Students depressed by continual snowfall, below-freezing temperatures and cloudy skies can seek refuge in the Inner Resources Room in St. Liam Hall, University Health Services staff psychologist Wendy Settle said.

Settle said every year thousands of Americans fall victim to seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of clinical depression that emerges during the long and dark winter months.

Research shows people need a certain amount of sunlight to maintain their well-being. Settle said light absorbed by the body stops the production of melatonin, a hormone produced to help the body sleep. During the winter, people are drowsier because the body produces more melatonin with fewer hours of daylight.

We become almost like a bear hibernating," she said.

Symptoms of SAD include depression, fatigue, irritability and weight gain, according to Settle. About one to two percent of Americans experience severe symptoms, while 10 to 25 percent encounter the "winter blues," a watered-down version of SAD with milder symptoms, such as over-eating and over-sleeping.

Victims of SAD and the winter blues typically reside in the middle latitude regions of the United States, Settle said. As residents of South Bend, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are extremely vulnerable.

The Inner Resources Room, located on the third floor of St. Liam Hall, was designed specifically to help students suffering from winter depression on campus. In addition to a massage chair, negative ion therapy and a mini waterfall hanging on the wall, the Inner Resources Room offers light therapy.

The Light Box provides full-spectrum light to help students suffering from SAD. The light is designed to imitate sunlight, and research shows it can help alleviate symptoms of depression.

Notre Dame was recognized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness in 2010 for its efforts in addressing mental health on campus. The university offers counseling services and the Inner Resources Room as resources for students suffering from SAD.

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**New master's degree focuses on Global Health**

An injured Haitian girl is carried through a displacement camp in April 2010. Global health students may work with the ND Haiti Program.

By MEGAN DOYLE

A new master's of science in global health degree will provide students with practical science-centric training and prepare them to improve health in developing countries, according to Joseph Bock, director of global health studies at the Eck Institute for Global Health.

A degree in global health is designed to focus on practical issues of health without national boundaries, Bock said, because global health refers to the scope of a problem that is not limited to any single country. The degree is interdisciplinary, with students coming from various disciplines such as public health, biology, economics and social sciences.

The program includes coursework in global health, international development, and public policy. Students also complete a practicum, which is an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world setting. The practicum can be completed in the United States or abroad.

New master's of science in global health students may work with the ND Haiti Program, which is a partnership between the university and the Health Care for the Homeless organization. The program provides healthcare services to underserved communities in Haiti.

The master's degree in global health at Notre Dame is one of several programs offered by the university to address global health challenges. Notre Dame has a long history of engagement in global health, with a focus on issues such as infectious diseases, maternal health, and malnutrition.

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**Seniors head to Peace Corps**

By TORI ROECK

Notre Dame ranked 18th among medium-sized schools this year to send the most volunteers to serve in the group, according to a University press release.

The University jumped five spots on the list from last year as the Peace Corps prepares to mark its 50th anniversary, the release said. Notre Dame was included on this list for the past four years. Nineteen seniors applied already this year, and the rolling application process is ongoing.

Current seniors wishing to join the Peace Corps are encouraged to visit the University’s Peace Corps web page to learn more about the application process and steps of clearance, contributing to months of waiting. Senior Claire Brosnihan said the process includes a lengthy online application, an hour-long interview with very specific and personal questions, and multiple steps of clearance.

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**St. Liam’s offers treatment for SAD**

By EMMA RUSS

Sophomore Cara O’Connor reads under the ultraviolet light of the Inner Resources Room, a room designed to help students suffering from seasonal affective disorder.

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**Fire dept. installs new alarms**

By ADAM LLORENS

The Notre Dame Fire Department recently upgraded 16 residence halls with new fire alarm systems, in hopes of creating a safer and more hospitable environment on campus, and will install better alarms in other buildings as well, Notre Dame Fire Department Chief William Farhat said.

Mike McCauslin, assistant director for Risk Management and Safety, arranged funding of the project.

Concerns had been expressed by both students and rectors about actually hearing the fire alarms," McCauslin said. "Older dorms only had alarms in common spaces and corridors throughout the residence hall, not in individual rooms.

The new system is built with sounder-based technology, McCauslin said. This technology placed an actual alarm in every room in these residence halls, and residents will be able to hear the alarm at all times.
**IN BRIEF**

Siegfried Hall’s annual Day of Man will be taking place all day today at various locations throughout campus. Each Registered, student will be wearing pink shorts and flip-flops in order to collect donations to benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

The lecture “Democratic Revolution in the Middle East: The Rise of Civil Resistance in Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Beyond” will be held today at the Hesburgh Center auditorium at 4 p.m. in this current events panel. Kroc Institute faculty experts will review the tumultuous events that are transforming Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon, Yemen, and other countries in the Middle East.

A reading by Monica Mody, 2010 Nicholas Sparks Prize Winner, will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Bookstore. The Nicholas Sparks Prize is awarded to a recent graduate of the MFA Creative Writing Program at Notre Dame. The reading is free and open to the public.

The student body president/vice president debate will take place tonight at 9 p.m. in the Main Lounge of LaFortune. Elections will be held next Tuesday, February 14.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race will be held by Multicultural Student Programs and Services in DeBartolo 136 tomorrow at 6 p.m. This is the fourth of a five-part series which will take place on Thursday evenings.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com.
Discussion honors deceased thinkers

By ALICIA SMITH
Assistant Saint Mary’s Editor

Members of the Saint Mary’s College community gathered Tuesday to remember three great thinkers who died within almost one month of each other this time last year.

The memorial honored Edward Schillebeeckx, who died Dec. 23, 2009, Mary Daly, who died on April 1, 2010 and Howard Zinn, who died Jan. 27, 2010.

Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality and SocialJustice, said Schillebeeckx, a Dominican priest who worked to reshape theology.

“Dominicans were very influential in recasting theology in newer ways of thinking,” Dolphin said.

Dolphin said she decided to study Schillebeeckx’s works while she worked to complete her doctorate at the University of Chicago.

“I knew with great clarity that I wanted to study Edward Schillebeeckx,” she said.

While she worked with his sermons and had the opportunity to study directly with Schillebeeckx, she said, “He was so personable and so helpful,” she said.

Religious studies professor Stacy Davis spoke about Mary Daly, a feminist who worked to empower women.

Daly was extremely well educated and earned three PhDs, Davis said.

“Daly is probably the best example of what an educated woman is capable of,” Davis said.

Davis described Daly as a “radical feminist.”

“The only way you can really exist is to be free,” Davis said.

“What she wanted for everybody was to exist free from patriarchy, free from oppression.”

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Council discusses term changes

At its Tuesday meeting, the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed problems with the transition at the end of student government office terms, including ineffective training of new officers and difficulty in event planning during the transition period.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said the issue comes up repeatedly and could be addressed in a Student Senate amendment.

A common complaint, Bell said, is the inability of students studying abroad to serve the next semester.

