puts the “awe” in “awe-some.”

Although often compared to MGMT and other new indie-dance ilk, Empire of the Sun is no copycat nor are they a flash in the pan. Yes, the album trails off a bit — just so that there are no secrets here, it trails off more than a bit — but when the duo are actually concentrated on being true to their weird selves and making good, enjoyable music, that music plays like candy — sweet, blissful and purely irresistible. Speaking of purely irresistible, Empire of the Sun’s second single, the angelic, atmospheric “We are the People,” exemplifies the band’s dance-y warmth and ability to turn any subject into something coated with sunshine-y optimism. The song’s prelude, “Half Mast,” a three-minute tale of longing that foreshadows “We Are The People” and its heightened sense of loss, opens and continues in the most dream-like fashion of any song on the album, with its soaring synthesizer playing in the background.

The album’s sole blemish, and a large one at that, is that the latter half of the 10 tracks sound as though they’ve lost the airiness of the first five tracks. The album shifts gears at “Delta Bay,” but never really reverts back to the style that makes you want to put the first five songs on repeat and just listen to them over and over again. And that’s probably what you’ll do — forgo the last five songs in favor of five (or maybe four) of the best tracks of any album released in 2009. There’s a journey on this record, one highlighted by seductive melodies, memorable falsettos and monster hooks that get in your head and have you dancing endlessly. That’s the great success here, and despite the band’s lackluster second half of songs, it’s the first half — especially from “Standing on a Shore” to “We Are The People” — that shows that Empire of the Sun is a band you definitely ought to know.

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The Irish swept Georgia, Virginia at Invitational

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The Irish swept Virginia’s Cavalier Invitational this weekend with a 4-3 win in the two-day, four-game series. Notre Dame faced George Washington and Virginia Saturday and Sunday, coming away victorious in all four games.

“I was really happy with the home run over the course of the weekend and posted a .472 team batting average over the four games to put them at 8-4 for the season and on a seven-game win streak.”

Friday night, the Irish started off strong with 19 runs on 27 hits, including four players who hit home runs. Freshman utility player Amy Buntin hit her career first home run against George Washington in the first game.

Sophomore catcher Kristina Higgins also hit her first career home run, as she led the Irish with four RBIs over the two games.

Against George Washington, freshman pitcher Brittany Bowe struck out nine batters and allowed only one hit in four innings in the 8-0 win. Freshman pitcher Jackie Bowe came in for one inning to give D’Ottell a break and struck out another batter. Notre Dame scored three runs off five hits in the first inning and continued to put the game out of reach the rest of the game. Nine players combined for the Irish to have 13 hits on the day.

In Friday’s second game, against Virginia, the Irish continued their hot hitting to win 11-3. After trailing 1-0 in the top of the first inning, they came back to score four runs off of five hits. Notre Dame came out of the game with 14 hits to Virginia’s four.

Junior pitcher Jordy Valdivia struck out six and gave up just one earned run on four hits in five innings. Junior infielder Katie Flournoy laid a leadoff home run in the bottom of the fourth to put Notre Dame up by six. Senior infielder Christine Lux entered the game with a bases-loaded single to right field that brought in two runs in the fifth of the only Irish hit of the inning.

Success continued Saturday for Notre Dame as the Irish closed out the Invitational with another two-win day. Christine Lux and her sister, freshman infielder Kathryn Lux, each homered on the day. It was the senior’s 36th career homer, which tied a school record, and the freshman’s first career hit for the Irish. Their efforts led Notre Dame to win 12-0 over George Washington in five innings and 9-0 over Virginia.

In Saturday’s second game, Valdivia gave up five hits while striking out four, getting out of bases-loaded jams twice in the seven innings. Fleury led the Irish with three hits, including two doubles and a home run, and senior infielder Heather Johnson had a pair of home runs.

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Irish extend win streak, Louderback notches 60th win

By MOLLY SAMMON
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The Irish won their sixth and seventh games in a row this weekend against Georgia Tech and Tennessee, earning coach Jay Louderback his 600th career win in the process.

Notre Dame hosted No. 14 Georgia Tech in a highly competitive match-up in which the Irish finished one crucial point above the Yellow Jackets, 4-3, Saturday.

