**Hesburgh recalls Peace Corps origins**

By MEGAN DOYLE

On March 1, 1961, University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh encountered two friends as they ran across LaFayette Square in Washington, D.C., to “the boss’ office.”

The two men, Sergeant Shriver and Harris Wofford, were bringing an executive order to President John F. Kennedy for him to approve the creation of a Peace Corps. Kennedy signed the order that day. Tuesday marked the 50th anniversary of the corps’ formation.

“I knew [the Peace Corps] from the beginning,” Hesburgh said on the anniversary. “I was present during the creation.”

Hesburgh and Shriver, the newly appointed director of the program, spent that first evening in 1961 planning the Peace Corps’ first project over the phone. As the anniversary of that initial conversation passed, Hesburgh reflected on the role Notre Dame played in the program’s beginning.

“We trained the first Peace Corps volunteers at Notre Dame that summer in June, July and August,” he said. “In the fall they went down to Chile in a boat and began two years of service.”

Notre Dame has the distinction of being the first Peace Corps that went down to Chile in a boat and social improvement.

“The volunteers spent eight weeks on Notre Dame’s campus, Hesburgh said. They took courses in Spanish, Latin American history, political science and social improvement.

Hesburgh was closely involved with the volunteers as they trained on campus.

“I was their teacher and their mentor because I put the program of training together,” he said. “I met with them every day. I took care of many of their early problems. So I was like the father or counselor for the first Peace Corps volunteers in the world.”

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**ND brain researcher receives NFL grant**

By AMANDA GRAY

The National Football League (NFL) will fund Notre Dame’s chemistry and biochemistry departments to research strokes and other brain injuries, professor Mayland Chang said.

Chang, who has been working on the project for 15 years, studies gelatinase-based brain diseases. Funded in part by the National Institute of Health, the researched treatments are getting close to FDA trials, she said.

Gelatinase is a type of enzyme that breaks down cell walls and can cause tumor metastasis in cancer, as well as problems in traumatic brain injury (TBI), strokes, aneurysms and diabetic.

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**Sprint CEO talks cell service at ND**

By ADAM LLORENS

Mobile carrier Sprint plans to increase the company’s 4G coverage on campus and to introduce a unique Notre Dame Sprint ID Pack, CEO and Notre Dame alumnus Dan Hesse said.

“The company hopes to reach out to students who are either searching for a mobile carrier or who are dissatisfied with their current company, Hesse said.

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IN BRIEF

The seminar “Restricted Latent Class Models for Diagnostic Educational Assessments” will be presented by Alan Hsu, Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 4 p.m. in 129 Hayes-Healy Center. The Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics is sponsoring this presentation.

The distinguished lecture series “Experimentation in Ancient Medicine: Animals and Humans” will be given by Dr. Heinrich von Staden from 4:30 to 5 p.m. in Gedeis Hall. Von Staden is the Professor Emeritus at Princeton University and specializes in the Classics and History of Science.

“Exploring Diversity in Catholicism,” a religious orders panel, will occur tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Bellarmine 129. The Catholic Graduate Community is hosting a panel of priests from several of the religious orders represented at Notre Dame: Holy Cross, Dominican, Franciscan, Jesuit and parish.

Janet Kaplan, the 2011 Sandeen Prize Winner, will give a poetry reading from her book, “Our Lady of the Priests” and “A Philanthropist” tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The reading is free and open to the public.

The free lecture “From War-Making to the Cage of Reason — Two Logics of State-Building in Latin America and Spain” will be given tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Agustin Ferraro, a Visiting Associate Professor from Princeton University, will present the lecture.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews.nd@gmail.com.
The Council of Representatives looked ahead to next year as it discussed pep rallies and the endowment established last semester in memory of Declan Sullivan at Tuesday’s meeting.

Student body president Catherine Soler asked representatives for feedback about the successes and shortcomings of this year’s reformed rallies.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said disproportionate attendance between classes was a recurring problem.

“My really is heavily freshman,” he said. “Is there anything that could entice more upperclassmen who may see the rallies as more of the same. ”

“Usually pep rally attendance comes from Turtle Creek and that direction,” she said. “It’s something to be aware of, that seniors may not show up on time.”

Hall Presidents’ Council co-chair Alexa Doyle said including a new or different feature at each rally could entice more upperclassmen to attend the rallies.

“My really apathetic off-campus friends came for the fireworks, so I think things like that, gimmicks, work,” Doyle said.

“Just make sure each pep rally’s different, that’s the thing,” Burke said. “You go to one and think, ‘Oh, I’m done for the year, I’ve had my fill.’”

This year, Irish football coach Brian Kelly spoke at the dorms that displayed the most spirit at this year’s rallies, Doyle said. “I felt he was not sure if this incentive would continue but believed some sort of similar encouragement would be offered next year.”

“The book drive gives people the chance to donate books and videos that are just collecting dust,” she said. “These books can then be put to use at organizations in need within the community.”

Kornexl said new and used children’s books and videos can be donated to the drive. All of the materials collected will be distributed to local programs such as Head Start, St. Margaret’s House, day care centers and the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

The book drive is sponsored by Saint Mary’s College Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) in conjunction with REAL Services and the Foster Grandparent Program.

Kornexl said the organizers of the drive do not have a specific goal but are grateful for all materials it receives.

Materials can be dropped in the following locations: Madeleva Lounge in Madeleva Hall; the mail room in Spes Unta Hall; the Le Mans Hall Front Desk, Havican Hall and the circulation desk at the Cushwa Leighton Library.

The book drive will continue through March 4.

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By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Members discuss pep rallies, memorial

By ALICIA SMITH
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Saint Mary’s students, faculty and staff reach out to the local community by donating books and videos to the Children’s Book Drive at the College.

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College works with book drive

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The Observer.
Visiting professor speaks on scripture

By Caitlin Housley
News Writer

Sr. Carolyn Osiek, a visiting professor at Texas Christian University, said scripture can shape one's growth in God during a lecture Tuesday at Saint Mary's.

"Scripture and Spirituality: Touching a Finger to the Flame," is a part of the Center for Spirituality's spring lecture series.

"Scripture models and reflects to us how we can be as people of God, as disciples, and as ministers of the Word," Osiek said.

Within models of discipleship, Osiek outlined the concepts of the journey, rootedness and companionship.

"The journey of life is a familiar metaphor which all personal journeys of discovery... journeys from doubt to faith from darkness to light, but how do we handle the constant shift and changes in our life?" Osiek said.

"Rootedness and companionship are both essential aspects of our journey because they provide security and something Osiek considers hard to find in the fast-paced world.

"Osiek also distinguished four major categories of religious vocation: apostle, prophet, priest, and king. "(The apostle) delights in going to new situations and beginning again to share God's love," Osiek said.

"The prophet is the rarest category, she said, yet it has never ceased existing in the church. There are those who see what others have yet to see.

"Prophets have a vision and feel compelled to communicate that vision. But not everyone who feels compelled to communicate is a prophet," she said. "It doesn't work both ways.

"The teacher delights in showing others the way, and the healer delights in making others whole in various aspects of their lives, and repairing damage, she said.

"With all of these models, Osiek encouraged the audience to not just read scripture but to eat it, in the sense of one eating food for nourishment. Digesting scripture, she said, nourishes the Christian life and soul."

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wounds.

Chang's husband, professor Shahriar Mobashery, discovered a compound at the University called SB-3CT that could be a possible treatment for neurological diseases. Mobashery now teaches at North Carolina State.

The SB-3CT compound is an inhibitor triggered by the enzyme thrombin.

Chang said a compound like SB-3CT could help stop brain damage similarly to how it helps stop strokes.

The compound was synthesized more than 450 times to find a way to make it soluble and put it in IV or given to a patient in the form of an injection, Chang said.

If all goes well, the drug could be in use with stroke patients in seven to nine years, Chang said.

"Would this be great to have as an injectable treatment?" she said. "It could be on the sidelines. If you get a concussion, you can get a shot. This is eventually our hope."

The drug is currently used to dissolve clots in ischemic, or clot- forming, stroke patients is tissue Plasminogen Activator, or tPA. Chang said this drug dissolves the clot but increases gelatinase enzymes, which causes hemorrhaging and brain swelling. SB-3CT, if given in tandem with this drug in experiments, has reduced side effects.