“There are certain positions where we think it’s possible to start at different times in the year other than the usual April 1 to April 1st,” he said. “I guess the options are shifting the dates of the term start, or are there positions we think could be shorter or is there a single time frame we think everyone should have?”

Ricky Bevington, director of First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL), a freshman leadership program, said he thought a single set of term dates is best because it simplifies the process for students considering running for office.

“If we streamline it, I think it would be best for attracting people to those positions,” he said.

Julia Sutton, Student Union Board (SUB) manager, said the current term transition of April 1 presents her group with a challenge in programming the rest of the semester.

“SUB has issues with this. We physically can’t not plan after April 1. Antosia’s after April 1,” she said. “I guess it would be ideal for programmers not to be considered in that.”

Sutton said part of the problem with having a different term end-date for SUB members is that it would leave them ineligible to run for another office.

Sophomore class president Brett Rochelle said the April 1 date negates the opportunity for class councils’ event programming for April, a month ideal for outdoor events.

“I think for class councils the election time, March 1, is good. I would just recommend they change office around May 1,” he said. “Then they could get a lot of events done in April.”

Student body president Catherine Soler said programming is a possibility during April despite the transition period.

“You can plan events [for April] as long as it’s approved by Programming Board and you have that transition with the new people going in [to office],” she said “I think it’s hard, it’s an extra step, but I don’t think that makes it impossible.”

Kate Clitheroe, senior class president, agreed a smooth, cooperative transition period between office-holders is essential but often overlooked.

“I think if you’re going to have an April 1 date, you need to emphasize there needs to be a period of transition where you help the new people get acclimated,” she said.

“The duty’s not clear enough — it may be on paper but it’s not enforced.”

Soler said it might come down to personal responsibility on the part of officers to ensure their successors are properly trained.

“Is there a real reason, or are we just being lazy in our transition?” she asked. “I think maybe that’s something we need to take more responsibility for.”

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“The newer West Quad residence halls were built with sounder-based technology enhanced fire alarm systems,” McCauslin said. “We recently identified the halls that did not have those types of alarms. The Office of Risk Management and Safety then went to the University to ask for funding, which was then granted.”

Farhat also took a major role in the efforts to upgrade the fire systems in various dorms.

“This is a progressing project which got its start in August and will be going on in March,” Farhat said. “It is difficult to upgrade systems when the halls are occupied, but this project, while expensive, is one that the University felt was necessary.”

The Notre Dame cross-campus to received newer systems recently tested the new alarms recently to ensure their effectiveness, Farhat said. During the test, NDIFD did not find a flawed system in any of the dorms.

The 16 residence halls were merely the first goal of Notre Dame’s fire alarm renovation project.

“In addition to the 16 dorms that were upgraded, University Village and other off-campus apartments associated with Notre Dame will also be revamped,” Farhat said.

Farhat said NDIFD does more work in campus than respond to fires. The majority of calls received per school year do not concern fires. “NDIFD takes about 13,000 calls per school year,” Farhat said. “While not all of them deal with fire-related issues, it is important that our campus residents understand the importance and severity of a potential fire and the skills required by the Indiana Fire Code are an essential aspect in creating a safe, emergency-free atmosphere.”

McCauslin said he believes students and staff should be elated to have these new alarms.

“The Notre Dame community should be thrilled that the University continues to invest in the safety of our campus,” McCauslin said. “When you look across the country at the number of fires that occur on college campuses, Notre Dame continues to make great strides in reducing the chances of potential disasters and promoting the lifestyle and safety of its residents.”

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health program. “The Peace Corps gives you a different perspective,” said John South, a South Bend, Indiana and Notre Dame, Bowen stated. “Putting all of your lessons into action is a big part of it.”
Cooney said she would like to work in international relations or at an international non-profit organization after completing her Peace Corps.
Senior Shannon Cooney will also join the Peace Corps after graduation. A political science and Arabic double major with a minor in peace studies, Cooney said she will be teaching English in either Jordan or Egypt. “I was attracted to the principle that the mission of the [Peace Corps],” Cooney said. “I was interested in post-graduate service and seemed like a logical choice.”
Cooney said her minor in Peace Studies prepared her for her time in the Peace Corps. “Peace Studies classes are good for helping you think about ways to promote international development,” Cooney said. “But more than my studies, my experiences outside the classroom really prepared me.”
Cooney participated in service through the Center for Social Concerns and the Kellogg Institute, and traveled to Ghana and Cairo, Egypt through the University, which provided invaluable service experiences for her.
Cooney said she is most interested in gender issues and will seek a master’s degree in development after leaving the Peace Corps in hopes of working for a non-governmental organization.
Megan Conway, a 2006 Notre Dame graduate, also studied Peace Studies while she was a student. She joined the Peace Corps after graduation and is now at the University of Michigan Law School.
Conway said a class on tropical African politics she took as an undergraduate piqued her interest in Africa. She was stationed in Cameroon, where she worked on public health initiatives.
“We worked with potable water projects, AIDS education, basic health and hygiene and environmental education classes,” Conway said. “And I focused in pre-natal care projects.”
Although her time in the Peace Corps was rewarding and worthwhile, Conway said she learned that international sustainable development, more specifically public health, was not the field for her.
“I had a phenomenal experience, but I realized that I didn’t want to live abroad for the rest of my life,” Conway said.
Conway said the unique undergraduate experience at Notre Dame contributed to her choice to join the Peace Corps.
“I don’t think I would have joined the Peace Corps if I had attended one of the other universities I was thinking of,” Conway said.
Notre Dame’s relationship can be attributed to the University’s mission to serve others, Cooney said.
“It’s definitely the emphasis that Notre Dame students put on service,” Cooney said, “and taking what you learn in the classroom to give back to others.”

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lera as well as its geographical location.
Bock, who will oversee the program, said the coursework would build the practical skills students need to work in international development and global health.
“Our mission isn’t so much to enhance their theoretical knowledge of biology but rather of...applied biology,” he said. “Instead of ‘know why,’ this is about know how.”
Bock said he would like to see graduates of the program move into work with humani-
tarian organizations such as Doctors Beyond Borders, Catholic Relief Services or the World Health Organization.
“We are here to help people widen their perspectives, to look closely at the reasons behind extreme poverty and vulnerability, to develop the practical skills so they can do something that would be different that what they would have if they had not gone through this program,” he said.
Students will graduate from the program with the ability to look at the picture of health on a global scale as well as on a local scale, Bock said.
The next step is to enter the program will include six students to begin in the fall. Bock said most of the applications currently being reviewed are from college seniors working on bachelor’s of science (B.S.) degrees.
The master’s program will last 12 months. Students will follow a core curriculum of classes on global health challenges, research methods in global health science and bioethics. The coursework will also include nine credit hours of electives and can select courses covering a range across different disciplines. Electives include courses on immunology, applied probability, environmental microbiology, AIDS and parasitology.
“We are going to make every effort link global health students with faculty who are doing global health work,” Bock said.
Students will also spend two to three months of field experience in a resource-poor setting, Bock said. Students can connect with faculty projects or international organizations such as Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to complete this requirement.
“The field experience can be a number of different options,” he said. “It can be service, it can be research, it can be project monitoring or it could be evaluation of projects.”
The program will focus its fieldwork in developing countries, Bock said.
Bock joined the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in 2007 at the director of external relations before he moved to the Eck Institute. Bock is the University’s liaison to Catholic Relief Services and has worked in global health in South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Haiti, according to a University press release.
The College of Science will fund the field experiences for the students, Bock said. The class is expected to grow to 12 students in its second year and up to 25 in its third year.
Tuition, currently set at $39,710, will be subidized by the College of Science at the rate of $24,710. Students will therefore only pay a maximum of $15,000 to enter the program, he said.
Bock said participants in the program would have the chance to live Notre Dame’s mission.
“We see it as a fulfillment of Notre Dame’s mission to bring about greater knowledge to bear on helping poor and vulnerable people, and the vast majority of those people are in developing countries,” he said.
“Not just about intellectual curiosity. This is about having a passion to really reach out to the poor and vulnerable.”