“The Georgia Tech players are great competitors and the girls are very experienced,” Irish assistant coach Julia Scaringe said. “Their No. 1 girl won the All-American tournament, and they have a lot of talent on their team.”

The Irish clinched the doubles point in the first two match-ups of the game as seniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Bieley won the No. 3 doubles competition and sophomore singles player Julia Mathews and freshman Christie McGaffigan beat their Yellow Jackets opponents in the No. 2 doubles position. Sophomore Kristy Frilling and junior Kristen Rafael fell to their No. 1 doubles competitors.

Junior coach Sal Kriek said this weekend after Krink’s injury Friday. Kriek returned to the floor to help compete this weekend.

On the singles side of the competition, two-game singles victories from Ciobanu, Rafael and Bieley rounded out the four total points in the Nos. 4, 5 and 6 singles positions for the Irish, clinching their sixth straight victory.

Falling felt for the first time in 2010 doubles, Irish No. 2 doubles ranked in Florida. Froilanz, a talented young player. She can do anything, “she’s got the shot in the book,” Scaringe said. “It’s easy to get frustrated against her, and Froilanz played smart.”

Sunday, the Irish hosted No. 13 Tennessee. Tennessee took an early lead against the Irish by winning the doubles point, but in the end the Irish topped the Volunteers 3-2. “The Volunteers fought no matter what the circumstances,” Scaringe said. “They have been pretty beat up with injuries in the last few weeks, but they’re still up. They took care of us in doubles.”

The Irish No. 1 doubles team, consisting of Frilling and Rafael, fell to Tennessee’s Caitlin Whoriskey and Marisa Serrillo 8-1 in search of the doubles point. Notre Dame’s No. 2 doubles team of McGaffigan and Mathews lost to Tennessee’s Rosalia Aldea and Zoofia Zuhor in the tiebreaker point, 9-8. Notre Dame won the third doubles point by a forfeit from Tennessee.

Scaringe, scoreless the previous two games, brought back the cheers with his second post-regulation game-winner of the tournament, a shot from the left circle that Miller was helpless to stop. He also bunt Switzerland in a shutdown during the round robin.

It was close. It was nerve- racking. It was a game worthy of an Olympic hockey final.

“I just tried to shoot it quick,” Scaringe said. “Iggy (Jarome Iginla) kind of bumped it out before I could get a quick shot on net. I didn’t even really see it, I barely locked at the net. I just tried to throw it there.”

Right before the game, Crosby received a brief text message from Penguins owner Mario Lemieux that said, “Good luck.”

Canada’s Sydney Crosby, left, celebrates with teammates Scott Niedermayer, center, and Drew Doughty after scoring in overtime.
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Mets’ Reyes meets with federal investigators

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Mets shortstop Jose Reyes said Sunday he met with federal investigators last week regarding a Canadian doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug.

Dr. Anthony Galea is facing four charges in his country related to the drug known as Actovegin, which is extracted from calf’s blood and used for healing. His assistant also has been charged in the U.S. for having HGH and another drug used for healing.

Galea is known for using a blood-spinning technique — platelet-rich plasma therapy — designed to speed recovery from injuries. Besides Reyes, he also has treated Tiger Woods and several other professional athletes.

“They just asked me basically how I met the guy and stuff like that and what he put in my body,” Reyes said. “I explained to them what he was doing. I don’t worry about anything. I didn’t do anything wrong.”

Al.com reported Saturday that national federal officials have told several athletes to expect grand jury subpoenas in the case. The Web site cited three anonymous sources familiar with the investigation.

The New York Times reported in December, citing anonymous sources, that the FBI opened an investigatory

gation into Galea based in part on medical records found on his computer relating to several professional athletes.

Reyes said he met with investigators from the FBI for about 45 minutes at the Mets’ spring facility after they contacted him Thursday morning. One of his agents, Chris Leible, also was present.

The Daily News of New York was the first to report the meeting.

Reyes, who missed much of last season with right leg problems, said he spent five days in Toronto in September and was treated by Galea three times during the stay. The shortstop was asked by investigators if he used HGH.

“No,” Reyes said. “What we do there, basically, he took my blood out, put it in some machines, spun it out and put it back in my leg. So I explained to them that.”