Researchers have developed an experimental model to test compounds.

"We're always looking for better ways to do this," Chang said. "Chang, whose son is a competitive snowboarder, witnessed the treatment for TBI when her son had a concussion last year.

"If you have a concussion, they can do cognitive training," she said. "They do simple things. For example, they ask you to list words that begin with the same letter. They also make you count backwards — no physical activity, nothing to rattle your brain. They don't really do anything else."

The research team is currently screening hundreds of toxicity studies done, which will then put the drug into FDA clinical trials, Chang said.

"She said the team hopes the compound will improve emergency response to brain problems."

"Given in an ambulance setting, it would work quickly," she said.

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Sprint

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to show in all of our products," Hesse said. "Unlimited text, surf, mobile-to-mobile calls and various other data features starting at $70 per month is a package no other company can beat."

In addition to improving 4G coverage, Hesse said Sprint is also developing a Notre Dame ID Pack to be released in the spring.

A Sprint ID Pack group applications onto a single device to organize them for a particular user's needs.

"Each mobile marketplace has well over 1,000 apps, so they allow [users] to navigate through all of my apps? presents itself," he said. "To answer this, Sprint has introduced ID Packs which can be customized to whatever one's personal interests may be."

Sprint built ID Packs for companies such as ESPN and Disney in the past.

"Notre Dame will be the first university we will be giving this capability to," Hesse said. "The Notre Dame ID Pack will have everything one may find on the www.nd.edu website, including on-the-go access to an InsideND account, CourseWare files and content on Concours."

Hesse said he hopes to develop ID Packs for Notre Dame athletic teams, alumni and fans as well as for students. The Notre Dame ID Pack will be available exclusively on Android phones or tablets.

"Hesse, a 1975 graduate, said he maintains a strong connection between the University and his company. The company outfitted Irish football coach Brian Kelly with 200 Sprint devices for demo purposes."

Hesse said his experience as a Notre Dame student built the foundation for his company policies.

"Sprint operates on a high level of social responsibility," Hesse said, "because of the ethical principles he learned as a Notre Dame undergraduate." "NewswEEK recently ranked Sprint No. six on their list of the 500 Greenest American Companies," Hesse said. "The next closest mobile carrier was ranked at number 99."

Customer service is also important to the company, he said.

"Sprint's customer service has improved more than any company in any industry," Hesse said. "We were recently ranked on the J.D. Power 2011 Customer Service Champions list."

"The Notre Dame student would use the lessons they learn during their four years at Notre Dame to enter a career field they truly love."

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Jobs

important at Notre Dame, where some students face significant financial burdens.

"Notre Dame is an expensive place to be. Whether people are working for tuition, spending money or any other reason, giving students the best opportunity for employment will definitely benefit the student body," she said. "For something that's this much of a necessity, with such a demand on campus, there should be an easier way for students to find these opportunities."

Bell said campus employment and finding students more than a paycheck.

"Beyond the obvious financial benefits, I think having a job is an important part of being a well-rounded person, especially as we look toward leaving Notre Dame as the most well-prepared people," he said. "This shouldn't be a difficult process."

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Kennedy began the program on "a temporary, pilot basis," in 1961. Fifty years later, 9,655 volunteers are stationed around the world.

"I think it is important to look back on the Peace Corps because it was one of the Kennedy experiments that really stood the test of time and did much good to many people, many nations all over the world," Hesburgh said. "That is not just Peace Corps but that is Notre Dame's mission too. That is why we fit in so well with the Peace Corps. To this day we have people volunteering for Peace Corps.

The University is currently ranked 18th among medium-sized universities producing Peace Corps volunteers.

Hesburgh said the connection between Notre Dame and the Peace Corps runs deep into the University's mission.

"We have a student body that even during college years helps all over the place in social action programs like tutoring or working with the poor," he said. "It is a natural fit with Peace Corps. We have students who are both intelligent and generous, and they are good in languages, and all of that helps with Peace Corps.

Twenty-five Notre Dame graduates currently serve among the 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers around the world. [The Peace Corps] fits in exactly with Notre Dame and its goals. We train people to work for social justice," Hesburgh said. "This was a question of going into an unjust world, a world in economic imbalance between the very rich and the very poor and somehow bridging over and helping the poor move up in life by having better confidence as farmers or workers.

The Peace Corps is currently engaged in 77 countries. Hesburgh said he visited Peace Corps sites whenever possible as he traveled around the world on other business and met many volunteers over the years.

"It was a wonderful feeling of generosity on the part of these young people who were willing to give up two years of their lives after they graduated college," he said. "They could have gone out and made money, and instead they went into the Peace Corps where they made practically nothing but served the poor all over the world."

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Gingrich prepares for likely White House bid

People already know Newt Gingrich. What remains to be seen is whether that hurts or helps him.

The problem for Newt may be that some voters know him too well," said Ed Failor Jr. of the Georgia Republican Party. "They don't think people can get past it, but it's not going to happen overnight. "

However, polls show that Gingrich's image in Iowa has improved since his trips to Georgia last summer and his recent trip to Iowa has put Gingrich in a good position to win the GOP nomination.

Gingrich, 67, is widely expected to take another step toward a run this week. He and his wife, Callista, have scheduled a meeting Thursday with Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, a key supporter. Gingrich's daughter, Andrea, has said the former Georgia congressman will announce the formation of an exploratory committee in the coming days and he expects it will happen in Georgia.

As media attention surrounding the Georgia visit intensified, his spokesman Rick Tyler took pains to suggest that Gingrich was not traveling to the state with the intention to announce that he will form the committee.

The trip is funded by his tax-exempt conservative group America Solutions for Winning the Future, which cannot endorse specific political candidates. Gingrich will hold a media session with Deal following their meeting.

If Gingrich announces Thursday, he would become the first Republican to get into the race, giving him extra time to answer questions about his past and then try to turn the focus toward issues. Media attention and speculation about the trip campaign took pains to separate itself from America group and presidential ambitions resources used via group be used for presidential.

Any doubts that his personal life would flare up were erased during a speech at the University of Pennsylvania last week where a student confront ed him about the affair.

"I've had a life which, on occasion, had problems," Gingrich replied. "I believe in a forgiving God, and the American people will have to decide whether that's their primary concern. If the primary concern of the American people is my past, my candor is will be irrelevant. If the primary concern of the American people is the future... that's a debate I'll be happy to have with your candidate or any other candidate if I decide to run."

Supporters say he must take on his past directly, and quickly.

"I think those questions will be asked," said Iowa House Majority Leader Linda Upmeyer, who is already backing Gingrich. "I think it'd be foolish to think, 'Oh, that was a long time ago, I'm going to go and not think about that.'"

Not everyone is willing to let him off the hook.

"Newt Gingrich's election would send a terrible signal to anyone who's working to live a morally upright life," said Jerry Lucas, head of the Georgia Christian Coalition. "I would find it very hard to vote for him."
Refugees flee violent tumult

**LIBYA**

Indian workers rush to get aboard a ship leaving for Alexandria, Egypt, from the eastern city of Benghazi, Libya, Tuesday.

Associated Press

**YEMEN**

President blames U.S., Israel for recent unrest

**SANAA** — Yemen’s embattled president on Tuesday accused the U.S., his closest ally, of ignoring the mounting protests against him, but the gambit failed to slow the momentum for his ouster.

Hundreds of thousands rallied in cities across Yemen against the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in the largest of the protests of the past month, including one addressed by an influential firebrand cleric, a former ally of Saleh, whom the U.S. has linked to al-Qaida.

“Go on until you achieve your demands,” Sheik Abdul-Majid al-Zindani told tens of thousands of demonstrators in the capital of Sanaa. A former U.S. ambassador to Yemen called al-Zindani’s decision to turn against President Ali Abdullah Saleh a major set-back for the president.