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pectrum light with no UV rays. While the large lamp does not tan skin at all, Settle said the light box rejuvenates students suffering from depression, its artificial sunlight.
The Inner Resources Room has one Light Box on hand as well two others available for rental. Settle said thirty minutes per day could snap light box users out of their winter blues.
Most patients use light therapy in the early morning hours, Settle said.
“The light box is best to use in the morning,” she said. “It seems as though it tricks your body into thinking your day has begun.”
Benefits of light therapy include higher energy levels, better concentration, fewer mood swings and a better night’s sleep. The Inner Resources Room is available for students, faculty and staff without any recommendation or official diagnosis from a doctor.
Patients start to feel a difference in as little as three to four days, and research shows light therapy’s effectiveness rate is similar to antidepressants, Settle said.
Light therapy can benefit an individual feeling the effects of SAD but Settle said professional treatment is still the best option for anyone suffering depression.
“Anyone with symptoms of SAD should be evaluated by a physician to determine the best treatment option,” she said.

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Joseph Bock, director of global health studies at the Eck Institute for Global Health, speaks at an information session Thursday for the new master’s of science degree in global health.

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A knight's tale

We all know the type: Born humming the Notre Dame Victory March, parents who cheer with the Notre Dame fans at football games, and a healthy portion of the student body right now can claim Notre Dame as less of a college choice and more of a family tradition. I'm not that guy.

That's not to say I don't have a family tradition when it comes to higher education; however, my family's tradition of choice was a suit of armor rather than a green blazer and wielding a knight's sword in favor of a shillelagh. In short, the Victory March was never my jam. In high school, I was immersed in "The Bells Must Ring" as family members wore scarlet red sweaters that bore the word: Rutgers. The state university of my home state, New Jersey, with its main campus a mere five-minute drive down the road, and a fixture in my life since before I could talk. When high school ended, and I came time to choose a collegiate home, the school I grew up loving lost out. Notre Dame offered me a level of opportunity that I could not turn down. I had a new love, and Rutgers was relegated to "second-best" status.

It is plainly obvious to me that my situation is extremely common — and that not everyone here is a Notre Dame lifer. Among my quadrant-mates alone, there are strong allegiances to Ohio State, UCLA and Texas. I recall my roommate's complete mental breakdown as Notre Dame and UCLA battled in basketball in December 2009 as he watched two teams he loved try to destroy each other.

Sunday was then — for me — the equivalent experience of my roommate's day of emotional torment, as our men's basketball team battled Rutgers at the Purcell Pavilion in a game the Irish won 76-69. Walking to the arena, I didn't know how I would feel. Rutgers basketball was perhaps the team I held closest to my heart out of all the Scarlet Knights programs. I attended a huge chunk of the team's home games in courtside seats for more than a decade with my late grandfather, who was the biggest fan of them all — the Knights basketball team was ironically the last thing I ever spoke to him about.

When the teams walked out on the court though, my internal allegiances fell clear. This was a Notre Dame team I was invested in, players I go to school for, and it came time to choose a collegiate home, the school I grew up loving lost out. Notre Dame offered me a level of opportunity that I could not turn down. I had a new love, and Rutgers was relegated to "second-best" status.

But these are secondary considerations. Let me play my favorite game, devil's advocate, for a moment. Why do I want to do math? If it offers little direct assistance to the survival of the human race, it offers even less to mine. I will never be rich despite repeated entreaties from various family members to use my "giant brain" to make millions playing the stock market or Texas Hold 'Em. I will, to say the least, enjoy reproductive advantages over my peers. Add the additional burden of fielding repeated questions about the utility or value of my chosen life's work, and you have a recipe for... what? One answer I've been fed of recently is the "argument from global competition," which is that Americans are more poorly educated in math and science than people in other countries (including China and Russia) and that I'm going to devote myself to bridging the gap. This argument is a particularly sharp rhetorical tool because it subtly turns the tables on interrogators who have mentioned their own disgust with, or lack of aptitude for, mathematics. It implicitly accuses those who are mathematically illiterate and proud of it of contributing to our eventual takeover by the Communists.

But to be honest I don't have a great deal of personal investment in our country vanquishing other countries, academically, militarily or otherwise. The unvarnished truth about my relationship to mathematics is that I enjoy doing it, and get the same aesthetic pleasure from a beautiful, well-proven theorem that I get from a Van Gogh painting or Shakespeare play. I could pontificate about the symmetry, elegance, and artistry that goes into a well-written piece of mathematics. I could write an immaculately sourced 10 page paper in MLA format proving that famous mathematicians live on in the historical record and retain name recognition (via textbooks or theorem names) much longer than their athlete, celebrity, or even political/military counterparts. I could even state the obvious, which is that without advancements in pure, "abstract" mathematics, many of the technologies which we now enjoy would not even exist. But I'm sure everyone knows that.

So my actual, personal answer to the question "What can you do with pure math?" is "Make a lasting contribution to human knowledge, with important consequences for math, physics, engineering and technology that will only be apparent 50-100 years after you, my interrogator, have passed away, and in the process achieve a modest immortality. A life spent in the pursuit and contemplation of eternal verities sounds pretty good to me, even if that is not a type of career satisfaction which you, my interrogator, can understand." With any luck, this long-winded, confrontational, unanswerable response will be the very least convincing questions to make small talk with someone else. Or startle them into forgetting the equally unreasonable follow-up, which is, "How will math pay off your student loans?"

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Be the Romeo to my Juliet

Dearest Pierce,

Reading your “Wanted: Valentine’s Date” (Feb. 7) ad brought tears to my eyes. I knew immediately, as if through a Divine message, that we are simply meant to be together.

I’d love to be your Valentine — for you to take me to Hot Box or Barnaby’s (although I prefer an all-you-can-eat buffet) and “spoil me silly!” cos I’m worth it! Hot Box or Barnaby’s (although I prefer an all-you-can-eat buffet) and “spoil me silly!” cos I’m worth it!

