Students face breakfast decision

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

A battle of the bagels commenced on Jan. 22 when popular chain Einstein Bros. opened a location on South Bend Avenue, just a few doors down from local establishment Studebagels.

Merry Smith, owner of Studebagels, said business has held steady since Einstein Bros. opened.

“It’s only been a month or so, but we really haven’t seen a difference yet,” she said. “We looked at last year’s numbers from the same time and we’re about identical.”

Smith said this is not the first challenge Studebagels has experienced in 18 years of business. She said the company continues to focus on producing the best product.

“There actually have been a couple of different bagel shops around, and a lot of places offer bagels, but nothing has opened this close,” Smith said. “We just roll with what we know. We try to do the best we can.”

Smith said rather than view Einstein Bros. as detrimental to Studebagels’ business, she sees a chance to improve her restaurant.

“I think it will make us even better. Competition is always good,” she said. “We may have to step up our game a little bit, and do some different things.”

Business has started strong for Einstein Bros., owner Michael Newton said.

“[Business has been] good, very good,” he said. “We have been fortunate so far.”

[Notre Dame students] are a big part of our business. We look for everyone in the community, including Notre Dame students and local college students.”

Einstein Bros has offered coupons on campus in addition to giving away free breakfast sandwiches for a year to their first 100 customers, Newton said. He said these promotions have helped draw students to the restaurant.

“The redemption rate has been quite impressive,” Newton said. “It definitely has been nice to see the kids come in and use those coupons. I think they have been quite happy so far.”

College students will remain a big part of business once the coupons expire, Newton said. He said drawing in customers initially was important to introducing the Einstein Bros. experience.

“I think this was a great way to introduce ourselves to the community and say, ‘Hey, we’re in town. Why don’t you come in and let us take care of you.” Newton said. “Hopefully they like the product and they’ll come in again, with or without a coupon.”

Smith said she estimates 30 percent of Studebagels customers are Notre Dame students. In addition to a 10 percent student discount, she said the warm atmosphere of Studebagels draws the college crowd.

“Some of the kids who come by at night to see the bagels made, I have become friendly with or 57.42 percent, of the votes, or 57.42 percent, of the votes, while the opposing ticket won 350 (42.58 percent) of the votes.

The Judicial Council reported 822 total votes, and 50 voters abstained from choosing a particular ballot.

Huntington and her ticket defeated Parker King, Ben German, Alicia Elliott and Brinya Bjork to win the election.

Huntington said she was excited for the ticket to assume their positions.

“In our campaigning, we really came together as a team and saw who worked where best,” she said. “We have a really good idea of what we want to do and how we want to do it.”

“We want to do some small events to get our class ready to move off campus,” she said.

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By AMANDA GRAY
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Ohio man drinks beer during DUI stop
ELYRIA, Ohio — Police in northern Ohio say a man who was asked during a traffic stop whether he’d been drinking took a swig from an open can of beer and told the officer, “Yes.”

The police report says 25-year-old Stephen Supers was pulled over early Wednesday because the officer had observed him speeding. The report says that after Supers took the top from the front of the officer he failed a series of field sobriety tests.

Super is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday on charges including driving under the influence, driving under suspension and possession of marijuana.

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Ferris wheel to be built on Las Vegas Strip
LAS VEGAS — A 500-foot Ferris wheel to be built on the famed Las Vegas Strip, opposite the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino.

If built, it would be the third-tallest Ferris wheel in the world and, at 500 feet, would be the maximum allowed by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The site is less than half a mile from McCarran International Airport, where more than 35 million passengers land every year.

Developer Howard Bullock got the green light for the project from Clark County commissioners on Wednesday.

IN BRIEF
Friday at 3 p.m. in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, relay for life is holding an event. For $3 a yard, you can tape Bayne Christ to a wall. Also, the RecSports interns will be reviewing pies in the face for $1. All proceeds benefit relay for life.

The Academy Award winning film, The Fighter starring Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Amy Adams, will be shown Friday in DeBartolo Hall at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The cost is $3.

Saturday at 6:30 p.m. the film Strong Bodies Fight, will make its midwest premiere, in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film is a documentation about Bengali Bouts, an 81 year old Notre Dame tradition. Director William Donaruma 1989, Producer Mark Weber, 2009, and Cinematographer John Klein, 2006, will all be at the premiere. The cost is $3.

Saturday at 7 p.m., the Collegiate Jazz Festival will be held in Washington Hall. Students get in for free. The concert will feature bands from Alma College, Central Michigan University, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Missouri St. Louis and Bowling Green University.

Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Lewis Hall is hosting LHOP: Lewis Hall Pancakes. For $3, all the pancakes you can eat will be available in the Lewis Hall kitchen. All proceeds will be given to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. The event runs until Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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College students to perform two operas

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College will look to the right note this weekend as six students perform two short operas this weekend. The performances of "The Old Maid and the Thief" and "The Telephone," both by Gian Carlo Menotti, will showcase the talents of students involved in a one-credit opera workshop, associate professor of music Laurel Thomas said. "In the semesters we do opera workshop, students can receive one credit for taking the class," she said. "The term 'opera workshop' is used quite loosely, in the sense that we might do a one-act opera in its entirety, or we might do several scenes from different operas, which is how the term is usually used." Thomas said the College presents a staged musical performance each year within the music department, with the exception of every fourth year, where the College teams the music and theatre departments to create a full-length musical. "Every fourth year we do a large musical together," she said. "We are currently in discussion about doing a smaller musical every other year, and we tried this last fall when we collaborated to produce 'Into the Woods' by Stephen Sondheim."

The operas will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre in Moreau Hall. Tickets are free for students and cost $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and $8 for faculty and staff of the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

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Election

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She said these events might include a presentation from a South Bend law enforcement officer about local rules that might affect students.

The ticket said they plan to host events to bring their class together during their last year at Notre Dame. Huntington said they would host a networking barbecue at the beginning of the fall semester and a senior tailgate, as well as smaller events at local restaurants. While the results of sophomore and junior class council elections were released Wednesday evening, the results of the senior class council election were held until Thursday due to an alleged violated of campaign rules. An allegation was made against King and his running mate German, Elliott and Bjork. The ticket sent a campaign e-mail using a dorn listers, according to a Judicial Committee press release. The student body constitution forbids the use of listers in campaigning.

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Parker King
Senior class presidential candidate

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King said he felt the winning ticket would be a successful in their term. "It is an earlier case of a problem we still have today — technology getting in the way of true communication," Thomas said.

The plot of "The Old Maid and the Thief" reflects the history of 1930s — the era in which it was written. "The Old Maid and the Thief" reflects Menotti's view of this town and its inhabitants," she said. "Though it is a comedy, the female roles in this opera are not necessarily all likeable. It was the first opera written for radio broadcast, another indication of its era."

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The Election Committee decided Wednesday night to invalidate eight votes, or roughly ten percent of the rising seniors living in the hall in question, that were cast for King's ticket. The ticket appealed the sanction, and the Election Committee met late Thursday evening to review the appeal. Vice president of elections Michael Thomas said the Election Committee reviewed the appeal and decided to change the sanction.

"They must apologize to the other ticket in the runoff election for the violation of section 17.1(e) of the Student Union constitution prior to the results being announced," Thomas said. "The ticket must also attend a Knott Hall government meeting at the end of the week for the misuse of the Knott Hall e-mail list.