Mets’ spokesman Jay Horwitz said the team was aware of the situation, and manager Jerry Manuel said he isn’t worried about it becoming a distraction.

Reyes said he felt better for a while after the treatment but his leg still didn’t respond when he tried to run full speed. He had surgery in October to clean up some scar tissue remaining from a torn hamstring tendon behind his right knee.

PETA backs off of Tiger Woods ad following outcry

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has nixed a plan to use Tiger Woods’ image on a billboard urging people to spay and neuter their pets.

PETA previously announced it would erect a billboard in Windermere near Woods’ home with his picture and the words: “Too much sex can be a bad thing. Always spay or neuter!”

The group, which is known for edgy campaigns, says it decided to put the Woods billboard on hold after talking with the golfer’s attorneys.

PETA wouldn’t say whether Woods’ attorneys threatened to sue.

Instead of Woods, the ad will feature South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, whose widely known dalliances have also made frequent headlines.

O’Neal to have thumb examined, miss game

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers center Shaquille O’Neal will have his injured right thumb examined Sunday by Dr. Thomas Graham at the National Hand Center in Baltimore.

An MRI Saturday confirmed the injury was a significant sprain. O’Neal, who was hurt during a win at Boston on Thursday, will miss Monday’s game against New York.

The team has not provided any timeline for his return.

With O’Neal out of the lineup, Anderson Varejao will continue to start at center. Former backup Zydrunas Ilgauskas, traded to Washington for Antawn Jamison, is now a free agent following a buyout from the Wizards. Ilgauskas is free to sign with any team, but will have to wait until March 21 under NBA rules should he elect to re-sign with the Cavaliers.

IN BRIEF

Cable challenges Russell to win pick starting QB battle

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Tom Cable thinks the best thing for Oakland’s quarterback situation is a competition.

That means former No. 1 pick JaMarcus Russell will have to win back his old job.

“I have not put a lot of thought into this at this point,” Cable said when asked about naming Russell the starter. “JaMarcus is working and doing the things he should be doing right now. He’ll get himself prepared to compete for the job. I think that’s the only way to look at it.”

Cable did not respond to questions alluding to the lawsuit filed by a former assistant coach who claims Cable broke his jaw during a training camp altercation. He said only that he doesn’t have “that many distractions.”

He also acknowledged the team hoped to sign defensive end Richard Seymour to a long-term deal after putting the franchise tag on him earlier this week.
WOMEN’S LACROSSE

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By CHRIS ALLEN
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The defending NBA champions picked up on the playoff vibe inside Staples Center on Sunday and got things back to normal, despite a poor-shooting effort from Kobe Bryant.

Lamar Odom scored nine of his 20 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 12 rebounds, helping the Lakers overcome an 11-point third-quarter deficit and pull out a 95-89 victory against the team they knocked off in last year’s Western Conference finals. Pau Gasol added 15 points and 14 rebounds.

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By MEAGHAN VESELIK Sports Writer

Notre Dame ended its three-game winning streak in style this weekend.

The No. 1 Irish defeated Michigan State 61-6 Saturday and No. 31 Wisconsin 43-6 and tied a season high with six steals on the way to the win over the Spartans. It was Notre Dame’s 21st consecutive win over Michigan State.

The Irish won the doubles point to jump ahead with a 1-0 lead. At No. 3, junior David Anderson and freshman Ricardo Martin defeated Michigan State, and Spencer Talmadge defeated the 45th-ranked Spartan duo of Denis Bogatov and Clark Richardson 8-2. Watt and junior Stephen Havens battled their way through a tough match to win 8-7 (7-5) over Austin Brooks and John Stratton.

Sophomore Samuel Keeton broke ahead for Notre Dame when he defeated the Spartans’ Will Davis 6-4, 6-4 in straight sets at No. 6 singles. The only Irish loss of the day came in the form of freshman Illas Moros’ fall to stratton 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 at No. 5 singles.

Against Wisconsin, the Badgers commenced the day by securing the crucial doubles point away from the Irish to bring a very tough match. Watt and Havens won 8-5 at No. 1 doubles over the Wisconsin duo of Moritz Baumann and Patrick Peterson. The Irish were led by Davis and Fitzgerald falling 8-4 to Mark Michlicki and Luke Rassow-Kantor at No. 2. Anderson and Talmadge closed out the doubles with an 8-3 loss to Ricardo Martin and Michael Dieberger.