Some warned that the current political turmoil and possible collapse of Saleh’s regime could give a further opening to Yemen’s offshoot of the global terror network, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

The Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, believed to have been involved in the attempted 2009 bombing of an American airliner, is seen as particularly active and threatening in the U.S. Saleh has been a weak but important U.S. ally in the fight against al-Qaida, accepting tens of millions of dollars in U.S. military and other aid and allowing American drone strikes on al-Qaida targets.

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Governor defends budget under Union pressure

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — After focusing for weeks on his proposal to strip public employees of collective bargaining rights, Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday presented his full budget — a plan that cuts $1.5 billion in aid to public schools and local government but avoids any tax or fee increases, furloughs or widespread layoffs.

Walker said the cuts could be paid in part in large part by forcing government employees to pay more for their pension and health care benefits. And the governor whose cost-cutting ideas have stirred a national debate over public-sector unions gave no indication he would soften his demand to reduce their power at the negotiating table.

“This is a reform budget,” Walker told lawmakers inside the Assembly chamber as protesters on the floor below screamed, banged on drums and blew horns. “It is about getting Wisconsin working again, and to make that happen, we need a balanced budget that works — and an environment where the private sector can create 250,000 jobs over the next four years.

Walker’s legislation has drawn tens of thousands of demonstrators to the Capitol over the last three weeks, and tensions were still evident when Walker outlined the budget during a joint session of the Legislature convened under heavy security. Assembly Democrats refused to stand and greet the governor as he arrived to speak.

“It feels like we’re announcing a going-out-of-business sale,” said state Rep. Cory Mason, a Democrat from Racine who criticized Walker’s proposed cuts to education.

Walker’s budget places the “entire burden of Wisconsin’s budget shortfall on our children, our most vulnerable citizens in need of health care and long-term care, and our dedicated public employees,” said Robert Kraig, director of the consumer advocacy group Citizen Action of Wisconsin.

“Doings so is Walker’s own value choice, not an economic necessity focused on him by others,” Kraig said.

The governor released his two-year budget in part to squash the argument that public-worker concessions are essential to confront a projected $3.6 billion shortfall. His proposal to eliminate most collective bargaining remains in limbo after Senate Democrats fled the state to prevent a vote.

Wisconsin “cannot grow if our people are weighed down paying for a larger and larger government, a government that pays its workers unsustainable benefits that are out of line with the private sector,” he said. “We need a lighter and cleaner state government.

By eliminating most collective bargaining, Walker says, state agencies, local governments and school districts will have flexibility to react quickly to the cuts.

Even though Walker isn’t ordering immediate layoffs of state workers, his budget will put tremendous pressure on schools and local governments, which will be asked to shoulder huge cuts without raising property taxes to make up the difference.

Walker’s budget includes a nearly 9 percent cut in aid to schools, which would amount to a reduction of nearly $900 million. The governor also proposed requiring school districts to reduce their property tax base by an average of $550 per pupil — a move that makes it more difficult for schools to make up the lost money.

Additionally, cities would get nearly $60 million less in aid, an 8.8 percent cut, while counties would lose more than $36 million, a 24 percent reduction. They would not be allowed to increase property taxes except to account for new construction.

Walker said that his controls on property taxes would save $736 over the next two years for the owner of a median valued home, at the median price of $161,300.

He proposed a $500 million cut to Medicaid, which would be achieved through a number of changes that include increasing co-payments and deductibles and requiring participants in SeniorCare to be enrolled in Medicare Part D, too.

Walker asked for an $82 million cut in tax credits, including an expanded exclusion for capital gains realized on investments in Wisconsin-based businesses. The Legislature previously approved a cut more than $147 million.

Walker-backed tax cuts that take effect later this year.

The budget also cuts funding at most state agencies, by 10 percent, except for salary and benefits.

He would permanently eliminate 735 positions that have been vacant for more than a year. Some other jobs could be cut, but no widespread layoffs were envisioned. State spending over the next two years would go up by a trifle 1.3 percent.

Walker signed many new laws changes passed by Democrats in recent years.

He wants to undo changes made by Democrats to allow prisoners to earn time off their sentences while incarcerated. Walker would reinstate a truth-in-sentencing law that he sponsored while a member of the Assembly.

He would no longer allow children of illegal immigrants who attend state universities and colleges to pay in-state tuition.

As expected, Walker proposed spending $168 million to create a new Madison campus from the University of Wisconsin system, leaving 12 other campuses in the UWS system three to 13-year-old universities. The system has been ordered to study a similar move for the Milwaukee campus.

Over the next several months, the Legislature will review Walker’s budget and offer revisions, including,人大代表 said, that lawmakers would vote by early summer.

There wasn’t clear when Senate Democrats would return to take up Walker’s budget proposal. Walker said in his speech that their inaction could lead to a lawless lame-duck session to balance the budget, but decisions on whether to cut teachers and other local government employees are not up to Walker.

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House shutdown averted; Gov’t votes for budget cuts

WASHINGTON — The House passed emergency short-term legislation Tuesday to cut federal spending by $4 billion and avoid a government shutdown. Senate Democrats agreed to follow suit, handing Republicans an early victory in their drive to rein in government.

The bill that cleared the House on a bipartisan vote of 335-91 eliminates the threat of a shutdown on March 4, when existing funding authority expires. At the same time, it creates a compressed two-week timeframe for the White House and lawmakers to engage in what looks like a highly contentious negotiation, a follow-up bill to set spending levels through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

The Senate set a vote on the short-term measure for Wednesday morning, the final step before a meeting of President Barack Obama for his signature.

“He will pass this and then look at funding the government on a long-term basis,” said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D Nev.

The White House, which earlier in the day called publicly for an interim measure of up to five weeks, stopped short of saying the president would sign the legislation.

“The President is encouraged by the progress Congress is making towards a short-term agreement,” the White House’s spokesman, Jay Carney, said. “Moving forward, the focus should be on moving forward on a long-term solution that removes the kind of uncertainty that can hurt the economy and job creation.”

House Republicans were more eager to draw attention to the bill that they are passing with the acquiescence of the White House and the Senate rather than to the challenge yet ahead.

Now that congressional Democrats and the administration have expressed an openness to new long-term spending cuts, the momentum is there for a long-term measure that starts to furlough our federal employees in order, said Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

Concerning the fate of borrowing and spending in Washington, I am not surprised, but I am heartened by today’s action and it shows that Republicans have started to make the meaningful changes that voters called for in the last election.

The GOP control of the House and gained seats in the Senate last fall with the backing of tea party activists demanding deep cuts in spending and other steps to reduce the federal govern-
All aboard the bandwagon

It’s that time of year. With the NHL and NBA trade deadlines passed, the playoff races are in full swing. That means one thing: the bandwagon season.

Like many sports fans, I used to hate bandwagoners. It always made me furious when people who knew nothing about a team suddenly became fans when they started winning or the playoffs came around.

This was further amplified two years ago. Being from a Columbus suburb, I am a diehard Blue Jackets fan. My eyes were opened when my family has season tickets, I’ve been to about 150 games, I can name the entire roster — not necessarily those of The Observer.

(A quick disclaimer: I’m not saying that anyone who doesn’t attend any games or doesn’t know every detail is a bandwagoner, as long as they care through the struggles and always have a general idea what is happening.)

After eight years of brutal hockey, they finally qualified for the playoffs in 2009. Naturally, everyone was a Jackets fan. It started in March near the end of the regular sea- son. People that had made fun of me a year prior were now joining me and the other “real” Jackets fan. While I was happy there was a lot of buzz generated, it didn’t set mybtn that people who could only name a few players were acting as if they knew everything about the team. Of course, their playoff games and zero play- off losses are fun, but it was like a bandwagoner, as long as they care through the struggles and always have a general idea what is happening.

But a strange thing happened. With the Jackets in the midst of a playoff run, I felt a bit of a lull in my sports world. So I became the one thing I couldn’t stand: a bandwagoner. But that at time, the NBA playoffs were just underway, and I chose one of the league’s best, the Cleveland Cavaliers, as “my team.” Though I have no connection to Cleveland — and I emphasized that — I’m also a Browns or Indians fan, (Titans and Mets, both long stories) I decided to pull for the home state team. Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen). Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen). Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen).