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entirely student-run festival. “When we ask former judges why they like coming to this festival, the most common answer is because it’s student-run,” Dwyer said. “It’s really unique that there’s not some professional guy telling them what to do, and they love working with excellent college musicians to get a chance to impart their expertise and methods to them.”

Festival co-programmer senior Therese Gildner said that class professional talents who judge the festival each year amaze her. “It always fascinates me to see how many family and jazz musicians have been judges in past years,” Gildner said. “It’s a really cool aspect of the festival.”

Although the festival is non-competitive, the judges provide detailed critiques and scores for each band, including clinics immediately following their performances. Dwyer said Judges also perform at the festival each year. And this year’s “Judges’ Jam” will feature the Grammy-nominated Clayton Brothers. Among the groups performing over the weekend are the University of Notre Dame Jazz Band I, the University of Illinois Concert Jazz Band and the Alma College Percussion Ensemble. The festival will also feature the University of Western Ontario Jazz Ensemble, marking the first performance by an international band in the festival’s 23-year history, Dwyer said.

For the first time Notre Dame’s Jazz Band I will perform a song with the Voices of Faith gospel choir. Dwyer said Sophomore jazz vocalist Allison Jeter will also perform with the Notre Dame ensemble.

Gildner said she is excited to hear her peers perform a wide variety of jazz music at the festival. “The Alma College Percussion Ensemble will open the show on Friday, and they have a uniquely unique sound that you don’t usually hear in jazz,” Gildner said. “They use steel drums and several other percussion instruments, and sometimes they use string bows on their marimbas, so it’s really cool.”

Dwyer said he hopes the high caliber of this year’s performances will draw a large number of students to the festival, in spite of what may be an unfamiliar genre. “A lot of people don’t know a lot about jazz, so if they come to the festival, they might not know what they’re going to hear,” Dwyer said. “But it’s always an exciting show because every band comes to the festival with their killer stuff, and students get to hear their peers play at a high level.”

Gildner said she hopes the festival will help introduce her classmates to a genre of music they are not used to listening to. “We want to get more students involved with the festival because there’s a generation gap with jazz,” Gildner said. “It’s a great art form, so it’s cool to have the opportunity for students to experience it on campus.”

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Washington Hall. Admission is free for all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students, but advanced tickets are available by sending the LaFortune Student Center box office. For the general public tickets are $5 per night or $8 for both nights. An individual ticket is required for each night of the festival.

Panel discusses sustainability in cities

By REBECCA MORIARTY News Writer

South Bend and the University of Notre Dame must work with individuals to become more sustainable, members of the Sustainable Cities Panel determined.

Students for Environmental Action hosted the event Thursday. Officer for Students for Environmental Action Regina McCormack said citizens hold the key to improving sustainability. “We often talk about what cities can do to be more green, but today we want to extend the conversation to what individuals can do,” she said.

Director of the Office of Sustainability Heather Christophersen said sustainability is an integral part of Notre Dame’s mission. “It is important to our Catholic faith,” she said.

Christophersen said the program will help introduce her classmate to a genre of music they are not used to listening to. “We really appreciate that impart some expertise and methods to them.”

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pushed forward and tried to host the event in February,” he said.

The Fair was postponed for more than a month until Thursday, when it ran from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Heritage Hall. The Diversity Reception ran from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Monogram Room. Monahan said it was the first time in his 10 years with the Career Center that a career fair had been postponed.

“As early as Monday of that week, we had received news of thousands of flight cancellations and anticipated shutdowns of major highways. Postponing the fair was the right decision as the well being of students, staff, and employers was our top concern,” he said. Within 24 hours, we had already rebooked the Joyce Center and started communicating details to companies and students about the new date.”

With the extra time the Career Center was able to keep the majority of the original firms set to attend while bringing in fewer more companies, including Land’s End, Chrysler and Friday, Monahan said. 104 firms were in attendance Friday, and firms also adjusted on-campus interview schedules during February and March.

“Some firms kept their original on-campus interview dates while others pushed back until after the fair,” he said. “Overall, spring on-campus recruiting is up about 25 percent from last year.”

Junior Rachel Chalich said she has been to every Career Fair while attending Notre Dame, except while she was abroad last semester.

“I think that there were just as many students at the fair today as there have been in past years,” she said. “It seemed like there were fewer employers, but the event was logistically set up differently, so it is really hard to be certain.”

Chalich said her biggest worry about the Career Fair being pushed back was the availability of positions.

“If those in attendance, I am curious as to how many actually had jobs and internships available or if those positions had already been filled,” she said. “I was fortunate enough to not be unfazed by the change in date. My recruiters still kept on the same schedule; they didn’t say I don’t have the Career Fair as a resource.”

Monahan said this is not the first time the Career Center has held an employer fair in March. As of 10 years ago, the Career Center hosted a career fair in January and a separate internship fair in March.

“Taking feedback from students and employers, we decided to move to one fair during the spring semester,” Monahan said. He said the Career Center enrolls around 2000 students attended, which is typical for on-campus career fairs.

“I anticipate more first years and sophomores attending than in the past in order to begin their career search efforts,” he said.

Monahan said he began using the Career Fair as a freshman.

“I think we saw a lot of people come to the work they do, and then you talk to friends who go to other schools and they say the ‘Career Center’ is one person behind a desk,” she said. “The staff at the Career Center know their employers, they know the employers, and they know the steps needed to get you where you want to go.”

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**Food & Drink**

**Studebagels is what draws local businesses**

“I think the [goal] of every restaurant is to execute well. Not everyone does that, but we have consistent, excellent service.”

Michael Newton
Einstein Bros. Bagels

“I think it is all the little touches that local businesses can add to things, unlike corporate chain-type of atmosphere,” she said.

Despite what Studebagels offers, Spiewak said Einstein Bros. poses a difficult challenge for the locally owned business.

“Studebagels is what draws local businesses,” she said. “They have been so popular with students for so long that they will keep going.”

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**Please recycle. The Observer.**
Let’s use our heads to protect them

In the span of 10 days in February, two Notre Dame alumni took their own lives. Both men represented their alma mater, even in death. It was one an All-American football player and eventual Notre Dame hall of fame inductee, and the other an average student, an interhall football player and eventual Notre Dame football team. The brains of both Dave Duerson and Peter Grant are in a lab at Boston University, as part of a study of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). The Boston University website connected to the study describes CTE as “a progressive degenerative disease of the brain found in athletes (and others) with a history of repetitive brain trauma.” It lists boxers and football players as the most likely to have CTE, with symptoms — memory loss, aggression and depression, among others — appearing “months, years, even decades” after the athletic involvement that led to brain trauma.

In short, when student boxers take the ring for the final round of Bengal Bouts tonight, or when the Irish football team begins spring practice two weeks from today, someone could take a hit that haunts him for the rest of his life.

Much of the study and discussion of head injuries has focused on the National Football League, but we’ve seen it isn’t just professional or even varsity athletes who can be affected by this problem.

Just this week, Notre Dame professor Mayland Chang announced that the NFL would be funding her research into a compound that could, hopefully, help to prevent brain damage when administered directly after a head injury.

This is a commendable first step in expanding the conversation onto campus. Now, Notre Dame needs to become one of more of the schools who are in research, safety and education about head injuries.

Bengal Bouts, Baraka Bouts and full-padd interhall football all signatures of Notre Dame student life. So is the Notre Dame football team, of course.

And because boxing and football are so integral a part of this campus’ fabric, there is no better place to begin a wider movement of learning and protection.