People always say that I’m a really special girl. I have a very large following in the yaoi community (I hope you don’t mind if I livelog our date for them).

I’m already woozy with anticipation! My parents, too, are totally excited to meet you at JPW.

Items on my bucket list include: competing in a trivia competition, at the University of Minnesota, on February 14th (can you believe I’ve never had a date on Valentine’s, either!), and building a miniature Notre Dame campus for my hedgeshogs. xoxox

That Girl You’ve Been Looking For

P.S. I hope you don’t mind prosthetic limbs.

Brett Burgeson
junior
Pasquerilla West Hall
Feb. 8

In the absence of humor

Dear PleasanDville,

I read your latest comic, in which you called out both The Tuesday Variety Show and The Mating Ritual. That’s pretty bold talk. You better step up your game. Best regards.

Paul Dechant
junior
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Feb. 8

Cupid’s courage

Pierce Coticchia’s letter, “Wanted: Valentine’s date” (Feb. 7) exhibits the exact type of romantic courage men on the Notre Dame campus need to embody. I hope many eligible young fillies take Pierce up on his offer, and that many more bachelors take the same challenge next Monday.

In Notre Dame,

Henry Shine
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Feb. 7

I would like to comment on Knott sophomore Brian Metz’s horrible opinion of the Siegfried Hall Day of Man (“Practical men,” Feb. 8). As a former Rambler, a founding member of the event, my freshman year and the commissioner of the event for my sophomore, junior and senior years, I would like to convey why in fact a fundraiser for the homeless should in fact be aptly named “The Siegfried Hall Day of Man.” Although you do make good points, I would like to offer my opinion for why you are wrong.

1. Unification: Stereotype of men as having to be tough, although you think it should be abolished, does exist and generally gets men excited about a worthy cause, such as helping the homeless. In reference to the Day of Man, the tough connotation associated with the event is why over 70 percent of the dorm actively participates versus the standard eight to ten people that comprise all other Notre Dame fundraisers.

2. Marketing: The idea of the Day of Man is to raise money and awareness for the homeless. Standing outside in sandals, shorts, and a T-shirt raises a lot more money and awareness then someone wearing a coat. The idea of making this sacrifice convinces people into donating.

3. Success: Each year, Siegfried has raised over $6,000 from standing outside alone. Regardless of what you say, the concept works and helps shelter, feed, and clothe the homeless so it is us, rather than they, who are standing outside in sandals, shorts and a T-shirt.

Michael Dean
junior
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Feb. 8

Be a man

I was troubled by Brian Metz’s viewpoint yesterday (“Practical men,” Feb. 8) that disputed the notion that toughness is a prerequisite for manhood. Mr. Metz seems to be offended that Siegfried promotes physical hardiness as a way to raise money for the homeless.

First of all, Siegfried’s Day of Man is one of the greatest dorm traditions at Notre Dame. Not only is it unique, but it raises money for the local homeless shelter, and the criticism of that charitable cause wasn’t necessary.

While technically anyone with an X and Y chromosome who is at least 18 years old is a “man,” the true meaning is so much greater. I saw a survey once that said that the average man cries twice a month (twice a month!) This type of behavior is nauseating and embarrassing to our culture.

By the way, just watch how many women go for the feminine, sensitive guy who is afraid of his own shadow. Trust me, none of them do.

As a Notre Dame student I am constantly reminded of the great men who helped shape this university. Fr. Sorin braving the miserable South Bend winter to establish Our Lady’s school, the dynasties of Rockne and Leahy who coached a tough, smash-mouth brand of Irish football. Just look at the statue of Fr. Corby or the Stonehenge Memorial fountain as a tribute to the brave men who gave the ultimate sacrifice defending freedom. These are just some examples of genuine toughness and manhood that almost doesn’t exist anymore.

Imagine if Father Sorin was too cold in 1842 and decided not to found Notre Dame. Imagine if Lombardi’s Packers quit on the one-yard line with 10 seconds left in the Ice Bowl because it was 15 below.

It isn’t “phallocentric” or “discriminatory” to hold men to a certain standard of masculinity. The absence of true manhood is a serious problem in our society. We need throwback men who are tough and know how to take charge. Men who are responsible, courageous and resilient. Men who still practice chivalry, but also know how to kick ass and take names. Men who know how to tie a Windsor knot and don’t know what conditioner is used for.

Thank you, Siegfried, for keeping manhood alive in 2011. Let them be an example for all men to rub some dirt on it. Be tough. Be man of tradition.

Sean Mullen
junior
Keough Hall
Feb. 8

Please recycle this copy of The Observer.

And yes, the polar bears thank you.
The Pasquerilla East Music Company (PEMCo.) has taken on a daunting feat. Its choice of spring musical is none other than “Chicago.” The Broadway edition won a Tony Award for Best Revival in 1996 and the Hollywood film version won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2002. Despite the high standard set by previous renditions of the musical, PEMCo. manages to make the musical feel new and asserts the relevance of the film nearly a century after the real life events inspiring the play actually transpired.

There’s something indefinable that makes student productions. Producer Joe Augustinsky said this is “because it is held together by the blood, sweat and tears of college students who want nothing more than to put on a show.” There’s a passion for theater in this show that cannot quite be captured by the film version, though one can only hope no blood was actually spilt over this production.

The show is different in more tangible ways as well. For one, musical director John Kemnetz said that the cast and crew “weren’t looking for a vaudeville-style show with corny dance numbers and overacting … we looked instead to create more of a musical cabaret.”

“A great concern for everyone involved in the production is the fact that people may come to see the show expecting it to be just like the movie,” said Lesley Sullivan, who plays Velma Kelly. “It is not just like the movie, it is more. More songs, more dances, more comedy and only slightly less well-known celebrities.”

The style of the show is certainly much less flashy than the film version. “Traditionally Chicago is done with a minimalistic set and costume design,” director and choreographer Kristen Steel said. “We stayed true to that idea with one large set piece and relatively simple costumes.”

It may not be what one expects to hear from the director of a show all about glamorized murder trial, but it certainly allows the cast to shine in the world they have created. They aren’t overburdened by their surroundings but instead create memorable characters through their own talent. Creating a believable character could prove to be a difficult task for an actor who has seen someone portray the very same person to the acclaim of acting’s most prestigious institutions. Sullivan and Nora Collins, who plays Roxie Hart, both succeeded at the task.

“Though at first there was pressure to try to live up to Catherine Zeta-Jones, there is no one way to play the role and no one person who is made for it,” Sullivan said. “Seems obvious. But once I realized that I was making this character for this audience, the pressure was off.”

The setting of Chicago in the Prohibition era seems so foreign and glamorous that it offered the actors plenty of room to discover something in the era that appealed to them. “It is so fun to experiment with all the old hair styles, makeup trends and fashion,” Collins said. “The old Chicago slang of the 20s even sneaks its way in a few scenes which is always fun.”

Though the play is all about the 1920s, it has themes that persist today. It is all about fame and how certain people can capture the attention of an entire nation. Kemnetz said he believes it is particularly relevant to Notre Dame students.