That experience changed my perspec- tive on bandwagon fans. I realized that it was okay to be one. It could even lead to one following more passionately in the future. A good thing (in a bigger Cavs fan now than when “that one guy” was there. However, a bandwagoner has to know his or her place, which includes not only like he or she knows every- thing about the team or acting like he or she has always been a huge fan. And, of course, the joys of winning will never be as sweet to bandwagoners as those who dealt with the hardships.

With the Jackets in the midst of a play- off race (the Cavs… not so much), I’m sure the entire city of Columbus is start- ing to get used to the idea of winning as two years ago, I now say “hop on.”

Sam Gans

Sports Production Editor

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After eight years of brutal hockey, they finally qualified for the playoffs in 2009. Naturally, everyone was a Jackets fan. It started in March near the end of the regular sea- son. People that had made fun of me a year prior were now joining me and the other “real” Jackets fan. While I was happy there was a lot of buzz generated, it didn’t set mybtn that people who could only name a few players were acting as if they knew everything about the team. Of course, their playoff games and zero play- off losses are fun, but it was like a bandwagoner, as long as they care through the struggles and always have a general idea what is happening.

But a strange thing happened. With the Jackets in the midst of a playoff run, I felt a bit of a lull in my sports world. So I became the one thing I couldn’t stand: a bandwagoner. But that at time, the NBA playoffs were just underway, and I chose one of the league’s best, the Cleveland Cavaliers, as “my team.” Though I have no connection to Cleveland — and I emphasized that — I’m also a Browns or Indians fan, (Titans and Mets, both long stories) I decided to pull for the home state team. Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen). Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen). Plus, they had a superstar with a cool French-sounding first name (he’s no Franzen).

That experience changed my perspec- tive on bandwagon fans. I realized that it was okay to be one. It could even lead to one following more passionately in the future. A good thing (in a bigger Cavs fan now than when “that one guy” was there. However, a bandwagoner has to know his or her place, which includes not only like he or she knows every- thing about the team or acting like he or she has always been a huge fan. And, of course, the joys of winning will never be as sweet to bandwagoners as those who dealt with the hardships.

With the Jackets in the midst of a play- off race (the Cavs… not so much), I’m sure the entire city of Columbus is start- ing to get used to the idea of winning as two years ago, I now say “hop on.”

Sam Gans
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America’s need for unions

When discussing the events revolving around the protests occurring in many state capitols such as Wisconsin and Indiana, there is a need for clarification. Unions in the entirety only represent less than one-fourth of the entire United States workforce. What does this mean? It is false when union workers claim that the bills being discussed in State Capitols, which are restricting or even annihilating bargaining rights, are an assault on the rights of workers. It’s in fact a hyperbole! Doing nothing with respect to the “rights” of the few whose salary increases every year without an end in sight despite what is going on in the rest of the economy is an actual assault on the true workforce of our great nation — small businesses, the backbone of America! If people begin to forget this simple fact and put forward instead the agendas of power hungry unions, then our land of opportunism has converted into the land of crybabies clamoring for what they think is rightfully theirs to keep, or as Friedrich von Hayek coins it, the road to serfdom.

I dare say that without unions, living wages would incrementally rise. With more opportunities for private individuals to invest and improve markets previously dominated by labor unions, such as transportation and public education, efficiency would rise and even more opportunities would reveal themselves. To put this in perspective, the fundamental problem Americans face is the lack of having real choice. Parents can’t choose which public school they want to send their kids to, which is why charter schools are catching on in popularity. Why? Because they offer choice and efficiency, something their public school counterparts lack. With our current system we are under the tyranny of monopolies, and that is why we do not need unions.

Juan Manuel Segura
freson
Fisher Hall
Mar. 1

Prejudice runs deeper

Holden,

I agree that it must be annoying to be assumed to be an athlete (“Non-athlete shirts a reminder,” Mar. 1), but I think that the problem goes deeper than that annoyance. Many people will claim that they make this assumption because such a large percentage of black people at Notre Dame are athletes that it is just statistically probable that you are an athlete, but this is really an excuse.

Our society is accustomed to seeing black athletes on a regular basis, but the majority of our culture is still uncomfortable with the idea of black intellectuals. The roots of this prejudice attach to the connotation one has with black people on campus, their initial reaction is to assume that you are an athlete because they have trouble with the idea that you could actually be intelligent enough to get into Notre Dame without the aid of athletics. It’s not so much active discrimination as acquired prejudice that dominant culture has thrust upon all of us. It is not the fault of anyone exposed to it, but we each have a duty to make a conscious effort to combat those prejudices. To me, the non-athlete shirts symbolize a commitment to that effort.

Alex Andre
sophomore
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Mar. 1

The real kings of the Oscar

With “The King’s Speech” winning three out of the four major awards at the 83rd Annual Academy Awards this past Sunday, the real winners were Harvey and Bob Weinstein, the co-chairmen of The Weinstein Company and founders of new defunct Miramax. Although I wanted “The Social Network” to win Best Picture and David Fincher to win Best Director, I do recognize that “The King’s Speech” was a very well made movie that was headlined by its strong cast. However, the Weinstein brothers once again showed why they are the masters at maneuvering through the politics of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in order to deliver Oscar nominations and wins.

Since 1989, movies produced under companies headed by the Weinstein brothers have been nominated for best picture twenty times, with four of those being wins. Some years they had multiple movies that were nominated for best picture. For example, in 2002, “Chicago,” “Gangs of New York” and “Hours” were all produced by Miramax and nominated for Best Picture, with “Chicago” receiving the golden statue. The Weinstein Brothers have crafted several successful campaigns to win Oscars, but the biggest prize, Best Picture, is something they put all their efforts into.

In 1998, “Shakespeare in Love” beat “Saving Private Ryan” and “The Thin Red Line”— two films that have changed the way war movies are made. For the first time ever a romantic comedy won Best Picture, defeating the legendary Steven Spielberg and one of his masterpieces. Other notable wins include “The English Patient” edging out “Fargo” and “Jerry Maguire,” and “Chicago” prevailing over “The Pianist” and “The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers,” respectively.

Now I am giving these facts in order to illustrate one thing — that the Academy is run by politics and throughout its history has failed to recognize and reward true talent. Alfred Hitchcock, possibly the greatest and most influential director of all time, was nominated for Best Director five times and never won. Stanley Kubrick, another big screen legend, was nominated for Best Director four times and never won. Controversial Best Picture snubs include “2001: A Space Odyssey,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” “Rear Window,” “Vertigo,” “Psycho,” “The Birds,” “Empire Strikes Back” (the best Star Wars movie by the way), “Blade Runner,” “The Usual Suspects” and “Memento.”

Now what does this mean about the Oscars if the Academy has failed to acknowledge truly great films? An Oscar is a meaningless award — the real measure of films is not measured by how many golden statues it wins, but how it changes the medium and is remembered by the audience. Ten years from now I will not remember “The King’s Speech,” but I will remember “The Social Network” and “Inception.” David Fincher and Christopher Nolan will most likely never win an Oscar. The Weinstein Company will continue to produce Oscar bait.

Well, for the Academy? They can keep watching movies that remind them of the Golden Age of cinema for now, the top keeps on spinning and spinning.

Bryan Dimas
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Mar. 1

Editorial Cartoon

Spring Break: a time for shenanigans

Tell us all about your wild plans.
You probably haven’t visited a lot of places on campus. You’ve been to the Grotto, the Hesburgh Library, South Dining Hall and the Main Building. You’ve attended a theatrical performance, gone to hip hop night, seen the Keenan Revue (pre-SAO revisions), eaten at all the campus cafés and attended a Mass in the Basilica.

You think you’ve seen everything worth seeing. But you have probably never been to the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, which houses the spectacular Fritts Organ.

The instrument dominates the room: It cost $1 million and took a year to construct from the wood of a 800-year-old Douglas Fir. The most intriguing part of the room is not the organ’s intricate carvings representing the four elements, or the blue-sheathed lights hanging from the ceiling. It is the small stuffed bird perched on the mantle above the keyboard. It’s like something out of a child’s. "Can you find the objects in this picture?" puzzle.