The studies are not yet concluded and all the facts are not yet known about CTE or the risks involved in these sports. But that doesn’t mean that students, from the highest levels of athletic activity to the lowest, shouldn’t be made aware of the possible future consequences. And it doesn’t mean Notre Dame shouldn’t be looking hard to find out more.

Interhall players are currently made to watch a video about how to tackle without causing injury, but they are not informed of the possible decades-later consequences, or even many lesser injuries, that could cause.

The same is true of students who compete in the Bengal and Baraka Bouts. Boxers hear about how to avoid serious head injuries, but do not learn about long-term effects.

Informing students of the risk — not simply that of a concussion and its aftereffects, but also the risk that comes from every collision — is a first step. But that doesn’t mean that students, from the high-level to the low-level, from the most intense to the least strenuous, shouldn’t be made aware of the possible future consequences.

The University should also be actively working to find the safest possible ways of practicing and playing the game of football to prevent head trauma, and implementing new findings as quickly as it can.

There are few schools that can boast premier research abilities and an all-consuming love of athletics on a varsity and non-varsity level. Notre Dame is one of a select few that can combine those two things with a Catholic character of love and concern for every student and graduate to form the core of its identity.

It is time Notre Dame leads the way in research and education about head trauma, and makes a concerted effort to protect its athletes and its alumni, its superstars and its average students, from the type of tragedies that struck our community in February.
The U.S. Supreme Court this week hand- ed down an unanimous land- mark ruling in Snyder v. Phelps. The 8-1 decision upheld, as First Amendment pro- tected public discourse, a small church's hate-filled shouts and picketing at the funeral of a Marine killed in Iraq in 2006. The Westboro Baptist Church's leader, Fred Phelps, led many protests in which he and follow- ers shouted death threats at fallen warriors with signs like “We��rize to hell” — a perves hypocrical religious profession that death in war is God's way of punishing the U.S. tolerance of homo- sexuality. It is difficult to imagine any more ardent advocates of free speech who are delighted that the court approved such a classless speech as picketing at pri- vate military funerals. The venomous tac- tics Phelps, a so-called church pastor, employs reeks with hypocrisy in the face of the overriding Christian tenet of love.

Phelps never limited his outbursts to slain military hero's funerals. In 2007, his followers disrupted Christian minister and Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell's funeral. According to Phelps, Falwell was too soft on homosexuality, which in his eyes, is the children's television show character Tinky Winky of being a closeted gay but stopped short of action.

Paradoxically, Falwell himself lost a First Amendment challenge nearly 20 years earlier when the Supreme Court ruled against him in favor of Hustler magazine, which ran a book that depicted a non-conven- tional religious leader.

More recently, Westboro Church mem- bers paved hate speech at synagogues in their anti-Semitic campaign that claimed all Jews are sinners. Phelps can- cell ed a plan to picket the funerals of those gunned down along with Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. He had to abandon that effort when absolute public safety was threatened from all quarters of soci- ety.

Most purists will hold their noses to suppose that a form of expression for disfellowed groups. Our high court established a long tradition of his- torical precedents and principles unique throughout the world — freedom to express such diverse beliefs as anti- American sentiments through flag burn- ing (Johnson v. Texas), vituperative anti- Catholic speech (Gannett v. Connecticut) and neo-Nazi expression embodied in a parade march through a community of Holocaust survivors (National Socialist Party of America v. Village of Skokie). Regardless of how morally reprehensible or antagonistic the expression, freedom to articulate beliefs has ruled supreme.

In defense of Phelps, the American Civil Liberties Union noted in its friend of the court brief, “Outrageousness, in the area of political and social discourse, has an inherent subjectiveness.” The ACLU noted the court in the Falwell/Husserl case was correct in reaffirming that "a bedrock principle underlies the First Amendment... that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because most people find that idea offensive or disagreeable." But therein lays a second hypocrisy, that of the court's lone dissent- ing "decider," Justice Samuel Alito Jr.

Fast accumulating the most ardent con- servative record on the court during his five-year tenure, Alito's rulings thus far usually fall against established precedent or demand something more than mere welling when favoring business interests or opposing governmental interests. Alito unabashedly wears his conservatism as a badge of honor both on and outside the Court. As a speaker or guest at fundrais- ers for conservative organizations like the Manhattan Institute, Alito depicts such attendance as "not important.

In lone dissent this week Alito wrote, "Our profound national commit- ment to free and open debate is not a license for the vicious verbal assault that occurred in this case. But respondents, members of the Westboro Baptist Church... brutally attacked Matthew Snyder, and this attack, which was almost certain to inflict injury, was central to respondents' well-practiced strategy for attracting pub- lic attention.

Last year, in United States v. Stevens, Alito also stood alone in opposition to his eight colleagues again professing a greater willingness to curtail speech. By an 8-1 vote, the court struck down a fed- eral law banning videos that depict cruel- ty to animals as too broad a restriction of speech. Alito supported the ban, likening the limits to the unprotected freedoms of pornography.

In his first term alone, Alito cast the deciding votes weakening the McCain- Feingold campaign finance law and expanding corporate free speech in Garett v. Ceballos, but limiting free- speech whistle-blower protections for public employees who exposed govern- ment fraud. This flip-flop hypocrisy is typ- ical of a so-called strict constructionist who "believe it or not, government is main- in one breath, “The constitution is not a living document, so follow what is writ- ten.” Next the caveat, “Except when those aliens sneak in to give birth to a child. Don’t follow what is written, just deny that child citizenship.”

It should be no surprise then that Alito broke with protocol at a State of the Union Message to visually mouth his dis- agreement with President Obama’s warn- ing of consequences arising from the court's corporate free speech expansion in the McCain-Feingold ruling. After all, in Alito’s eyes, free speech can only be what he deems is free.

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An Irishman whose childhood dreams swarmed with fantasies of fairytale weddings might just get to be part of one this April. Reports say that London-based hat-designer Philip Treacy will be enlisted by the Royal Family to vamp up the garb of Kate Middleton and her bridal party on the big day.

“As a small child, I loved to watch the weddings [in Ahascragh, Ireland]. They were the equivalent of fashion shows to me. The dresses that people wore, I couldn’t believe them, they were incredible. It seemed so glamorous to see these creatures appear in these extraordinary clothes, as we didn’t have much glamour where I come from,” Treacy wrote on his online biography.

Treacy, a connoisseur of the hat-making industry, began sewing at the age of five, piecing together outfits and hats for his sister’s dolls. Since then, he has moved onto life-size clientele and today his creations adorn the heads of Sarah Jessica Parker, Lady Gaga and even the Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla Parker Bowles.

His expertise is so renowned that Lady Gaga applied to be his intern last spring after the two spent time putting together futuristic headgear for her stage ensembles. Gaga continues to wear Treacy’s label and has been seen in his creations at the VMAs and in various music videos and interviews. Parker wore Treacy headresses to the London premieres of both “Sex and the City” and “Sex and the City 2,” proving her loyalty and solidifying her status as a fan. The star paired a pale green Alexander McQueen gown with a butterfly-infused Treacy confection at the premiere of the first movie.

Two years later, Parker followed up this appearance on the red carpet with an electrifying black McQueen-Treacy combo again, stunning viewers while simultaneously paying homage to the recently deceased McQueen.

Both celebrities and fashion designers alike recognize Treacy’s talent. In 1991, Treacy won his first British Fashion Council award as British Accessory Designer of the Year and was asked by Karl Lagerfeld, chief designer at Chanel, to design for the company. In 1999 Treacy designed hats for Alexander McQueen’s white Haute Couture collection at Givenchy in Paris. In 2003, he won The Dream Weaver award alongside Jean Paul Gaultier, Dolce and Gabbana and Donna Karan.