“It’s no great secret that the Notre Dame community will do crazy things when it comes to celebrities — everything from running after Taylor Swift’s golf cart to genuinely believing that Jimmy Clausen is attractive,” Kemnetz said. “In an age where we sexualize a 15-year-old Bieber and refresh celebrity blogs continuously to see Lindsay Lohan’s latest drug bender, Chicago tells us much about our obsession with people who commit crimes.”

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Let’s talk about sex. Specifically, let’s talk about sex on television. I will tell you right now, I’ve reconciled my personal decisions and religious opinions with the fact that television is firmly committed to constantly exercising and exploring the implications of free love. I acknowledge that, in order to enjoy the sarcastic and philosophical humor of “House,” I have to deal with Chase asking Cameron (season two) and Thirteen (current season) if they, you know, want to have sex. I accept that in order to appeal like a fangirl over Damon in “The Vampire Diaries,” I have to watch ever-so-slowly the lower class, i.e., the exercise bike. (Who on earth ever thought an exercise bike was a good idea?) I’ll kill my thighs for some fresh air, but I still have to deal with Stephan. I’m over it.

As I ascended the Throne of Pain, I was in my gym clothes, I was committed. I began to pay attention to what was on the screen. Usually when I exercise, I hold my laptop on the console and watch an episode of television. I can use head-phones and avoid the otherwise-necessary closed captions, and I never have to negotiate with anyone over what we watch. Hey, I’m a television major. If you don’t want to watch what I want to watch, you’re going down.

Unfortunately, balancing a laptop doesn’t really jell with riding a bike. So instead of “Paradise City,” I was going to watch my fellow exercisers’ season three DVDs of “Gossip Girl.”

I know the series vaguely enough to name the characters but have no idea who they are currently dating. My lack of opinion about the relationship or another made this episode a microcosm of objective studies in television sex. Serena and Nate were about to start dating—or were they? They wanted to take it slow, so they slept together three times in 40 minutes. But not without questioning their relationship in between, and even going to a party with different dates (fall to discover they’re meant for each other, of course).

I know this is “Gossip Girl.” I know this is what they do. I know the premise of tangled sexual relations is the basis of the show’s success. But as I watched, I realized—it wasn’t fun. As soon as a couple began to kiss, the game was over. I already knew how it ended, because it would end the same way it always ends. They have sex.

The end. Well, until someone cheats, or falls out of love, misses a birthday, or what have you. There was no anticipation, no tension. As soon as

**The Rite**

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL

Anthony Hopkins has yet to play an unconvincing psychologically-twisted bad guy. But, unfortunately, even his Academy-Award-winning acting talent could not help save “The Rite.” Sometimes bordering on the ridiculous, the movie progresses slowly towards a predictable end.

Inspired by true events, the movie follows Michael Kovak (Colin O’Donoghue), the son of a Russian immigrant who enters the seminary to escape his family’s funeral home business. He is skeptical of religion and faith but desires a college education and a release from his dreary and depressing life. His Father Superior, however, sees potential in him and sends him to Rome to attend an exorcism class.

His skepticism follows him to Rome, where he meets Father Lucas Trapani (Sebastian Urzendowsky), a Jesuit who is an unorthodox priest who specializes in exorcisms. Kovak feels drawn to him, and through their interactions, Lucas introduces him to the darker side of religion. All these experiences help Kovak find his true faith and vocation.

The movie could have been engaging and a nail-biter, but it followed a predictable story arc and gave away most of the plot in the trailers. Anthony Hopkins has played the creepy bad guy too much for his role to be surprising. And to pit him against an attractive, young male lead, scarred by his upbringing? Well, now you have to work extremely hard to not make this movie formulaic.

Despite his overdone role, Hopkins still turns in a masterful performance. At the appropriate times, he creeps us out or tags at our heart-strings. He has not lost his touch. His character’s transformation, though, from exercising priest to possessed man seems a little forced at the beginning. It’s unclear whether the transition was simply not written well, but the evolution does not save the unsurprising plot arches.

O’Donoghue fails flat in his feature film debut. At times, his skepticism seems real, and his depressing childhood engenders sympathy. But he mostly tries to act with his face. He duns an innocent, dopey look, which he uses to convey surprise, disbelief and epiphany. You name an emotion, and he used the same expression to convey it.

But O’Donoghue has potential. His bright blue eyes conjure up images of a younger Paul Newman or Robert Redford, just with a much darker head of hair. And his acting was not all lackluster; in his moment of revelation, his emotion was real and his talent visible. Hopefully he can develop his acting skills in the next few years and really make his mark in Hollywood.

“The Rite” does live up to its hype as a psychological thriller with its creepy and graphic scenes of demonic possessions, although they sometimes seem over the top. Black cats, frogs and red-eyed creatures abound. And although the plot is formulaic and predictable, the movie still manages to surprise and alarm the audience with its thrills and violence. The often-graphic scenes are not for the faint of heart, but they satisfy the average thriller enthusiast.

But overall, “The Rite” fails to really excite. Even Hopkins could not save the unsurprising plot arches and unspiring acting of his counterparts. However, if you enjoy scary movies do not interest you and you only attend for the thrills, then this may be the movie for you. For more thrills, you can visit Father Kovak’s parish, where he still performs exorcisms, in a Chicago suburb.
**NBA**

Roy hopes to return from knee surgery this weekend

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Guard Brandon Roy is returning to practice and wants to rejoin the Trail Blazers as soon as this weekend, but he'll have to prove himself first.

Portland's three-time All-Star had arthroscopic surgery on both of his knees just three weeks ago and coach Nate McMillan says he wants to see Roy at work before making a decision.

Portland, coming off a 109-106 loss to the Chicago Bulls, had the day off on Tuesday. They'll practice at home on Wednesday before heading to Toronto for Friday night's game against the Raptors.

"I can't really predict the future, but right now they (the knees) feel good," Roy said.

The biggest thing is once I start playing I'll keep them at a level where I feel good about going out there and helping this team.

Roy was averaging 16.6 points in 23 games before he was sidelined indefinitely by the team. He says now he is nearly back to full strength and ready to practice at full speed.

His announcement has sparked discussion about whether it is too soon to return. It also has raised questions for forward LaMarcus Aldridge, whose play has vastly improved since Portland began running its offense through him.

Last season, Roy had arthroscopic surgery to repair the meniscus in his right knee two days before the Blazers opened their first-round playoff series against Phoenix. He made a remarkable comeback and played in the fourth game of the series, which the Suns eventually won.

Some suggested that perhaps he returned too soon from that surgery, and is being too hasty this time around, too.

Roy has said the problem is too little cartilage in both his knees.

Although Roy was hopeful to be on the court against Toronto, or perhaps in Detroit on Sunday, he vowed to listen to doctors after testing his knee at practice. And when he does return, he'll ease himself back.