Can you spot the stuffed animal amidst the shiny golden wood of the organ? And what is a child’s toy doing on this outrageously large and expensive instrument? Craig Cramer, professor of music, said during his first years of teaching, he discouraged his students from improperly saying “et cetera.” During his lectures, he would say, “quack” in the place of “et cetera.” His students picked up on this, and stuffed ducks began appearing everywhere.

The duck that resides on the organ used to perch on the organ in Crowley Hall. After the Fritts Organ was installed, someone moved the duck to the center as a joke, and it has been there ever since. The duck has only been removed on one occasion, during the first student recital when a student couldn’t stand to perform with the duck staring at him.

Across from the organ and its duck is a smaller but far more intricate Italian organ, built in Naples around 1680. This organ is a recent addition to the University, allowing students and guests to perform Italian organ music on an original antique organ. There are fewer than a dozen organs of this type in the United States, making the Italian organ a truly rare gem.

Guest performances by outside musicians are held about three times per year. In March and April, nearly a dozen masters of sacred music graduate students and organ performance undergraduates will perform recitals. Whether one seeks to appreciate fine music or to look for the out-of-place stuffed bird, a performance in the hall is definitely an experience every Notre Dame student should have.

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Keying In: The Reyes Organ and Choral Hall

Photo essay by Suzanna Pratt

The Italian organ
**CLUB SPORTS**

**Men’s volleyball takes third in Indiana Classic**

Women’s hockey drops a pair of close contests to Maulers; cycling finishes first in time trial at contest in St. Louis

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**Special To The Observer**

The Irish opened another record-setting weekend, as they took 3rd place at the 20th annual Blue Chip Invitational. The Irish dominated Saturday’s play, and won their men’s field hockey, bagging Marquette (25-18, 25-22), University of Illinois-Chicago (25-23, 25-21), and Lakeland (25-21, 25-20). After clinching the win, the Irish jumped out to a fast start. Although they wavered in game two, they were able to defeat the Buckeyes in an intense, three-game match (25-20, 26-24, 15-13). The Irish faced off against perennial powerhouse and conference rival UW-Oshkosh in the final two games. Though they wavered in game two, the Irish came back strong in game three, overcoming the Gators.

The Irish competed against a national top-ten tournament as the No. 3 seed Sunday’s tournament play. They determined seeding in the championship. Though the Irish received the No. 24 seed, they wavered in game two, as the Irish came back strong in game three, overcoming the Gators.

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Blue hedgehogs quiver. Yellow flowers spin. Sitting and waiting in the bowl Goofy tinkles blancmanges. Wisdom spreads water. Tears flow freely now. Stuck-up spoons are dumb. Fluffing, stars bounce. She knows he cannot fit through. But I have to pee to get out of bed. I wake reluctant. She dances lithely. Order shall return. I don’t call that love. My life is jello seduction under the moon. She dances lithely. I wake reluctant. Goofy tinkles blancmanges. My life is jello seduction under the moon. She dances lithely. I wake reluctant. Goofy tinkles blancmages. My life is jello seduction under the moon. She dances lithely. I wake reluctant. Goofy tinkles blancmages. My life is jello seduction under the moon. She dances lithely. I wake reluctant.
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Morenco. Golab got right back in his face, but was unable to build on his momentum in his favor despite a strong final series of blows. By the end of the round, both boxers reestablished control over the juncture of their respective body-to-head combinations that left Morenco swinging out of control on the ropes.

Though Golab struggled to land punches initially, he improved on his momentum in the final round by eventually displaying power and precision that finally delivered the decision victory.

182 pounds

Mike “Nobody Puts Baby in a Corner” Urciuoli def. William “The Captain” Paape

The 49-year-old senior Urciuoli opened the fight in the first round delivering a solid right hook to the Sorin sophomore Paape, while also evading heavy hits by slightly leaning back. By the end of the first round, Paape was able to return fire, landing hooks and body shots with both hands. Paape broke away from his almost machine-like defense in the second round, exchanging wild flails with Urciuoli. The match opened up, both finally scoring body rounds, trading exciting rights.

Despite his obvious fatigue, Urciuoli fended off Paape’s numerous lunes in the final stanza and strung together some effective hitting combinations, consisting of right hooks, left hooks and uppercuts. Urciuoli granted the split decision victory to advance to the finals.

Tyler “Tuna” Plantz def. Tom “Son of the Wrecker” Charvet

The freshman Plantz came out strong in the first round, using his speed and low center of gravity to get in close and land a number of hits on Charvet’s head. Charvet, an off-campus junior, played defense, taking a large part of the round, as he clung to the ropes while fending off Plantz’s punches.

In the second round, both sides came out aggressively but both had trouble connecting with any strong punches early. Charvet’s defensive positioning got Charvet up against the ropes once again before landing a powerful punch to Charvet’s opponent’s head.

The third round opened with the two fighters trading punch-es, and Charvet was able to turn the tables as he got Plantz against the ropes. Plantz came back with another series of shots to Charvet’s connect. In a split decision, Plantz earned the victory.

192 pounds

Mike “The Bringer of Rain” Doran def. Alex “The Mac Attack” Hill

In his bout with the Siegfried senior Macomber, the off-cam-pus junior took the win by decision in the first round.

Doran’s quickness and agility allowed him to evade many early jabs from Macomber, controlling the tempo and misses. The second round, highlighted by ducking and dodging, saw the two boxers showcase their defensive skills, blocking each attempted blow and protecting their face. Near the end of the round, however, Macomber was put on the ropes and caught by a blizzard

of punches from Doran, putting him off balance. In the third and final period, Doran chased Macomber around the ring, consistently dropping right jabs along the way. As a result, Doran advanced to the title fight with a unanimous victory.

Bil “The Italian Stallion” Stracca def. Tim “The Block” Wallace

In the first round, Stracca came out swinging and immediately landed a massive punch to Wallace’s head. While Wallace, a Bengal Bouts captain, landed a number of counter jabs to his opponent’s head and body, his technique in contrast to Stracca’s power in the first round.

To begin the second round, both fighters continued to make solid contact as they aimed to land big hits. As the round went on, Stracca managed to connect with a number of big hits to Wallace’s head.

In the final round, Wallace came in on Stracca and threw some quality punches while his opponent showed his fatigue, swinging wildly but failing to connect. Both fighters posted an impressive round against each other in the round exchange, Stracca won the bout in a unanimous decision on the strength of his powerful performance in the opening rounds.

198 pounds

Christopher “Stubs” Sarkis def. Daniel Hyazk

Sarkis announced the winner after Hyazk scratched before the fight.

Daniel Yi def. Brian “Caesar” Sarkis

In the only semifinal of the 198-pound weight class (after Christoper Sarkis advanced without a fight), Salat, a sophomore from Zahm, began by connecting on a strong left jab to the Sorin freshman Yi’s face. Yi retaliated, however, by later landing a right hook to the side of Salat’s head. In the second round, both fighters — who shared an upright stance and style and exchanged a number of body shots before Yi took the upper hand. Yi linked together a powerful combination of left jabs and right hooks to the head. Immediately after the bell rang in the third round, Yi began to aggressively throw punches and landed a couple to Salat’s face. A tired Salat rebounded to force Yi onto the ropes before unleashing a series of right hooks. In what was a very competitive and tight fight, Yi prevailed by split decision.

Heavyweight Division

Kevin Crepeau def. John “The Broker” Baumann

In the opening round, the off-campus senior Crepeau handled the off-campus MBA student Baumann with ease, neutralizing The Broker’s height advantage by hammering away with a barrage of jabs and uppercuts. The Lefty Crepeau also used impactful jabs to stymie Baumann in both rounds. Baumann battled back a little, throwing a large right hook but then leaving himself susceptible to a Crepeau uppercut that sent him reeling into the ropes. Baumann got up and continued fighting until the bell rang. Crepeau drew one last punch just slightly after the bell and Baumann countered with one of his own. The referee separated the two and this time Crepeau set up an intense third round. In the final stanza,

Crepeau delivered vicious combos, landing right jabs and left hooks on the now battered and tired Baumann. Judging that Baumann could not continue the bout, the referee referred the contest one minute into the third round, awarding the semifinal victory to the Bengal Bouts captain Crepeau.