Treacy has also expanded his craft to include bags, gloves, glassware and furniture. His most notable and extravagant pieces lie in the world of headwear, though. He has stunned fans with unthought-of designs and constantly reinvents one of the most basic fashion pieces. From telephone-shaped hats to ethereal crowns, Treacy has proven he can do it all. How his crazy and creative concoctions will fit in with the style of the more conservative Middleton remains to be seen.

Who enlisted Treacy to construct two classy covers for her wedding day coif?

Camilla Parker Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall and wife of Prince Charles. Thus, we know the milliner is capable of putting together demure designs and polished pieces.

Look to Treacy’s Autumn/Winter 2011 Ready to Wear collection for proof of his subtle mastery. Teal, fuchsia, lavender and a musky brown dominate the scores of hats, some with an air of mystery and others exuding confidence. From a single flower to bouquets of blooms, the accents atop the models’ heads spell out utter sophistication.

Treacy is sure to create memorable and elegant pieces for Middleton on the day she transforms from a commoner into a princess. Her Royal wedding will be the perfect occasion for all of Treacy’s dreams to come true.

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LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic
If you’re not ready for a brawl by the end of "Going Out In Style," there’s not much anyone can do for you. Dropkick Murphys’ seventh studio album, released just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, is chock-full of what the Murphys are known for: drunken vocals, driving Celtic melodies, and bagpipes - lots and lots of bagpipes. Listening to this album is like being steam-rolled by a shamrock.

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The Murphys follow their formula, but it is a formula that works: the album is bold, brash, and fun. The band have said it is a concept album, following the story of a character named Cornelius Larkin, but it is not an easy story to follow, what with all the inebriated boasts of "1953" is a welcome sound, though it certainly won’t put listeners to sleep.

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Deacon’s music can be characterized as sort of pseudo-dance music. The build up to the truly thrilling moments in his music is decidedly slow, but it’s worth the wait. For example, “Snookered,” a song off “Broomst,” runs close to eight minutes. He takes listeners on a journey from the beginning moments of the song and once the end is reached its difficult to determine just how many songs were packed into the span of time spent listening to Deacon’s captivating manipulation of bizarre instruments and auto-tune.

More captivating than Dan Deacon’s music, and the reason his performance at Legends is so highly anticipated, is his showmanship.

"WVFI selected Dan Deacon in part because of his renown as an interactive and entertaining performer and in part because of the quality and innovation of his music," said Nicole Walking, station manager of WVFI — which combined with Legends to host Deacon.

Deacon is notorious for his onstage antics. A regular on the festival scene, he has been known to direct crowds numbering close to 20,000 people in different acts that serve to enhance his musical talent. At Lollapalooza in 2009 he compiled members of the crowd to join together into a gigantic conga line that weaved through out the rest of the audience. Some members of his own band even joined at the end of the line. He has also been rumored to get crowds to form a circle spiraling inward towards the center, while Deacon himself performs until he departs via airlift.

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In choosing Dan Deacon as their Spring concert, WVFI is attempting to recreate the concert experience on campus, Walking said.

“We wanted to bring someone to the campus of Notre Dame who would defy the expectations and conventions of a typical concert,” she said. “Dan Deacon’s high-energy electronic music and participatory performances were exactly the sort of welcome departure that we wanted.”

If Deacon performs in the unique way for which he has become renowned, the performance is likely to live up to the title of the venue in which it is held and truly be legendary. The only thing that remains to be seen is whether the same place that hosts “Hip Hop Night” can be conducive to a performance as innovative as a Dan Deacon concert.

Walking believes that Deacon will be able to pull out all the stops for an incredible performance.

“I do expect the same sort of extravagant live show this weekend. Deacon loves to bring a unique sort of interactive quality to his shows, whether it's actually performing in the crowd or encouraging dancing among the audience,” Walking said. “For example, I saw a video once of him forming a giant, high-fiving whirlpool in the crowd. I can only hope that Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students get to experience the same sort of unique concert-going experience this Saturday.”

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Owners, NFLPA agree to one-day extension

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — America’s favorite sport is still in business — for another day.

The NFL and the players’ union decided Thursday to keep the current collective bargaining agreement in place for an additional 24 hours so that negotiations can continue.

“The parties have agreed to a one-day extension,” federal mediator George Cohen said in a one-sentence statement after the meeting with his colleagues about eight hours. The CBA was set to expire at midnight, which would likely have prompted the first work stoppage since 1987 for a league that rakes in $9 billion a year.

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Associated Press
GOOD YEAR, Ariz. — Grady Sizemore takes one final, healthy cut in the cage and sends a few dozen baseballs over the wall and into Sizemore’s knee cap, causing a slight opening of the 2011 season is still six months away. The labor unrest goes on. The NFL is still on the height of its popularity, breaking records for TV ratings. This year’s Super Bowl was the most-watched program in U.S. history.

If the CBA expires, the owners could lock out the players, and the union could decertify to try and prevent that through the courts — something the NFLPA did in 1989. It formed again in 1993.

NFL labor negotiator Jeff Pash said the sides had “good discussions and exchanges,” and the two sides would be back here (Friday morning).”

A person with knowledge of the talks said the 24-hour extension was an opportunity to decide whether there would be a willingness to extend negotiations further.

Besides Goodell, also on hand for the NFL were Pash, outside counsel Bob Butterman, New York Giants owner John Mara, Green Bay Packers president Mark Murphy, Washington Redskins general manager Bruce Allen and several other league executives.

Mara and Murphy are the ones who obviously get the money. They’ll be staying at least a year. The contract extension reached in 2006 was the final major act for Tagliabue, who then retired, succeeded by Goodell. An opt-out clause for each side was included in that deal, and the owners exercised it in May 2008 — three months before Upshaw died.

Joining Smith at the mediation session Thursday were union president Kevin Mawae, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday, Pittsburgh Steelers back-up quarterback Charlie Batch and several others, including current and former players. More than a dozen TV cameras and as many as two reporters waited on the sidewalk outside the hotel, watching the negotiations.

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Despite the conflict, the NFL remains the most popular sport in America. The league’s revenues, including two-thirds of revenue coming from stadium construction. Under the old deal, owners received about $1 billion on the top they entered these negotiations seeking to add another $1 billion to that.

Among the other significant topics: a rookie wage scale, the owners’ push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the pre-season by two games, and benefits for retired players. Since the 1987 players’ strike that shortened the season to 15 games — with three of those games featuring nonunion replacement players — there has been labor peace in the NFL, the longest stretch of the current CBA was reached in 1993 by then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and union chief

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Hawk returns to Packers one day after cost-cutting release

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A.J. Hawk's absence from the Green Bay Packers didn't last long.

Hawk's agent, Mike McCartney, said Thursday that the linebacker signed a five-year deal with the Packers just one day after he was released in a cost-cutting move.

"He's thrilled to be back with our team in the future," McCartney said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The team announced the deal Thursday evening.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with A.J.," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said. "We appreciate his work and dedication and look forward to his contributions to our team in the future." Hawk began the 2010 season as a role player. He ended it as a leader of a Super Bowl-champion defense.

Hawk released him Wednesday, they did so with the hope that they could bring him back at a reduced salary.

Thompson said Wednesday the business side of the game drove the decision to release Hawk and he was hopeful Hawk would return. Hawk was free to negotiate with other teams after his release, but clearly focused on his work and dedication and look forward to his contributions to our team in the future.