"I'm going to try to get through these practices and when we're in Toronto I'm sure we'll sit down and come up with an amount of minutes. I'm sure he (McMillan) is going to want to keep it low when I first come back," Roy said.

Roy hasn't played since Dec. 15. That's when Portland started an eight-game winning streak. Roy, who averaged 25.4 points and 10.2 rebounds since then, was the Blazers' star.

The Blazers are 16-10 without Roy.

In the victory over the Bulls, Aldridge had a career-high 42 points. He said afterward that the Blazers need Roy back.

"A lot of guys have been playing a lot of minutes, so getting Brandon back should be good for us," Aldridge said.

Roy weighs in: "I think we are always just going to try to help each other play well. The goal is always to try to win. I don't know how we're going to run plays or anything yet. I just hope we are doing things a little bit different, and get our legs back."

Word of Roy's return was first reported by The Oregonian newspaper shortly before the Blazers took on the Bulls. After the game, McMillan suggested that Roy wasn't the only one coming back — center Marcus Camby would be practicing this week, too.

Camby had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on Jan. 20. He was averaging 5.9 points and 11.3 rebounds in 39 games this season.

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The Blazers have been docked by injuries for the second straight season.

In November, the team announced that center Greg Oden, the No. 1 draft pick in 2007, would miss the season because of microfracture surgery on his right knee. Oden missed his rookie year because of microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Second-year forward Jeff Pendergraph injured his knee in the preseason and required season-ending surgery. And rookie guard Elliot Williams has undergone surgery this season on both knees.

Last season Blazers players collectively missed more games than any team in the NBA except the Warriors.

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**NFL**

Steelers look to move past Super Bowl loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — With his season in growth’s nearly 30,000 Facebook fans, it’s time to “Shear the Beard.”

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Tiger Woods appears at the Emirates Golf Club two days ahead of the Dubai Desert Classic. (AP Photo/Erdin)

NBA

Howard annoyed by rumors

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Magic center Dwight Howard said he is annoyed by the recent talk about his contract and the possibility he would leave Orlando when he becomes a free agent.

Howard expounded on some recent Twitter comments Tuesday morning at the Magic's practice before Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

He said his situation should not be compared to what happened with Miami's LeBron James or what is going on with Denver's Carmelo Anthony because they have "nothing to do with Dwight Howard." He said Howard is "really tired of" the contract talk and that he wants "to help this franchise win a championship.

"He's the best player in the world," Kaymer said. "I can't sign a contract this year. I can't sign anywhere this summer, so why keep bringing it up? Why are people talking about me going any other place right now? Right now is about this season. It's a Miami, L.A., New York or whatever. I'm really tired of it. I don't wanna be talking about where I'm gonna be playing basketball next or people in Orlando asking 'Are you going to leave us?'"

On Tuesday, Woods and O'Meara won the nine-hole, par-3 Challenge Match by two shots, braving Woodside and Miguel Angel Jimenez. Noh Seung-yul and Jeev Milkha Singh were a further shot back.

Woods is not the only one having a rough start to the season. Westwood finished 64th in a European Tour event in Abu Dhabi last month. Then missed the cut in last week's Qatar Masters.

"When you don't work on your swing, you go back to your faults, and that's what's happened the last couple of weeks on tour in Abu Dhabi and Qatar," said Westwood, who was given lifetime membership on the European Tour. "I wanted to do a little bit of work on that, and I'm starting to get it in the right place."

Woods could lose the top spot this week if Kaymer wins and finishes lower than second, and if Kaymer finishes second and Woods is out of the top 10. If Kaymer is tied for second, he could still become No. 1 if Woods finishes out of the top 36. Woods could leapfrog Kaymer if he wins and Kaymer finishes outside the top five.

Kaymer and Westwood say the year's priority is winning the tournament.

"Let's ignore the world ranking," Kaymer said. "The current present danger is not Martin Kaymer." Westwood said: "The issue for me is to play well, get my game in better order than it has been the last two weeks and try and win the Dubai Desert Classic. End of story."
**NFL**

**Munchak fires three coaches**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans coach Mike Munchak fired offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger along with two other assistants as he starts to remake his coaching staff a day after taking over the top job.

Heimerdinger, who is continuing cancer treatment after being diagnosed in November, confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he had been fired. The Titans released a statement a couple hours later that Munchak also told defensive assistant Rayna Stewart and offensive assistant Richie Wessman that they will not be retained.

“It’s never easy to be fired,” Heimerdinger said. “He has to do what’s best for the Titans, and Munch will do what’s best for the Titans. I appreciate my time here, but it’s never easy to be fired.”

The Titans gave Munchak the freedom to keep or hire anyone he wants and he promised changes when he was introduced on Monday. He let go the coordinator who was the second coach interviewed to replace Jeff Fisher.

Munchak said it wasn’t an easy move involving a man he respects as an innovative offensive mind and for how he has fought cancer.

“We have worked well through the years, but I believe we need to go in a different direction at offensive coordinator,” Munchak said. “This wasn’t about his health — he is feeling good — it is a change of direction for us. This is not something that I take lightly and I wish him and his family the best.”

The Titans also defended themselves for firing a man with cancer. Senior executive vice president Steve Underwood said in the team’s statement that the Titans immediately offered to extend Heimerdinger’s contract when he diagnosed. Heimerdinger was under contract for 2011.

“We will honor Mike’s existing agreement with our club and continue to wish him a complete recovery,” Underwood.

This now gives Munchak eight openings to fill on his coaching staff. Fisher fired defensive coordinator Chuck Cecil last month, while the defensive line coach, running backs coach and wide receivers assistant all left for other jobs. Former teammate Bruce Matthews, now an assistant in Houston, is expected to be Munchak’s top target to fill his old job with the offensive line.

The news brought almost instant reaction Tuesday.

**Saints fans react to Sean Payton’s move**

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sean Payton is moving his family to Dallas, but he and the Saints have no problem with it — however, many New Orleans fans do.

Payton confirmed Tuesday that he buying a house in Dallas and is moving his wife and two children to Texas while he remains the Saints’ head coach.

“When my wife and I relocated our family from Dallas, we had always dreamed of some day settling there,” Payton said in a statement released by the team. “We feel now is the best time to do this. It’s a decision that I’m sure many families have to confront, and I don’t know if there is any one right or wrong decision — just the best one you can make for your own family.”

The decision is not sitting well with numerous Saints fans who’ve expressed consternation and confusion over the matter on call-in shows and internet sites.

Saints owner Tom Benson and Mickey Loomis both issued statements of support and sounded confident that Payton was committed to sticking with the club that first made him a head coach in January of 2006.

“Sean is our head coach,” Benson said. “Like we do with everyone in our organization, we support them when they need to make tough personal decisions. Sean is making a decision in the best interest of his family and he needs our support and he will get it. What I do know is that Sean is completely focused on bringing our team back to a championship.”

Loomis pointed out that it is not uncommon for coaches to coach in one city while their permanent home is in another.