The Irish were true to their name as they fought back with wins in Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 singles. Watt defeated Baumann again 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a back-and-forth match at the third position. Baumann said Watt’s win was the highlight of the day for Notre Dame.

“Casey changed his tactics and began to counterpunch much more to turn things around,” Baumann said.

Stahl, Anderson and Keeton all also contributed to Notre Dame’s success.

“Anderson was aggressive from the baseline and Keeton was relentless with preci- sion,” Baumann said.

The Irish again swept the doubles division over the Rockets as they mixed up the pairs. Fitzgerald and Davis fell to No. 6 and Strollo and Elezovic 8-4 at No. 1. At No. 2, Anderson and Talmadge won 9-7 over Bryant Dudzik and Terence Weigan while Toledo’s Leonardo Henriques and Leo Sarria lost 8-3 to freshman Michael Dierberger and junior Matt Johnson.

Watt and Havens won the match with wins everywhere except at No. 2, where Anderson lost to Elezovic, 4-6, 7-6, 0-1. Helping to secure the win were Watt, Keeton, Fitzgerald and Moros to move Notre Dame to 6-5.

The Irish will next travel to Champaign, Ill., to take on the Illini on March 2 for a dual match at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For the Irish, it’s good to have a little more experi- ence going into the spring trip. We will definitely have some good-opponents.”

Watt and Havens are a dangerous tandem. “I think the Belles squad will have the rest of the week to rest and fine-tune their skills before they take on Ursinus in their first game of the season on Sunday afternoon.”

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Odom, Lakers top Nuggets

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Karl said, “They picked up the pressure on us in the second half and we didn’t have the persever- ance to pass the ball or penetrate before the pressure came. Our whole thing with Kobe was to try to get him and keep him away from the rim and off the free throw line. We got that done pretty much the whole game.”

Bryant was just 3 for 17 from the field, finishing with 14 points and 12 assists. He was 1 for 9 during the first three quarters – the only field goal coming on a layup with 5:37 left in the opening peri- od.

“God knows I love the triangle (offense), but I kind of had to get into a playoff mode a little bit today – just put the ball in my hands and let me make the deci- sions. But I missed a lot of shots,” Bryant said. “My jumper was off. So I’ve got to get back in and work on it so it’s consistent again, after being off for a long time.”

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for Denver before fouling out for the second time this season with 2:13 to play and the Nuggets down by four.

“They did a great job of trying to keep the ball out of my hands and denied me every chance they got,” Anthony said. “They were more aggressive in the second half and made adjustments to what we were doing.

Lakers guard Derek Fisher, who picked up two fouls 57 seconds apart during the first 2 minutes and went to the bench, didn’t get his third until he fouled Chauncey Billups behind the 3- point line with 5 1/2 minutes to play Billups made all three free throws to tie the score at 82. But the Nuggets did not make a field goal over the final 4:10, ending their three-game winning streak.

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The second round was back-and-forth, with each fighter landing punches and countering without either gaining a significant advantage. When the round ended, Bennett was the one who played the role of late-round attacker. He could not gain momentum, and everyone in the Purcell Pavilion knew that the fight would be decided in the last round.

Before the start of the third round, Bennett motioned to a large contingent of supporters from Zahn, getting a loud response and an almost tangible energy boost. He fed off the energy, going on the offensive and landing more punches with some very hard jabs to Miller’s head. Miller realized that he was falling behind and began frantically attacking. He landed more punches with less accuracy, allowing Bennett to evade and land more punches. The fight ended with a flurry of punches, but Bennett’s energetic third round allowed him to take the unanimous decision. He credited his supporters with giving him the late energy boost.

“Jason’s a real tough fight, [but] Zahn was good and [it was] an unbelievable atmosphere,” he said. “My best friends live in Zahn and they didn’t let me down this entire tournament.”

173 pounds

Matthew “Cool and Tough” Paletta def. Alex Kissinger

Paletta and Kissinger met in one of the Pinnacle’s most anticipated matches, an all-out slugfest that brought the crowd to its feet.