Multiple media outlets reported a new deal was imminent after Hawk began the 2010 season as a role player. He ended it as a leader of a Super Bowl-champion defense.

After season-ending injuries to inside linebackers Nick Barnett and Brandon Chillar, Hawk once again became a starter and played a critical role in the Packers' push to their Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was chosen one of the team's captains in the playoffs.

**North Dining Hall will be closed all day on Saturday, March 5 for Academic Recognition Weekend events.**

We apologize for any inconvenience.
By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

With the NCAA Championships only a week away, Notre Dame competes in the Alex Wilson Invitational this weekend in the hopes of qualifying participants for the national competition. This weekend marks the final opportunity athletes can qualify for the championships, as Irish coach Joe Piane initially chosen to be the final choice came down to two runners.

“[It] was between [junior] John Shawel and [junior] Jordan Carlson,” Piane said. “The thing that had us on the fence was Shawel had a bit of a sprained ankle. But I’m going to run him medically in order to increase his eligibility for the NCAA championships. It’s not really too competitive of a competition,” junior Tom Usher said. “But everyone wants to win, and we’re looking at this as an opportunity to prepare for the rest of our season.”

Piane emphasized that while it may be the final meet before the NCAA championships, the focus of the upcoming meet will be qualification for the postseason. “It’s a look to get qualified for the NCAA’s,” Piane said. “[Junior] Kevin Schipper hopefully can do it in the pole vault, and hopefully our distance medley can do it.”

The meet has a unique number of participants. Rather than typical meets in which full teams participate, the invitational consists of many teams who send only a few competitors. “[Teams] like Georgia Tech will be here, but they’re going to send one athlete,” Piane said. “So there’s probably going to be representatives from as many as 40 or 50 schools. But that doesn’t mean they’re going to bring 25 people. This is a last chance meet. We’ll probably have 700 to 800 athletes at least.”

The Alex Wilson Invitational will take place in the Luxton Sports Complex tonight at 7 p.m. and continue Saturday at noon.

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By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

After finishing fifth at the TPC Match Play in Tampa Bay, Fla., the weeks ago to begin the fall season, Notre Dame men’s golf looks to improve on that performance this weekend as it travels to Whisper Rock Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., for the Alex Wilson Invitational. The matches feature the current Irish squad of 11 players pitted against 11 Notre Dame golf alumni.

Usher leads a dedicated corps of golfers who have spent the winter honing their shots and completing work-outs indoors to prepare for the grind of the spring season. “This will be our final tune-up before we go to Georgia next weekend to play Yale,” Usher said. “All the boys are coming and it should be a good time.”

It will be just the second time out on the links in a competitive match for the No. 26 Irish, as the South Bend winter has limited the playing schedule. For a team that has been training indoors for the majority of the winter, any time on the course is precious, as a number of players flew to Scottsdale last weekend to train.

Following the Alumni Matches, the Irish will compete every weekend until the Big East championships at the end of April. For a team with eyes on a conference title and perhaps more, the Alumni Matches will be the final pit stop before a grueling season of travel.

The Alumni Matches begin March 5 at Whisper Rock Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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**Check out The Observer’s coverage of Bengal Bouts at ndsmcobserver.com/bengal-bouts**
Mick Doyle hits a pitch last season against Toledo April 27, 2010. This weekend the Irish face Manhattan and Winthrop.

**Men’s Tennis**

Irish put losses out of sight, out of mind

By ANDREW OWENS  Sports Writer

After suffering losses in their final two matches of the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic last weekend, the Irish (8-6) have their eyes on the next step and win some matches.

“Senior Austin Krajicek. He is one of the highest top-10 opponents on our schedule, the team looks to remain undefeated on the road to a national title.

“Last year wasn’t a fluke. We made it all the way to the championship even though we didn’t have that much of a good regular season,” Kemp said. “We think we’re better this year. Hopefully they’ll come and support us, and we can hopefully give them a good game.”

The Irish face off against Drexel at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Loftus Sports Center.

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**EXTRA INNINGS**

By JEREMY JOSEPH  Sports Writer

“Texas A&M was a preseason No. 18 Texas A&M, Sachire noted that the Aggies, Sachire said. "Our talent level," he said. "We know both matches will be very tough, especially this year." Sachire said. "There are 40 to 50 teams that can beat a Drexel team that they fell to last year."

“I guess they had our number last year,” Kemp said. “At ND we’re known for our defense. I credit it to the communication we have, and we have open communication. We have a focus to keep them off balance.”

Kemp said he hopes the Irish back is a key element of how we play.”

Irish sophomore goalie John Kemp said communication is necessary in order for the Irish to beat a Drexel team that they fell to last year.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Irish carry momentum from recent triumphs

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish put former troubles and losses in the past last weekend and did their sweep of the Blue-Gray Tournament in Montgomery, Ala. This weekend, they hope to maintain that momentum as they head into a pair of matches against Indiana and Baylor.

Following an upset of No. 9 Virginia last weekend, Irish sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan said the squad’s morale is in a good place.

“Winning the Blue-Gray Tournament and being successful against three top-ranked teams gave us a nice boost in confidence,” McGaffigan said.

McGaffigan was among the crucial members of the team that stepped up for a big weekend, starting the championship game with a victory in the first singles match. The No. 19 Irish went on to win each of the six singles competitions to defeat Virginia 4-0.

“I’ve been working hard on staying focused each and every point, and to try to play smart and aggressively through the entire match,” McGaffigan said.

Also contributing to the effort was the freshman duo of Jennifer Kellner and Julie Sabacinski, who triumphed over Virginia’s No. 51 pair 8-4.

This weekend, McGaffigan and the rest of her teammates hope to do the same thing. “My goal is to improve and get stronger with each match,” she said. “We all will continue to push ourselves hard and build on our success last weekend.”

Friday kicks off with a match against Indiana. Despite a 10-2 record, the Hoosiers are ranked 37th in the country after a 4-3 victory over Kentucky. Indiana carries a roster stacked with three seniors who bring experience to the court.

Baylor, on the other hand, poses a more serious threat to the Irish. The No. 7 Bears recently swept No. 60 Fresno State by a score of 7-0. The Baylor doubles teams may pose a challenge for the No. 1 doubles team of juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews and the No. 2 doubles team of senior Kristen Rafael and sophomore McGaffigan.

“Last weekend really was the confidence booster we needed to go into the rest of the season, especially for this weekend since we play Baylor,” Frilling said. “We know we can compete with and beat these top teams.”

The Irish travel to Bloomington, Ind. Friday, where they compete against the Hoosiers at 3 p.m. Notre Dame hosts the Bears Sunday at noon.

“Indiana and Baylor are both very good teams, but we are well prepared and eager to compete this weekend,” McGaffigan said.

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ND SOFTBALL
Confidence high with undefeated record still in place

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

After kicking off the season 9-0, a record start, the Irish look to continue their winning streak against a number of premier programs, including No. 3 Alabama this weekend at the College of Charleston Invitational in Charleston, S.C.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough sets up a play during Notre Dame's 93-72 victory over Marist in a double shutout Saturday and a 10-1 victory over Marist in Sunday's opener. Johnson said. "Our place hit-

The Irish did not lose many batters on base, especially in a 10-1 victory over Marist in which the Irish totaled 13 hits, 10 runs, and nine RBIs in 27 at bats.