Former Cowboys coach Tony Dungy did so with the Colts while his family lived in Florida. In the NBA, current New Jersey Nets coach Avery Johnson maintains his permanent home in Texas.

“This is a personal family matter for Sean and his family and after discussing it with him, I support his decision,” Loomis said. “We spoke of numerous other coaches that have done the same thing successfully. I am confident that Sean will continue to be an excellent head coach for the Saints for many years to come and he remains steadfast to get our team back to the Super Bowl and bring the Lombardi Trophy back to New Orleans.”

Even if that is the case, New Orleans is unlike any other NFL city because of the bond between fans and the team. The relationship has transcended the action on the field since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

Payton has taken a public relations beating the last 24 hours as rumors about his family’s move began to circulate and foster for more than a day before he finally issued a statement.

Readers of the Times-Picayune’s web site, nola.com, posted hundreds of messages on the subject, many expressing disenchantment with a coach they had seen as a pillar of the community.

Because Payton had been an assistant coach in Dallas from 2003-05 and maintains a friendly relationship with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, numerous fans worried that Payton may have designs on returning to his former employer.

Others were simply insulted and accused the coach of hypocrisy. Not only had Payton played a leading role in helping the Saints promote their mission to rebuild the city since Hurricane Katrina, he had also published a book, after the 2010 Super Bowl triumph, entitled: “Home Team — Coaching the Saints and New Orleans Back To Life.”

Now Payton is making a change that many interpret as the coach essentially saying their town is no longer good enough for the Tom Benson, Beth, and their two children, Meghan and Connor.

The subject dominated call-in shows, where some wondered allowed whether Payton was having trouble with his marriage, while others urged angry fans to also consider the coach’s personal business and give him the benefit of the doubt.

In his book, Payton recalled that when he was hired by the Saints, he considered keeping his family in Dallas, but the Saints refused, fearful it would send the wrong message.

Payton wrote that he realized then that, if one was going to join the Saints after Katrina, they had to be “All in.”

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Court will not block Vikings’ suspensions

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that it won’t per-
manently block the NFL from suspending Vikings defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams for violating the league’s anti-doping policy.

Haring another appeal, the ruling also halts the case for the NFL to suspend the play-
ers, which it has been trying to do since both tested positive for a banned diuretic in 2008. The players have been fighting their suspensions and could appeal the latest decision to the state Supreme Court.

Peter Ginsberg, an attorney for both players, said Tuesday’s decision “was not what
he had hoped.”

While sitting judges affirmed that the NFL can suspend the players and provided the required notice of threatening to sue in order to suspend them, Ginsberg said the “most important part is if there’s no permanent injunction, then the NFL can’t suspend them.”

The appeals court ruled that the diuretic is not included in a list of banned substances, but it did not rule on whether a permanent injunction should be issued.

District Judge Gary Larson ruled the NFL broke state law when it failed to notify the play-
ers of their positive test results within the mandated three days. But the judge also declined to permanently block the NFL from suspending the players, saying they weren’t harmed by the notification delay.

The appeals court, however, said the suspensions could be permanent.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court affirmed the lower court’s decision to deny permanent relief from the suspensions — but had different reasons for its decision.

The appeals court ruled that the challenge included the issue of if the NFL can suspend the players of its presence in the drug test.

According to the 11-page decision, the Williams provided samples for drug testing during their annual physical exams in 2008. The samples for the players were provided to separate bottles for testing pur-
poses. Once an initial test read positive for benztadine, the other samples were tested to confirm the presence of the diuretic.

The appeals court ruled that since the purpose of those confirma-
tory tests was solely to detect the presence of benztadine — which state law doesn’t define as a drug — there is no legal basis for the court to find that the NFL violated the state’s notification require-
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give the Irish a 3-1 advan-
tage with the other matches coming down to a third set.

Stahl came up with the next win for the Irish in a third set defeating Bertha at No. 3 singles 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

No. 71 Havens claimed the next and clinching victory for the 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 over Martin at No. 2 singles.

Junior Sam Keeton won by retirement at No. 5 singles over Ask, 2-6, 6-4, 5-2.

The Irish will take the courts again in East Lansing for a double header against Marquette and Michigan State Saturday.

“Michigan State will pose a difficult test for us,” Bayliss said. “They beat No. 21 Wake Forest last week, and they have courts that are faster than ours. We have had a tough stretch here, that can only make us stronger.”

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fourth shot and fed the ball to Diggins, who scored the first layup of the game.

The Irish raced to a 26-7 lead and went up 44-23 at halftime.

“We finally got the ball, we got it going... people were just really finding each other today,” Diggins said.

Seton Hall forward Kandie Green went down with a left ankle injury after 3:34 and did not return to the game. Pirates coach Anne Donovan said Green’s loss was a big blow to the team.

“All confidence at that point was gone,” she said. “We had a lot of different defenses we wanted to try but Kandice is the catalyst in most of those.”

Furman guard Jasmine Crow led her team with 10 points.

The game marked a turn for Notre Dame’s defense, which McGraw had been unhappy with after the South Florida game. Seton Hall shot just 24.6 percent from the floor and committed 24 turnovers, which Notre Dame took advantage of for 36 points.

“My personally, I get more upset giving up a basket than making one, because you want your team down that way,” Novosel said. “When everybody’s working together, it really feeds into your offense.”

Donovan said she expected Notre Dame to put pressure on her team, but still wasn’t prepared by the Irish defense.

“We showed tape, we practiced for two days, and it went completely out the win-
down,” she said.

Notre Dame faces Rutgers (13-9, 6-3) Saturday in its annual Pink Zone game, which raises funds for organizations that focus on breast cancer education, screening, support and research. According to the Pink Zone website, www.und.com/pinkzone, the effort has already raised $59,985 this season. Last sea- son’s total eclipsed $100,000.

A silent auction for Pink Zone begins at 12:30 p.m., and the tip-off is at 2 p.m.

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Junior Samuel Keeton lunges for a ball during his three-set win at the No. 4 position against Duke Feb. 6 at Notre Dame.
The Irish have won eight straight, including an easy 80-38 drubbing of No. 15 DePaul on Jan. 18 and tonight’s complete destruction of Seton Hall. But the games leading up to Tuesday’s tilt with the Pirates showed some roughness on both sides of the ball.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she had another conversation during practice, and her players strongly agreed.

“When Coach is happy, everybody is happy,” junior guard Niele Ivey said. “She was remarkably calm about what’s going on at practice when McGraw isn’t so cheerful.

Tuesday night, at least, McGraw was in a jovial mood.

“Offensively it’s probably the best game we’ve played together in maybe the last year,” she said. “I was happy with both ends of the floor.

The team came together, capitalizing on each other’s successes and making up for each other’s mistakes. It was by no means a perfect effort, the team overthrow several games, committed 19 turnovers and missed 10 free throws.

But when you’re talking about perfection from a basketball standpoint, the hard work from the field after 32 minutes might qualify. McGraw’s explanation for not having enough defensive rebounds on the stat sheet was that they didn’t miss enough shots.