From the get-go, the fighters attacked each other. Both seniors were throwing and landing hard punches at an unbelievable pace. As the first round concluded, Kissinger had landed more punches, while Paletta preferred to block and throw fewer but more accurate punches, while Paletta preferred to block and throw fewer but more accurate punches.

The second round was just as energetic as the first one. The fight was stopped three times in the second round when Kissinger’s nose began bleeding. Each time, Kissinger was throwing punches that bordered on wild, and connecting with energy. He fed off the spectator crowd, having bonded with many of them. The match continued with both fighters attempting to go for a knockout blow, and Tchoula was able to accomplish that goal, overpowering his opponent. He received in a singular focus on evading and return punches during the second round.

That was the nastiest fight I’ve ever been in, in three years of boxing,” said Doran. “I’ve never been in a fight that was so all out; it was a bell of a fight.”

Paletta, though bruised and battered, was in great shape on what his championship meant to him.

“It feels great, it’s a lot of time and a lot of sacrifices, getting out of bed and going to practice when you don’t want to,” he said. “But I think it was all worth it.”

180 pounds

Mike Doran def. Dominic “Warsaw War Hammer” Golab

Doran defeated Golab in a unanimous decision. He scored a knockout blow, and Tchoula refused to back down, even moving into more of an aggressive role and providing a spirited end to the second round.

The second round saw a display of athleticism, especially at the beginning. Tchoula moved with quickness and agility to evade many of Tchoula’s bigger swings. Tchoula began to dominate this by forcing Burns to the ropes and landing some hard punches when he cornered Burns. Burns refused to back down, even moving into more of an aggressive role and providing a spirited end to the second round.

The second round began with both fighters attempting to go for a knockout blow, and Tchoula came close when he moved Burns to the ropes and knocked him down. This seemed to finally raze Burns, who from that point on could not throw nearly enough punches to stay with the 만나 Tchoula. Burns continued to fight his hardest, however, until the final bell, which saw the announcement of Tchoula as winner by unanimous decision.

It was a great fight,” Tchoula said. “I had to go out there and box the best that I could against a guy like Pat Burns.”

Though he landed some vicious punches, Tchoula did not seem to relish it, explaining that he and Burns are very good friends and that he’s glad the season is over.

“I’m looking forward to next year,” he said. “But it’s time to take some rest.”

Heavyweight

Matt “at the Edge of Darkness” Burroughs def. Kevin “The Long Beach Lightning” Crepeau

Law student Burroughs and junior Crepeau provided a spirited end to the Bengal Bouts season in a match that saw Burroughs, one of the faces of the program, come away with yet another heavyweight championship in his last appearance and his third title in the finals.

The match began with each fighter testing the other, as was the strategy, explained Burroughs.

“[Crepeau] always had a strategy and he sticks to it and it’s effective,” Burroughs said.

Crepeau landed more punches early, though Burroughs landed one of the jolts. The junior was much more of an active fighter, moving on the ring and making Burroughs come to him.

The first round was even, with each fighter landing a combination in response to the other. The second round saw a much more even fight from both fighters, especially Crepeau. He began gaining momentum and landed multiple consecutive combinations. Though Burroughs abruptly switched the nature of the bout by knocking Crepeau to his knees. Both fighters threw hard punches, which pleased the crowd. The first two rounds were even, and if anything, Crepeau may have had the upper hand.

“He caught me with a couple good ones and he moved real well,” Burroughs said. “The first few rounds I was just trying to find a counterpunch or find an opening.”

The third round, however, was dominated by Burroughs’ power. From the bell, he fought aggressively, ignoring punches he received in a singular focus on overpowering his opponent. He was able to accomplish that goal, at one point pushing Crepeau into the corner and knocking him down.

Crepeau still threw flurries of punches, but it was not enough and Burroughs won by unani-
mous decision. The victory gave him an opportunity to reflect on his time with Bengal Bouts.

“It’s been sweet. The guys in this program are amazing,” he said. “I’m looking forward to seeing how they will do not only in boxing but after they leave Notre Dame. They are all amazing guys.”

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Off the field, Jayson was a mentor and role model for young players. His dedication to his craft and his commitment to personal growth inspired many. His story serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance and the importance of setting goals.