Nathan Arnold def. Joey “The Alabaster Disaster” Hiben

Law student Arnold and off-campus senior Hiben fought straight into the action, trading punches early before Arnold lost his balance and fell to the ground. Hiben established control as he pushed his opponent around the ring with his sweeping left-handed punches, but Arnold countered by landing a few punches of his own in the round.

Arnold carried his momentum into the second round, as he connected with Hiben’s head with a series of powerful punches. Hiben managed to get in a few punches before surrendering control of the round to Arnold, who sent his opponent to the ropes.

In the third round, Hiben was clearly affected by the hits he sustained earlier in the match as his arms hung at his side, leaving his body defenseless to Arnold’s blows. Hiben persisted in throwing punches, but Arnold maintained control as the referee was forced to intervene after a number of times on Hiben’s behalf. Arnold emerged victorious following a unanimous decision.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Diebler leads No. 1 Ohio State to victory

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Jon Diebler had career highs of 30 points and 10 rebounds on Tuesday night and No. 1 Ohio State routed Penn State 82-61 to clinch at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Diebler went 5 of 6 from behind the arc in the first half as the Buckeyes (25-2, 15-1) built a 12-point lead and never let up. The senior’s 10 in a set school record and tied the conference record.

Freshman center Jared Sullinger bullied his way through the lane for 10 points and 10 rebounds — though he wasn’t needed much in the second half with Ohio State leading by as many as 26 points.

The win allowed the Buckeyes to earn at least a share of their fourth conference championship in six years and stay one game ahead of second-place Purdue. Ohio State can claim the conference title outright with a win over No. 10 Wisconsin on Sunday.

Senior Talor Battle scored 18 points in his final regular-season home game for Penn State (15-13, 8-9).

The Nittany Lions fell short of an upset that could have drastically improved their chances of nabbing an NCAA tournament berth. There was so much momentum on campus — the game drew 15,403 fans — the sixth-largest crowd in the 15-year history of the Jordan Center — and a record 50,000 turnout of more than 6,000.

Instead they got to watch Ohio State offset Penn State’s defense in ease in ascending to another Big Ten crown.

After an emotional pregame ceremony honoring the seniors, Penn State never found its footing and didn’t have an answer for Diebler, who finished 10 of 12 from the field, all from 3-point range.

The man some fans call “Shiller” lived up to his nick-name. It didn’t matter if he was wide open. Or fading away from a defender. Or with a bad look at the basket with a hand in face.

With Diebler’s hot hand leading the way, Ohio State shot 55 percent overall, including 60 percent (18 of 30) in the second half.

A 3-minute stretch of the first half exemplified Penn State’s frustrations. Sullinger hit a 2-pointer over Jeff Brooks before William Buford dunked following a steal to make it 22-10. Buford finished with 21 points.

Following a timeout, Battle tried to regain momentum for the Nittany Lions with an acrobatic scoop shot in the lane. But Diebler rushed down on the break for a 3 from the wing to make it 25-12 with about 5 minutes left in the half.

The rest of the game was a mere formality.
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Colin “The Lion” King def. Nicholas “El Toro” Yulan King quickly gained the upper hand in the bout, knocking Yulan around the perimeter of the ring. While King repeatedly made contact with Yulan, most of the blows “El Toro” threw were either off target or easily defended by King. Yulan began the second round with more aggression, and he succeeded in cornering the sophomore King against the ropes. But the momentum quickly shifted again after King hit Yulan with a straight punch and pushed the freshman into a corner. Yulan caught King with a right hook in the final seconds of the second round, but the third round belonged to “The Lion” King, as the sophomore from Sorin deflected all of Yulan’s hits. The bout ended with a missed swipe by King, but the sophomore was still named the winner by split decision.

160 pounds
Robert Powers def. Matthew “It’s Almost Wake Week” LaBrilla Powers began the bout with a barrage of blows to LaBrilla, but the Alumni junior successfully defended himself from the worst of the punishing hits. Powers remained on the offensive for the rest of the round after extricating himself from a potentially dangerous situation in the corner. The senior remained aggressive in the second round, reaching in to deliver body shots to his opponent. LaBrilla, however, waited for the senior to come close before dispensing quick jabs to the aggressor. The fighters appeared to tire in the last round, and though LaBrilla attempted to dodge out of the way of Powers’ swipes, the junior was caught by a knock to the temple. Powers was finally able to land the body shots he had been attempting to dole out earlier in the previous rounds, and the senior was named the victor by unanimous decision.

Ryan Alberdi def. Mark “Ridin’ Solo” Ilando Ilando began the fight in exciting fashion, immediately going on the offensive and backing the sophomore Alberdi into a corner. Alberdi was not intimidated, however, and delivered several body shots as he battled out of the corner. The sophomore then regained a barrage of punches on the senior Ilando before backing away, and Ilando finished the first round with a straight punch to Alberdi’s forehead. Alberdi claimed first contact of the second round with a powerful left hook, and the sophomore batted away most of Ilando’s attempted hits. However, the senior closed out the second round in similar fashion to the first, hitting Alberdi in the face as time expired. Ilando began the third round very aggressively, but his lefts left him vulnerable to blows from Alberdi, and the sophomore was named the winner by unanimous decision.

167 pounds
Brian “Yeah, Cool Beans” Salvi def. Richard “Mr. Glass” McAvoy The experience accompanying the two law students in the ring was evident from the outset, with good pacing and controlled jabs from both sides. Salvi looked for openings to be aggressive, but McAvoy managed to keep his composite and avoid any serious blows. Salvi got rolling in round two as he landed two forceful blows to the head. Though McAvoy gathered himself and attempted a comeback, Salvi had already established control. With a combination of alternating head and body shots, Salvi continued to gain ground on McAvoy in the final round. The remaining minutes of the fight were tense as Salvi tried to land a few knockout punches, but McAvoy managed to evade the knockout despite some impressive hits by Salvi.
In a controlled fight between the two strong fighters, Salvi’s decisive punches gave him the split decision victory.

Jake “One Blow” Joe def. David “Mountain Man” Cray Both fighters emerged energetically out of the gate in this New Jersey-New York battle. A series of quick jabs and quick footwork characterized the first round, as both Joe and Cray looked for an opportunity to gain an edge. As they danced around the ring, both Joe and Cray displayed their defensive skills. Cray attacked his opponent’s body and was able to land a series of punches before Joe came back swinging hard at his opponent’s head.
In the third round, Joe had clearly mustered enough energy to control the bout, as he fought his way out of a corner early with a series of punches before the two got tangled up. He continued fighting after his opponent, who appeared significantly worn down by the final bell.
In the end, the Empire State won the day as Joe danced his way to victory in unanimous fashion.

170 pounds
Greg Bennett def. Connor “The Skeleton” Skelly What Bennett shook off in height he made up for in intensity, as he attacked Skelly from the first bell. The rest of the first round saw a bit of a stand-off as the two juniors demonstrated control and discipline.
The second saw more of Bennett’s fervor. Used to having height advantage to repeatedly pelt Skelly with a flurry of low jabs to the body, Skelly parried effectively to fend off the attacks, and even landed a couple of right hooks to Bennett’s head in the middle round.
In the third, Skelly appeared tentative and remained on the defensive, though Bennett’s persistent attacks had slowed down slightly.
In a display of passionate determination, Bennett earned the victory in a split-decision manner.

Nick Severn def. Robert “I’m all jacked up on Mountain Dew” Manfreda The bout opened with both fighters displaying a methodical and careful strategy in their offensive efforts. Both fighters were blocked well, with the only significant exchange coming as Severn threw a blow to the body of Manfreda, who threw one to the head of Severn.
In the second round, Severn mounted an aggressive attack at the sound of the bell. By the end of the round, Severn had asserted his power with his carefully timed punches, one of which knocked Manfreda to the floor.
The fighters traded jabs in the final round, and Severn was able to land a few upper cuts before the two settled down to finish out the contest.
Severn’s second round assertiveness and careful decision-making on offense earned the senior the unanimous victory over the sophomore.