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senior captain Heather Johnson said. "I think everyone's really excited." After sweeping the field last weekend at the College of Charleston Invitational with a double-shutout Saturday and a strong offensive performance on Sunday, the Irish hope to capitalize on their momentum heading into the weekend stretch.

Johnson said, "Having quality bats and scoring when people were in scoring position" was a highlight from last weekend's victories in the Cougar Classic. The Irish did not lose many batters on base, especially in a 10-1 victory over Marist in which the Irish totaled 13 hits, 10 runs, and nine RBIs in 27 at bats.

"We need to keep that up," Johnson said. "Our place hitters did a nice job keeping us in the games." With stronger competition in the form of Longwood, Alabama, Maryland, North Carolina and Fordham awaiting them this weekend, the Irish will look to keep errors to a minimum and stay strong defensively.

"Defensively, we've been working on a lot of short game because were going to see a lot of fast batters," Johnson said. "We're just going have to catch and get rid of the ball as fast as possible, so that's been our main focus this week."

Of the matchups to come, Alabama could be the toughest test for Notre Dame, as the Crimson Tide boast a 16-0 record this season and a 4-0 record all-time against the Irish.

"[Alabama] should be a good matchup," senior catcher Alexia Clay said. "They are always a really good team and play in a tough conference. Two years ago we played against them and lost 18-1, so it will be interesting to see how we match up with them now."

The team has been making steady progress this season especially in terms of team...
Golab grows from focused freshman to leader and captain

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Walking down the stairs into the Pit in the catacombs of the JACC, the sound of a rhythmic, soothing throb — almost of that of a heartbeat — came closer and closer. It turned out to be a boxer and his opponent for the day: a punching bag. Yet as the bag came nearer, senior captain Bobby Powers realized that the real heartbeat was actually farther away. Much, much farther — the very south of Asia to be exact.

That heartbeat is kept alive today by co-president Bobby Powers and the senior captains, both as they trained that afternoon against the bags and through fundraising for a cause thousands of miles away against poverty.

Powers’ defining moment in Bengal Bouts isn’t the championship he won sophomore year nor is it the fact that he has been in the finals in each of the past four years. Rather, it was venturing to Bangladesh after his title, seeing how much he has helped a community and how much more he still needed to do.

“There was a transformation within me.” Powers said of his trip to Bangladesh the summer before his junior year. “Being there and making relationships with people and seeing what the mission is all about completely changed the program. It helped me raise the money and aiding the missions that it was about beyond Bengal Bouts. I opened up my eyes to a whole different world and how much the people over there need this.

“We have the selfless demeanor gleans through his words, which give credit for his success and that of the program’s to his fellow captains — in the purest form of individual sport in which the concept of ‘team’ is nonexistent.

“You’re in the ring and it is just you,” Powers said. “You learn more about you in those six minutes than you do in six months with 200 teammates, seeing how deep you can dig.

“But on a day-to-day basis it all comes down to this, this guy’s here. This team has become a family and we have all put in so much time boxing and fundraising to make sure we aid these missions,” Powers said.

Uninterested in the individualism that yet enamored with how he (or according to Powers: they) turned an individual sport into a team sport, the captain works on boxing at least six hours each day — four of those without even putting on a pair of gloves. For his opponents, turned-roommates have worked countless hours pushing themselves to be better in the ring, while filming more so on building a program that will continue to aid the very same imposable community that Powers visited two summers ago.

“We have worked really hard to spread the program out and changed things to run more like a business so we can send more money back [to Bangladesh],” the senior said. “I would like to see the program continue to grow. If we raise a lot of money this year and see the figures go back down next year then we didn’t do our job. Our legacy should be leaving a foundation for this program, giving years ahead a foundation to build on and continue to grow.

All of this comes from Powers, even though he didn’t even know what Bengal Bouts was until a friend suggested it to him after playing intramural football his freshman year.

Powers grew up in Indianapolis, very — and sometimes overly — competitive. With a brother one year younger, a friendly game of backyard basketball quickly and usually ended up with pushing and shoving.

Ten years later, substitute Mom with a referee and put gloves on the lad and you have a champion, Bobby Powers, who has known nothing but the final round under the bright lights.

“Growing up with my younger brother, we were always playing each other to get better and that’s where it comes in, working together and pushing each other to get to the next level, whether it is in the ring or in the classroom,” Powers said.

“Bengal Bouts in general has shaped who I am,” Powers said. “Now the senior finds himself in his last fight as a Notre Dame student, up against opportunistic, feisty sophomore Ryan Alberdi for the championship belt. Powers plans to fight smart and mechanically.

Of course, the senior wants to win, but he realizes that he leaves Bengal Bouts forever tonight, knowing that he has already won in leaving that heartfelt he heard his freshmen year stronger than when he arrived.

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Golab enjoys working with other boxers and pushing them to get their best. As co-president as well, Golab, along with fellow co-president Bobby Powers, makes sure the tournament runs smoothly and keeps the program out.

“If you had told me as a freshman that I would be in this position, I would have told you ‘You’re crazy,’” Golab said. “I did not think that I would be a co-president in my third year. To me, it’s a little more than just being number two.

“Maybe I’m not a very good person,” Golab joked. “I don’t want to be the guy that gets all the credit, but I want people to know that I learned so much more in the ring.

For his finals bout last year, Golab’s parents visited to see his fight. Golab’s mom was unable to even watch the match, handing the videotape over to a friend.

“My freshman year, I would tell them that I won and my mom would say ‘Did you really have to win? Now we have to watch the match,’” Golab said. “But they realize this is something I love to do and it makes me a better person, so they’re all for it.”

Golab also credited his friends and their support for his heavy involvement in Bengal Bouts.
**Doran reaches third straight championship**

By **SAMY GANS**

Senior Kevin Crepeau has built an accomplished boxing career during his time at Notre Dame. The Michigan City, Ind., native was named one of eight captains for Bengal Bouts this year and qualified for the heavyweight division’s title match for the fourth consecutive year.

But one goal has always remained just out of reach: a championship.

Each of the previous three seasons, Crepeau has come within one victory of earning a Bengal Bouts crown. But he could never quite get over the hump against law student Will Burroughs.

“Early on I became friends with Nick Severny, and he told me, ‘You’ve got to do this, it’s a great time.’ So we got a bunch of freshmen together and went to practice. A couple of guys ended up quitting, but Nick, Billy Arnold, and I have been doing this ever since, and now we’re all captains,” Crepeau said.

Doran lost in his second fight that first year, but by then he was already hooked on boxing and the Bouts. He came back in his sophomore year and he made an impressive run to the finals. Waiting for him in the championships was Mike Lee, a professional fighter, one of Doran’s most formidable opponents. There’s a dedicated group of senior captains who were in the finals the year before he arrived here to work hard for an hour and a half and then after that, we’ve got some of the most great guys,” he said.

“Doran’s final match will not be an easy one, as Bill Barmann is a top seed and Doran is a No. 2 seed. But Doran has a lot of experience and he has a lot of confidence,” Crepeau said.

“Doran is really hungry this year. He’s been working hard all summer, and he’s really hungry this year. I think he’s going to do great. He’s going to do really well,” Crepeau said.

Crepeau, a finance major, intends to become a financial analyst for IBM after graduation. Though he does not plan on continuing a boxing career after his career at Notre Dame ends, he says he hopes to stay involved.

“I’m definitely going to still be a part of the Bengal Bouts and stay a part of the program,” Crepeau said.

**Rivalry with Burroughs fuels Crepeau’s determination**

By **JACK HEFFERON**

Kevin Crepeau is a senior captain of the boxing team and the tallest boy in his class.