In memory of Jayson, his legacy lives on through the Jayson Strong Foundation. We are committed to honoring his memory by supporting athletes in need of financial assistance and by promoting the values of determination, hard work, and teamwork.

Rest in peace, Jayson. You will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved you.
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hit Rivera with a left hook that sent him to the mat. Johnston then knocked him out and put him near the corner, bring the fight to an early end in the first round.

133 pounds
Chris "Cougar" Cugliari def. Mike Sayles (Silver City Slugger) Sayles The two senior captains battled for almost six minutes, with Cugliari outpointing Sayles in a unanimous decision.

"I was pleased that the two of us left it all in the ring," Sayles said. "It doesn't matter so much winning or losing as it does going in the ring and doing everything you can and leaving it all out there."

In the first round, Cugliari's evi- dence of the obvious physical toll was apparent. Johnston dominated the fight and softened up Sayles early and often in the second round, a nice combination by Johnston and Sayles seemed to take a toll on the smaller Sayles, whose defense weakened as he tired and began to miss with his punches. Sayles seemed to wear down the defens- ion victory. Sayles used the little time left before the bell to keep momentum going with strong punches.

In the third round, Cowden mounted a bit of a comeback, as the round resembled more of a brawl than a boxing match. Both fighters were punching with all they had, but Cowden took control of the fight halfway through the third and didn't ease up from his onslaught. Ultimately, however, Slaney's punching run in the second round and third proved enough to hand him the champi-

"After the fight I just wanted to know that I gave it all my all, win or lose," Slaney said.

166 pounds
John "My Body is a Wonderland" Maier def. Alex "Gatto Loco" Oloriz The senior captain Maier defeated the upset freshman Oloriz by unanimous decision in a capstone of his long career with the Bengal Bouts. "It's an asshole of a fight to begin with," Maier said. "I helped him through the whole process trying to get him here."

Maier used his size advantage and boxing expertise to keep the shorter and stockier Oloriz at a distance and land several punches in the first round. Oloriz tried to generate leverage by using his uperct to attack Maier, but the senior's defense was strong.

Maier controlled the second round in similar fashion as he kept Oloriz off balance by landing any strong shots to the head or body. Oloriz's uppercut late in the round snapped Oloriz's head back, but Maier followed it up with big punches to the bell.

Oloriz sensed the need for a big third round and opened with a furious combination, though at the bell he left his hands open and the experienced Maier seized the opportunity, boxing the freshman back with big punches. When the referee checked on Oloriz shortly before the bell, Maier lost a point with a loud display of emotion, the result of four years of training cul-

"I spent four years training," Maier said. "Four years, and this where I wanted to be. It's a great way to go out."
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59. Comments
60. Cinco de Mayo
61. Old sayings
62. Harness race gait
63. Comments further
64. 180° from NNW
65. “Thank you, Mr. ____, for everything”
66. 151, in old Vegas
67. Tan’s sidekick
68. Luxe instruments, for short
69. [See grid]
70. Having length and width only, briefly
71. Vessel in “Cast Away”
72. Creation that’s almost human
73. Concordia Feast

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1. Hula ___
2. Radius’s property
3. ___-do-well
4. Like an unfortunate tour
5. Headhouse
6. Omale wearer
7. Louis
8. Singer Home and address online
9. Shoe-hole hole
10. Internet address opener
11. Early state in New England
12. Got an effort
13. Daws’s opposite
14. Choice-covered chip
15. Stan of Marvel
16. Prince Valiant’s wife
17. March 17
18. Honors for short
19. Royal city in Africa
20. Gadget for someone on K.P.
21. 90 miles from the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
22. Mills of “Ulysses”
23. Elizabeth of the Golden Age
24. For someone who has little education
25. Appeared on the horizon
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28. Villa near a Greek island
29. Gadget for someone on K.P.
30. Legal wrongs
31. Mountain road
32. Plow
33. Certain NCOs
34. Systematized, as laws
35. Resident on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
36. Sydney’s hero
37. Resident on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
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39. Actresses Garr
40. Nosebleed
41. Exactly what’s on a map
42. Systematized, as laws
43. Resident on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
44. Sir ___
45. Device that measures gas properties
46. Aisle-related
49. Classical opera
50. 180° from NNW
51. ___-do-well
52. Back-to-school opener
53. “Deadly” septet
54. Back-to-school opener
55. Geometric curve
56. Adobe, as a picture of the computer
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. At a fast-food restaurant
2. “My Way”
3. Lead actor
4. "Orson Welles"
5. "The Fisher King"
6. "Roots"
7. "The King of Queens"
8. "The 400 Blows"
9. "The King of Queens"
10. "The Pursuit of Happyness"
11. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"
12. "The Shining"
13. "The Breakfast Club"
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BENGAL BOUTS