176 pounds
Bernardo “Blue” Garcia def. Giacomo Minafra It was an exciting fight from the outset, as Garcia began by alternating between head and body punches before Minafra eventually forced him back with a head shot. Garcia utilized his height advantage to aim low and then land a huge blow to Minafra’s head.
The intensity increased in round two as Garcia and Minafra continued a back-and-forth tussle. Eventually, Garcia managed to hold his stance and land a few massive punches that pinned Minafra against the ropes and almost out of the ring.
The final round began with as much excitement as the previous two, as Minafra landed a forceful blow that initiated a countdown for Garcia. Minafra put forth a valiant effort to regain his ground and at one point pinned Garcia against the ropes, but Garcia remained composed.
In a close contest between two aggressive fighters, Garcia pulled out the split-decision victory to send Minafra home.

Dominic “Warsaw Warhammer” Golab def. Adrian “Yo Adrian” Moreno Golab and Moreno started off strong at the outset of the opening round, trading punches as they danced around the ring. Golab was struggling to land a few big swings, while Moreno struggled together a couple combinations to end the first round.
Like the first, the second round was a back-and-forth affair that included several momentum changes as both fighters displayed quickness and aggressiveness.
In the last round of the third round, Golab came out strong with a flurry of punches that put Moreno in a bind. Golab got back in
punches landed. In the end, the judges ruled that Seim just edged Becker, giving him the split decision victory.

Jack “Rico Suave” Lally def. Daniel Rodriguez

Rodriguez attempted to do much in the first round, with each fighter taking a clear-cut strategy. Toward the end of the round, both fighters landed a series of punches, with the sophomore Lally using agile footwork to evade the freshman Rodriguez and landing a strong punch. The second round began with neither fighter attempting to attack too much. That cautious phase didn’t last long, however, as Rodriguez unleashed a series of punches. Lally responded strongly, utilizing both jabs and uppercuts toward the end of the round. Unlike the first two rounds, the third round began with Lally and Rodriguez coming out aggressively. Lally landed a heavy uppercut early and Rodriguez responded with a series of hard jabs. Toward the end of the round, however, Lally gained the upper hand, knocking Rodriguez to the ropes with a series of punches as Rodriguez fatigued. The late push was enough to give Lally the split decision.

143 pounds

Brett “Italian Ice” Sassetti def. Christopher “Sparta Hands” Torres

Sassetti came out aggressive, while Torres attempted a defensive approach early. This allowed Sassetti to take the early lead, as he knocked Torres to the ropes on two separate occasions. Both freshmen attempted an attacking approach in the second round. Sassetti was able to knock Torres to the ropes again, but Torres landed a hard jab and hook. When the round resumed, Sassetti was able to gain control again, landing some more punches. Each fighter came out aggressively in the third round. Torres used a series of jabs and hooks, while Sassetti used a number of uppercuts and punches. In the end, Sassetti leveraged his early advantage to earn a unanimous-decision victory.

Will “The Thrill” Peterson def. Kevin “Get’ Er Done” Dunne

Both the freshman Peterson and the sophomore Dunne came out aggressive early on. Each fighter threw a number of violent punches in attempts to gain the early upper hand. In the second round, the aggressiveness continued. Both fighters used a number of uppercuts and hooks to try to gain control. Near the end of the round, Peterson landed a hard right hook, and Dunne countered with a strong punch to Peterson’s headgear. Early in the third round, Peterson was able to push Dunne back against the ropes, with a series of combinations. Dunne responded landing some hooks towards the end of the round. Peterson ended the round strong, taking control and earning the unanimous decision.

148 pounds

Kevin Ortenzio def. Brian “The BK Special” Koeppel

The senior Koeppel took a cautious approach early, mak-
would play here] when I was a kid I wouldn’t have believed it. I think it probably makes my mom proudest of anything, to be honest. She still can’t believe it.

Doyle grew up as a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. Despite the organization’s oft-talked about “wait ‘til next year” mentality, Doyle said he grew up idolizing a Cubs role model who played middle infield, before looking up to a Yankee infielder.

“[He always was a short- stop growing up. It’s funny, the first game that I played at another position was at third base the first game of my freshman year here,” Doyle said.

“I’m a huge Cubs fan, so [former Cubs second baseman] Ryne Sandberg was a huge role model for me.”

“[His career was winding down] and [Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter] was on the rise, so I started following his example. Jeter’s a winner man, and that’s what it’s all about.”

As a captain last season under former Irish coach Dave Schrage, as well as that team’s under newly hired coach Mik Aoki, Doyle and fellow co-captain, senior Brian Dupra, are charged with ushering in a new era of Irish baseball. Doyle said the attitude around the program has changed already.

“I think the energy level is a lot higher around here,” he said. “I think there’s a lot more focus. It’s definitely a lot different — it’s hard to put into words.”

How well the team rebounds from a disappointing 22-32 record in 2010 will likely determine Doyle’s success as a captain. Doyle said he adjusted his leadership style to help create a winning atmosphere on the team this season.

“Last year I was a captain as well. It was a little bit different,” Doyle said.

“I think I get away from my teammates a little bit. This year the focus is just on being one of the guys. I think it’s more important to have the guy next to you back. I think the biggest thing I’ve learned is that it’s not necessarily what you say — it’s all about your actions. People listen to you if you do things the right way.”

In his final season in an Irish uniform, Doyle looks to pick up his offensive numbers from where they left off at the end of the 2009 season, a year in which the then-sophomore hit .318 with 31 runs batted in. Doyle’s numbers dipped in 2010 as he hit .228 and drove in 22 runs in 180 at-bats.

Though he said he hasn’t been happy with his initial offensive numbers, including a .167 batting average during Notre Dame’s 3-3 start, Doyle’s goals for the season sounded eerily like something his Irish would say.

“Just want to win,” Doyle said with a smirk. “That’s all that matters.”

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Junior Eric Ringel carries the pack during a 3-2 loss to Alabama-Huntsville on October 9, 2009. After sustaining a concussion last season, Ringel is now an assistant coach for the Irish.

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“[The doctors] said the brain hadn’t healed completely and that the stress I put on my body from the cardio kind of set me back.”

In July, with concussion symptoms still lingering, Ringel returned to the specialist, who did not give him clearance to return to competitive hockey. At that point, Ringel said he and Jackson decided he would medically disqualify, ending his Notre Dame career.

While most players would be devastated by this news, Ringel said the time off allowed him to prepare mentally for the potential end of his playing days.

“When I went back up to Ann Arbor that time and the decision was kind of made, I was pretty okay with it,” he said.

“The pros still outweigh the cons in terms of what I went through in December and January, and I was all right with that.”

A few days later, Ringel said Jackson called him about the possibility of staying on the team as an undergraduate coach. After approval from the Athletic Department, Ringel was officially hired.

Ringel said Jackson gave him two options: He could either put hockey behind him or stay involved with the team as a coach. For Ringel, the choice was easy.

“Moving on never really crossed my mind,” he said. “I love the sport too much. I still go out there and try and do as much as I can with drills or messing around after practice. I was thankful that there was a future for a position, and even if there wasn’t I’d probably still just be hanging out at the rink anyway.”

Now, Ringel is a kind of liaison between the players and coaching staff, communicating when players are tired, upset or just bugged down with schoolwork.

Jackson said he always appreciates Ringel’s input.

“He gives me insights because he does care,” Jackson said. “He’s invested in the program, and I think it’s great for him to be part of the team and he’s been helpful to the coaching staff.”

On the other end, Ringel said the coaches have been just as helpful to him, teaching him what he’s out of what it takes to be a successful coach at the Division I level.

“I didn’t think there was really anything to coach. I was like, ‘Oh you just put guys out there and they make you look good,’ ” Ringel said.

“But there’s a lot that goes into it. From breaking down other teams and what would work against them, what doesn’t work against them. Even just setting rules and guidelines for your team to follow, not even just on-ice stuff but off-ice stuff, and just maintaining a good balance.”

At practices, Ringel’s role is relatively straightforward.

“Some days he’ll let me get dressed and run the mock power play,” Ringel said with a smile. “But that’s only been like three times this year.”

As part of his new role, Ringel is still just one of the guys.

A month ago, after a 6-1 loss to Ohio State, Notre Dame’s seniors called a players-only meeting. Ringel said he was present at the meeting, but didn’t relay its proceedings to the coaches.