Despite his size, Crepeau has found a passion for the sport of boxing.

Crepeau said that experience opened his eyes to what Bengal Bouts was all about.

“We were only the second group to be sent over, so we didn’t know what to expect. But we really enjoyed our time,” he said.

“The seasons start right after Thanksgiving break,” he said. “We have to go up to the University of Maryland and then we have our Christmas break. The workouts can be especially demanding, especially in the heavier weights like Crepeau. But to him, the effort is worthwhile.

“The seasons are definitely hard, especially for me. I’m not the most in-shape guy. But my freshman year, there was a team full of senior captains who were out there and I couldn’t have some fun,” he said. “It was (both) the social and the athletic aspects that I found the most beneficial.

The lesson he learned then is to have fun and approach each bout as a part of the group.”

Kevin Crepeau senior captain

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**“I’m done with boxing (after this year): Getting hit in the head gets old, (but) I’m definitely going to still be a part of the Bengal Bouts”**

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**“Stepping up into that finals ring, it’s totally different from all of the other fights.”**

Mike Doran senior captain

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**“I’m real happy that I’m not too old”**

Kevin Crepeau senior captain

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**“I’m very excited about the next stage of my life, but I’ll definitely take a piece of this experience with me forever.”**

Doran reached third straight championship
134 pounds
Niels Seim vs. Jack Lally

Seim doesn't let his small size affect his boxing style, displaying an aggressive, non-holding back attitude. He quite often looks for the big punch, which sometimes causes him to take a punch himself. His big hook, however, can also be quite effective.

PATH TO THE FINALS
Seim
Def. Nicholas Bowek in quarterfinals
Def. Jon Decker in semifinals

Lally
Def. Anthony Larciano in quarterfinals
Def. Daniel Rodriguez in semifinals

Lally takes a more defensive approach. He picks his chances to be the aggressor carefully, making sure he protects himself with evasive footwork. But when he sees the opportunity, he will attack, and has the ability to land punches that can knock the opponent to the ropes.

143 pounds
Brett Sassetti vs. Will Peterson

The Elmwood Park, Illinois native and Carroll Hall resident uses a very aggressive style that consists of putting the opponent on his heels. Sassetti does not back down from a challenge, utilizing a wide variety of combinations which have propelled him to the finals.

PATH TO THE FINALS
Sassetti
Def. Cameron Shane in quarterfinals
Def. Christopher Torres in semifinals

Peterson
Def. Samuel Kaulbach in quarterfinals
Def. Kevin Dunne in semifinals

Peterson's show an exuberant fighting style. The freshman loves to use a big right hook to put the opponent against the ropes. The O'Neill Hall resident from La Jolla, Calif. lives up to his nickname, “The Thrill,” by constantly being on the attack.

148 pounds
Kevin Ortenzio vs. Ryan Slaney

The junior from Camp Hill, Penn. and Szigfied Hall has a unique style. He is not very aggressive early, but as the second and third rounds progress, Ortenzio makes his move. With the opponent reeling from fatigue, a fresh Ortenzio often pulls away late.

PATH TO THE FINALS
Ortenzio
Def. James Walsh in quarterfinals
Def. Brian Koepzel in semifinals

Slaney
Def. Michael Allare in quarterfinals
Def. Benjamin Eichler in semifinals

Slaney, a senior, is experienced, and it shows. From NorthEast, Penn. and Carroll Hall, Slaney provides a stark contrast in style from Ortenzio. He refuses to sit back and put his opponent away early in the fight. His uses of hooks and uppercuts can be lethal.

154 pounds
Thomas Enzweiler vs. Alex Oloriz

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PATH TO THE FINALS
Enzweiler
Def. Sean Mullen in quarterfinals
Def. Inhm Choe in semifinals

Oloriz
Def. Gregory Cunningham in quarterfinals
Def. Michael Magill in semifinals

Oloriz, a sophomore, currently resides off campus. Competitors have yet to find a way to combat his punishing hook move. The sophomore proved his tenacity by coming back from a rocky first round to claim the win in his semifinal bout.

157 pounds
Paul Hayes vs. Colin King

Paul “Hawaii K.O.” Hayes, demonstrated remarkable intensity and doggedness in his hard-fought semifinal bout. Although the senior does not always dominate the early seconds of his fights, his thunderous hits often wear down opponents in the final round.

PATH TO THE FINALS
Hayes
Def. Steven Bischoff in preliminaries
Def. Daniel Leicht in quarterfinals
Def. Jeff Ulrich in semifinals

King
Def. Steven Hollos in quarterfinals
Def. Ryan Carey in quarterfinals
Def. Nicholas Yuan in semifinals

Collis “The Lion” King, a sophomore living in Sorin College, is not the flashiest of fighters, he has had great success with sound combination sequences and well-timed hits. King’s steady pace allows him to gain points over tired opponents late in his fights.

160 pounds
Bobby Powers vs. Ryan Alberdi

Bobby Powers has an extremely offensive style and is not afraid to advance on his opponent in the opening seconds of a bout. His long arms allow him to attack while maintaining enough distance to block swings from his opponent.

PATH TO THE FINALS
Powers
Def. James Bowers in preliminaries
Def. Terry Howell in quarterfinals
Def. Matthew Labrada in semifinals

Alberdi
Def. Ryan Alberdi in preliminaries
Def. Dan Jasinski in quarterfinals
Def. Mark Landolo in semifinals

Alberdi earned his spot in the 160 pound Weight Division final due largely to a vicious left hook that catches his opponents off-guard. He is also particularly adept at deflecting hits from his opponents, which greatly decreases the amount of punishment he takes over the course of a bout.
167 pounds

Brian Salvi vs. Jake Joe

Law student Salvi is a composed and patient fighter who does a good job at pacing himself. The punches that Salvi does throw consist of strong combinations that leave opponents reeling.

PATH TO THE FINALS

Salvi
- Def. Dallas Bunsa in preliminaries
- Def. William Hull in quarterfinals
- Def. Richard McAvoy in semifinals

Joe
- Def. Andrew Kwasnietski in preliminaries
- Def. John Healy in quarterfinals
- Def. David Cray in semifinals

“One Blow” Joe hails from New York and is a sophomore in Sorin. Joe differs from Salvi in that he throws lots of punches, keeping opponents on the defensive and racking up points.

176 pounds

Bernardo Garcia vs. Dominic Golab

Garcia is an energetic and exciting fighter with a championship pedigree. His mix of head and body shots make for strong combinations that put opponents on the defensive.

PATH TO THE FINALS

Garcia
- Def. Alphonse Harding in quarterfinals
- Def. Giacomo Minafra in semifinals

Golab
- Def. Joseph Sweeney in quarterfinals
- Def. Adrian Moreno in semifinals

Golab edged out a close semifinal bout with his quickness and toughness. He stored energy for the third round in which he came out with a flurry of punches that led the referee to stop the fight.

192 pounds

Mike Doran vs. Bill Straccia

Doran, an off-campus senior, has cruised into the final round. The Bouts captain uses his quickness and agility to force many swings and misses from his opponents but is also able to block attempted punches.

PATH TO THE FINALS

Doran
- Def. David Diaz in preliminaries
- Def. Pat Griffin in quarterfinals
- Def. Alex Macomber in semifinals

Straccia
- Def. Joe Vanderberg in preliminaries
- Def. Matt Stole in quarterfinals
- Def. Tim Wallace in semifinals

“The Italian Stallion” is a senior whose impressive physique matches up perfectly with his impressive strength. He relies more on power than technique, relying on big punches to overwhelm his opponents.