Champions crowned

By CHRIS ALLEN and ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writers

124 pounds

Jack “Rico Suave” Lally def. Steven “505” Rivera

The freshman Lally came out with energy in his Bengal Bouts debut and the only fight in the 124-pound weight division, crushing the senior Rivera en route to a victory by technical knockout.

“I was able to land some good combinations and just back him off,” Lally said. “I thought I was successful at landing some solid punches.”

Lally’s speed was too much for Rivera and from the opening bell he took control. Early on in the first round the action was stopped twice to protect Rivera after serious combos from Lally to the upper body and face of the senior.

After the second stoppage, Lally took control. Early on in the first round the action was stopped twice to protect Rivera after furious combos from Lally to the upper body and face of the senior.

Second straight upset for ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Another game without Luke Harangody was no problem for the Irish. Ben Hansbrough made sure of that.

The senior guard scored 21 points and Notre Dame knocked off No. 11 Georgetown 78-64 on Saturday in Washington, D.C.

Although the game was briefly tied at 18, the Irish put together a 12-3 run to close out the first half and put the game to rest.

“... we have a little bit more. And we were very successful with it.” Several players approached double figures in scoring for the Irish, who handed the Hoyas (9-17, 2-10 Big East) their sixth straight loss and 15th in 16 games.

Sophomore Albert Toscano lands a punch against senior Michael Johnston in Saturday night’s Bengal Bouts Championship. Toscano won the 140-pound fight in a unanimous decision.

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame tops Seton Hall, a prelude to Connecticut tilt

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following two consecutive road losses last week, No. 7 Notre Dame turned in a complete performance Saturday, crushing an overmatched Seton Hall team 72-47 in South Orange, N.J.

Although the game was briefly tied at 18, the Irish put together a 12-2 run to close out the first half and put the game to rest.

“We played as well as we’ve played in a long time,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “The second half was really great, our balance, our depth. I was really pleased with just the overall team effort, which is something that has been lacking in the last couple of games.”

In her second game back from an ankle injury, senior guard Lindsay Schrader scored 12 points to lead an Irish offense that shot 56 percent from the floor, its best percentage in conference play all season. Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner added 10 points, as Notre Dame (25-3, 12-3 Big East) appeared to have regained its rhythms on offense with Schrader’s return to the lineup.

“We’re hard to guard when we have a lot of people contributing,” McGraw said. “We rebounded well today, we had a lot of assists. Everybody did what they could do, and I thought we took great shots. We didn’t shoot a lot of threes, we really tried to get inside a little bit more, and we were very successful with it.”

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HOCKEY

Seniors honored with victory over Michigan

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

The Irish sent out their senior class with a bang Saturday night, downing rival Michigan in a gutsy, 5-3 effort in the CCHA season finale. Five players scored for Notre Dame as the Irish rebounded from an early 2-0 hole in the bruising, brawl-inspired rivalry match on senior night.

The win sets up a best-of-three series against Ohio State this weekend in the opening round of the CCHA tournament for Notre Dame.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson, whose team snapped a five-game wireless streak, said he hopes the win will provide some momentum going into the playoffs.

“I hope we can build upon this,” Jackson said. “We’re going to be on the road in the first round and that’s going to be challenging for a couple of reasons. One, we’re going to have to get goaltending and play good defense. The other reason is more discipline than we have been.”

The Irish, dressed in Kelly green sweaters for senior night, fell behind only seconds into the game when junior Wolverine forward Louis Caporusso fired a wrist shot over freshman goalie keeper Mike Johnson’s shoulder on Michigan’s first shot of the game. The Wolverines extended