“As much as I am a coach in title, I still feel like I’m more part of the team than the coaching staff,” he said.

After he graduates, Ringel, a finance major, said he wants to take some time off, but that coaching could be his future.

“As much as I love the game, not playing hockey has kind of opened my eyes to a lot of other things,” he said. “I spent the last 12 years of my life have been pretty much dedicated to it and I would like to maybe try some other things that I haven’t really done. I know that if that doesn’t work out for me I could always come back to coaching in the future.”

Ringel said he still feels the lingering effects of his concussion today, and said he gets headaches occasionally when he gets his heart rate up. But when asked if he felt any resentment towards the Miami player who ended his career, he said he’s in part of the sport he still loves.

“You can’t be mad about it,” he said. “Everyone’s hit someone in an awkward position, everyone’s been bit. My case is just one of the things where I didn’t recover from it and you can’t do anything about it, you just kind of go with it.”

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have anyone to relate to." McNamara echoed the sentiments of his coach, but said there are positive aspects of being the only freshman on a veteran squad. “I was intimidated when I first got here, a little on edge because everything was so new,” he said. “I didn’t know where to go to work out or who to go with. I did my best to get to know the older guys, but they were traveling a lot. I ended up just working really hard on my game late at night.” McNamara also worked on building strength to complement his technical work. Kubinski said his work in the weight room has paid dividends. “Physically, he’s gotten better,” Kubinski said. “He’s worked hard with our strength trainers, and over the summer he trained religiously. He came back hitting the ball 25 yards longer, which is huge.” This combination of improved skills and increased strength catapulted McNamara into the top five of the Irish lineup during the fall season. The work he got at the numerous warm-weather invitations last semester has provided him with an invaluable experience, Kubinski said. “The confidence he took from playing in the fall, stemming from multiple under-70 rounds, has made a difference,” Kubinski said. “Paul has really blossomed this year.” A far cry from his earliest memories as a member of the Irish team, McNamara said he has developed a chemistry with his teammates both on and off the course. “The team dynamic this year is better than last year’s,” McNamara said. “We have a very tight-knit group of guys. We hang out off the course and we try to be positive and help each other out at practice.” Should Notre Dame advance in the NCAA tournament this year, McNamara said his early trials should play an important role. “I think things happen for a reason, and maybe that happened for a reason,” he said of his one-man class. “I’m playing well now, and I have been for a little while, and that I think it’s possible that could be a reason.” Contact Cory Bernard at cbernard@nd.edu

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paid off, as she currently boasts the best times of any Irish swimmer this season in both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. “I trained with Westmont Swim Club this summer, and my coaches really focused on the technique of my strokes to prepare me for my freshman year at [Notre Dame],” Ryan said. “I think I improved most in my training this year. This year I trained faster and more than I ever had before, so it definitely contributed to me success at the end of the season. Being able to be on relays with the fastest girls on the team was really exciting for me and pushed me to train harder and swim faster for the team.” Ryan credited her teammates for teaching her the importance of having fun and improving at the same time. “I have definitely learned from all of my teammates. They’ve taught me how to be a good teammate and how to really have fun with swimming while working hard,” Ryan said. “I spent a lot of time this year training with [sophomore] Kim Holden and [junior] Amy Prestinario. Both of them are really great to train with because they are hard-working and have positive attitudes.” Despite Ryan’s improvement this season, Holden said she believes she has the potential to become an even better swimmer. “It’s been an amazing experience training with Kelly this year. She brings so much energy to our practices and she pushes me every day we’re in the water together,” Holden said. “I was blown away by her swim at the end of this season, and I know she has a lot more in her. I am so excited to train with her these next couple years and see where she can go.” Ryan, who hails from Hinsdale, Ill., played a huge role for the Irish in the Big East championships, recording first place in the 100-yard freestyle, while her 400-yard freestyle relay team stole first place from Louisville by .23 seconds. Senior co-captain Kellyn Kuhlke said Ryan’s hard work in practice has paid off at crunch time. “Being a freshman, at her first conference meet she was nervous, but had no trouble stepping up and getting the job done because she competed every day in practice,” Kuhlke said. “A lot of people on our team were calling her the best kept secret in the Big East because she got to the meet, rocked her first swim and never looked back.” Kuhlke echoed many of her teammates, pointing out that Ryan is an example of practice really leading to perfection. “Kelly is a really hard worker and very unassuming. She competes in practice every day, which definitely pushes people and brings out healthy competition on our team,” Kuhlke said. “On top of that, she is always having fun and has a smile on her face. She is a great team-mate and makes working hard a lot of fun, especially now seeing where she has gotten her.” Ryan will find out Wednesday whether or not her hard work has earned her a trip to the NCAA championships, which take place March 17-19 in Austin, Texas. Contact Megan Golden at mgolden10@saintmarys.edu

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Boxers compete for coveted spot in finals

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134 pounds

Niels Seim def. Joe "Sweet Cheeks" Decker

Secker got off to a great start against his fellow sophomore Decker, landing a series of punches early. As the first round continued, however, Decker knocked Seim against the ropes with a flurry of combinations. Decker began the second round strong, utilizing a strong jab followed by a right hook multiple times. Later in the round, Seim responded, unleashing a series of punches. The third round was another even round. Both Seim and Decker have been strong fighters this season with a combined record of 14-1-1.

HOCKEY

Ringel makes transition from player to assistant

By SAM WERNER

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The Irish hockey roster lists junior Eric Ringel as an "undergraduate, student assistant coach," but the former Irish defenseman's role is a bit simpler than that.

"I'm kind of the midway point between a player and a coach," Ringel said.

Ringel joined the Irish coaching staff this season after a concussion cut his career short. Even though he can't be out on the ice, Ringel said he was part of the team all that mattered.

"I think the biggest thing I would have missed from playing is being around the team and the ins and outs of every day," Ringel said. "[In] the position I have now, I still get to do that, so the transition hasn't really been that tough."

Ringel had just worked his way into the regular lineup in December 2009 as the Irish went on the road to take on then-No. 1 Miami (Ohio) in a two-game series. Midway through the first period of the second game, Ringel was ran into the boards from behind by a RedHawk player and left the game. He was diagnosed with a concussion and said the next few weeks were a struggle just to stay focused.

"I kind of had a couple weeks where I didn't really function too well," he said.

In the spring, Ringel began trying to work himself back into shape and said doctors encouraged him to test his limits. But then Ringel suffered another concussion, "at first it was pretty tough." Ringel said. "I'd never been out of hockey for an extended period of time other than breaking a bone. When it got to two or three months, it was like, 'Am I ever going to play again?'"

BASEBALL

Doyle leads Irish by example

By CHRIS ALLEN

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As a kid who grew up in Chicago with parents, aunts and uncles who have attended Notre Dame for generations, Irish senior shortstop and second-year captain Mick Doyle is truly living out one of his dreams.

"My dad and my whole family are all about Notre Dame, pretty big on Notre Dame. I've been coming to football games here since I could walk, and probably even before then," Doyle said. "I was always a huge Notre Dame fan. If you would have told me that I

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Ryan excels during first season for ND

By MEGAN GOLDEN

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Senior shortstop Mick Doyle attempts to complete a double play during a 9-8 win over Rutgers on April 9, 2010.

Ryan excels during first season for ND

Transferring to college classes and meeting new friends — while working hard every day in practice — has challenged freshman Kelly Ryan in her first year on the Irish squad.

Balancing Notre Dame academics with Irish athletics proved to be difficult at times for Ryan, but she used her experience from Fenwick High School to help manage her time.

"I think a lot of the lessons I learned earlier in my career were valuable this year," she said. It was definitely important to have the determination and time management skills that I learned before coming to college. It is definitely hard to balance the academic, athletic and social parts of life during the season.

"I try to not get too stressed out about school, and swimming helps me to take my mind off of it for a little while." Learning to have fun with her friends during practice has made Ryan's transition much easier to endure.

"Making friends with the girls on the team has made my first season at Notre Dame so much fun," she said. "They help me to put my school and swimming stresses to the side and just have fun."

Ryan's training has certainly