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins-Smith scored 27 points in last complete game of the season Tuesday, said the Irish are getting better every day.

Notre Dame already has a good chance in the next five games. If it can continue to improve, every game, to minimize mistakes and play as a complete basketball, it should be able to come out on the other side of the regular season having finally proved it can do more than simply hang around with the toughest competition.

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TROLL [trohl] (n):
1. A large creature of Norse mythology who was believed to dwell in mountains and caves, usually described as being ugly, surly, and unhelpful. Similar creatures have appeared in popular fantasy works such as The Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter.
2. A lure used when fishing by trolling, or working the line up and down in the water.
3. One who posts a deliberately provocative message in a public forum in order to provoke others into a desired emotional response, or otherwise disrupting normal conversation. Some examples of this include 4Chan's Anonymous and PleasANDville (see included illustration).

Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, fill in the blank to complete the word. Answers correspond to the puzzle in the upper right of the puzzle. All answers must be 10 letters or less. Check your answers with the column of answers to the right.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Seth Green, 37; Mary Steenburgen, 58; Robert Knepper, 46; Edward Norton, 38; Michael Madsen, 53; Steve Zahn, 40; Michael Jeter, 44; Michael Keaton, 58

Happy Birthday: Believe in yourself and your own ability to find solutions. Concentrate on the areas of your life where you are feeling anxious and talk things over with those who can help you work on your goals. This is a year of accomplishment, if you can bypass what and who are holding you back and face up to your problems.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Risk out any security or negativity. Size up your situation without making a commitment. This is a great time to prove how valuable you are but it’s not the time to aspire to or make demands. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don’t expect everyone. Offer what you know how you can do well but remember, you will be in an environment that is competing for your attention, so it’s very important not to make promises or to think in terms of a commitment. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You’ve got a lot going for you but you don’t notice. Don’t look back at old issues or goals. Put your plans into action and store the protection and content. You have room to grow and advance and that’s probably totally your area of contention. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid anyone who is too much or getting too close. You will be attracted to someone who helps you know your way, correct your habits and implement a positive view of self. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will find happiness when you are. You can learn what you want to and you are happy when you know what you want. Have a sense of your own particular happiness and adjust to your own particular happiness. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will need to play a little harder and allow for a lot more enjoyment. Take a lot of the time you get and do things and enjoy what you want. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Argue yourself from the floor. People may make up rules but you make up your own rules and lead the way you want to lead. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some of the people you have always been able to count on in the past will disappoint you. This time around, voice your reservations and challenge and you will feel better and will stand a better chance of winning what you want. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone close to you will get going with your demands. A change is in the way you see life and in the things you suspect, and although you will not like all of that, it is the best and will be better and positive. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have trouble making up your mind and where you decide to find yourself. If you hold on, you will feel better for making the time being, spend hours, acts and acts of it. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t let anyone discourage you. These are all doors opening up and you have the energy, vision and ability to grasp the opportunities. Your decision will make or break your normal or usual course. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will need effective making decisions. Don’t make your own predictions on your own. If you can add a little, or a few extra, then add, but not too much, just enough. **

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**ND Women’s Basketball**

**Pirates plundered**

**Diggins leads as Irish trump Seton Hall**

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fans aren’t used to getting Big East wins over the Big East, but the Irish managed the promotion’s required 88 points — plus one more — in an 89-38 defeat of Seton Hall Tuesday night.

It was the ninth time this season No. 8 Notre Dame (21-4, 10-1 Big East) has defeated an opponent by more than 35 points, adding one more to its school record number of routs.

The win came just two days after the Irish struggled to beat South Florida on the road Sunday, ultimately defeating the Bulls 76-68.

After the Irish struggled to beat South Florida on the road, Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins said, “I think this game was somewhat of a statement,” sophomore guard Skylar Diggins said. Diggins paced her team with 18 points in an 89-38 defeat of Seton Hall Tuesday in the Purcell Pavilion.

**No. 25 Notre Dame captures win over No. 39 Wisconsin**

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish (4-2) won a big bounce back match on the road against No. 39 Wisconsin after splitting a decision Sunday.

The Irish started the match off on the right foot by earning the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles. Coming into the spring season Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said the Irish needed to be more consistent in capturing the doubles point.

“We have won the doubles point in six out of our seven matches this season,” Bayliss said. “The only match we didn’t earn the doubles point was against No. 1 Virginia.”

Junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge earned the first doubles victory over Fredrik Ask, and Petr Satral 8-3 at No. 2 doubles.

The senior duo of Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis fell at No. 1 doubles to Marek Michalika and Billy Bertha 8-5.

Junior Casey Watt and freshman Greg Andrews clinched the point for the Irish at No. 3 with a win over Ricardo Martin and Rodney Carey 8-6.

“We played well at two and three doubles tonight,” Bayliss said. “I am still looking for a stronger presence from our No. 1 team. At No. 2 doubles we were able to break a few times early and held the rest of the way through. At No. 3 we broke early and also held a close match.”

The Irish faced tough matches in singles with three going the full distance. No. 164 Watt fell to Michalika at No. 1 6-1, 7-5.

“Watt lost but fought very well throughout his match,” Bayliss said. “He didn’t have his A game tonight, and Michalika played a little too big off the ground for him.”

Davis earned the first Irish win in singles at No. 6 defeating Carey 6-3, 7-5.

Andrews took down Satral 6-2, 7-6 at four singles to complete the Irish 4-2 win.

**Men’s Basketball**

**Irish look for redemption**

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Revenge. No word better describes the theme of the week for Irish coach Mike Brey and the No. 8 Irish as Big East rival No. 16 Louisville comes to town and will battle for second place in what is arguably America’s toughest conference.

After avenging last year’s loss to a previously winless Rutgers squad with a 76-69 win over the Scarlet Knights on Sunday, Notre Dame (19-4, 8-3) looks to add to the injury-plagued Cardinals’ (18-5, 7-3) woes by getting even with the team that tore the hearts out of the Irish faithful in a

**Women’s Track and Field**

**Hirt excels on the track and in the classroom**

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

“Notre Dame Family” may be a familiar idea to students on campus and a favorite catchphrase of the Admissions Office, but for junior Molly Hirt, it might as well be a personal motto.

As a three-time all-state runner at Bloomington North High School in Bloomington, Ind., Hirt knew she wanted to continue her career as a collegiate athlete. As an Indiana native with several relatives as alumni, the decision on where to run was not too difficult.

“Being from Bloomington, I’ve grown up right down the road from here,” Hirt said.

“One of my grandfathers and two of my uncles graduated from here as well, so Notre Dame has always been where I wanted to go.”

Once Hirt arrived on campus, she faced the daunting task of adjusting to college, both on the track and in the classroom as a biological sciences major. She was able to excel in both areas though by forming another tight-knit family with her friends and teammates.

“It was definitely difficult to manage schoolwork and a higher level of training,” Hirt said. “It’s hard to study every night, especially when you need to prepare themselves. It’s about to get a lot tougher, and the last five games