198 pounds

Christopher Sarkis vs. Daniel Yi

Sarkis has marched to the finals by way of a referee stopped contest and two scratches. By using strong right hooks Sarkis needed just two minutes to beat the only opponent he has fought thus far.

PATH TO THE FINALS

Sarkis
- Def. Robert Kingerly in preliminaries
- Evan Wray scratched in quarterfinals
- Daniel Hyzak scratched in semifinals

Yi
- Def. Anthony Pavlov in preliminaries
- Def. Eric Frick in quarterfinals
- Def. Brian Salat in semifinals

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170 pounds

Greg Bennett vs. Nick Severyn

Senior captain Severyn brings strength and experience to the final. Severyn hits hard and dodges effectively before quickly striking back at his opponents. His strength is in his timing.

PATH TO THE FINALS

Bennett
- Def. Daniel Balcarel in quarterfinals
- Def. Connor Skelly in semifinals

Severyn
- Def. Israel Peck in preliminaries
- Def. Joseph Garrity in quarterfinals
- Def. Robert Manfreda in semifinals

PATH TO THE FINALS

Urciuoli
- Def. Erik VanEperen in preliminaries
- Def. Leo DiPiero in quarterfinals
- Def. William Paape in semifinals

Plantz
- Def. David Fosselman in preliminary
- Def. Rich Neville in quarterfinals
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Senior Nick Severyn will compete in his first Bengal Bouts championship fight this Friday night, but his Bengal Bouts story began before he even arrived at campus.

Four years ago, the former high school athlete went looking for a way to stay active when a family friend first suggested that he take up boxing.

“I went to high school with a guy named Mike Lee who fought here two years ago, and he was the first person that turned me on to it,” Severyn said. “Boeing seemed like the right avenue for me. Plus, all my friends basically did it, so it was pretty much natural freshman year.”

But the road has not always been easy for Severyn — his first challenge was convincing his skeptical parents that boxing was a good idea.

“Mom hated it when I first told her, especially because I was doing rugby anyways,” Severyn said. “She raised this intelligent kid and she’s seeing his brain go up to mush after playing those two vicious contact sports.”

After much persuading on Severyn’s part, his parents finally relented, and have remained some of his staunchest supporters.

I got Mike Lee to talk to them a lot, and they eventual- ly opened up to it,” Severyn said. “I think I might have had forged their signature on the first sign-up, but other than that they’ve stayed behind me. They’re from Chicago, so they always come up to see all my fights. They’ve been really supportive throughout the entire process.”

Although Severyn and Lee, who became a professional fighter last February, successfully converted his parents into boxing supporters that season, Severyn’s triumph did not extend to the ring. Severyn, who competed in the 140-pound weight class, faced a 26-year-old MBA student in his first match, which he lost by split decision.

His luck didn’t improve the next year, and he was forced to sit out his sophomore sea- son after undergoing thumb surgery to correct a rugby injury.

Severyn won his first fight as a junior and earned a berth in the semifinal round before falling to Greg Bennett, the eventual champion of his weight class.

While Severyn has never met his first opponent before, some of his friends have enjoyed major success in the ring — a fact that the sen- ior says motivated him during his senior campaign.

“Both my friends Mike Doran and Bobby Powers are in high school that I didn’t really find until last year,” Severyn said. “Obviously those aren’t really physical sports, but I learned to be physical.”

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“Growing up with two older brothers and an older sister, Wallace was constantly compet- ing with his siblings, even in

We had a lot of Nerf balls and stuff, and you could hide around the obstacles. We would just pick up balls and wing them at each other as hard as we could,” Wallace said. “Just the basketball games in front of the house and pretty much everything was a competition for us.”

Wallace said that, upon coming to Notre Dame, he took the place of his high school sports, as he played four years of basketball and tennis.

“In high school I was always really sports-related. That’s kind of what boxing filled in. That competitive edge that I had in high school that I didn’t really find until last year. Wallace said.”

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Wallace was encouraged by a friend to begin boxing during the fall semester of his junior year in Australia.

“What got me into it was I stud- ied abroad with [senior] Bobby Powers, and he engaged in shipping, so he got me into it,” Wallace said. Wallace said that he heard the benefits of working hard to stay in shape and conditioned intensely in prepara- tion for his first fight in Bengal Bouts.

“In Australia, it was just me and him. It was mostly just him giving me mitts, and then when I learned enough, I would return the favor.” Wallace said. “Boxing consists of three-two-minute rounds so six minutes total. Learning to condition yourself for that six minutes takes a work ethic that I got from basketball.”

Wallace said he was originally motivated by his competitive nature, but once he was selected as a captain, he found a different source of inspiration behind why we box.”

“Purely boxing-wise, I got into it just because it’s a competitive sport that I thought I could do,” Wallace said. “The inspiration as far as fundraising and raising money for the Grotto is a little bit developed secondly. When I became a captain I realized how much it really makes a difference when the people come back after they go away. There are sessions over there for a couple of months, seeing footage from that and how much of a difference it made.”

That’s when I started seeing the second part of it, the real purpose behind why we box.”

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Wallace’s parents, who are Notre Dame alumni, have trav- eled from his home in Auburn, Ind., while his siblings have made the trip from Denver and Colorado. Wallace said he was working at Bettis Labs. He said he hopes to continue his boxing career despite his mother’s protests.

“My first goal is just to find out a gym and get in the circle, and find some kind of boxing clubs they have there. Then it’s just to talk to people and maybe scheduling an amateur fight,” Wallace said. “I definitely do want to continue it, if for nothing else, definitely for the conditioning because the conditioning is a lot of fun and a great way to stay in shape.”

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Feduska moves forward after shoulder injury

By CORY BERNARD  Sports Writer

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Now relegated solely to training rather than participating, Feduska says he enjoys watching younger members develop as boxers from their first day to their first fight, and sometimes even beyond.

“It’s always interesting at first, seeing kids come in not knowing what they’re doing,” he said. “They usually pick it up very quickly, though. We actually have a lot of really talented freshmen this year. Many of them have made it through their first fight or even into the finals.”

As a more experienced member, he has also seen the club change its approach to training. He says since his freshman year the preparations in the fall and spring leading up to the tournament have evolved for the better.

“There have been a lot of changes to practices since my freshman year,” Feduska said. “We’ve moved from doing a lot of push-ups and sit-ups and long-distance running to specifics and better fight simulation stuff.”

Additionally, he says the fundraising aspect has improved.

“This year we also got in contact with a lot of alumni and sent out a bunch of donor cards explaining what was going on, which got us a lot more money,” Feduska said. “We are selling more stuff, too. Of course, all of those funds go directly to Bangladesh.”

Feduska also realizes the ultimate goal of the boxing club and the Bengal Bouts tournament. He says his job as a leader involves making sure the new members understand this goal, too.

“That’s something that comes along later,” he said of realizing the tournament’s objective. “With a lot of people, they come in trying to prove themselves, but the captains do a good job ingraining in your mind that it’s about what you’re doing for other people.”

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Ortenzio’s opponent in the final last year, then senior Kieran Bulger, said of then-sophomore Ortenzio: “I had to take it slow I figured that since he is such a workhorse in practice he would probably have good endurance.”

A three-year veteran who is known as a hard worker among his peers Ortenzio attributed much of his training mentality to his wrestling experience.

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Becca to Basics
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Indiana native Becca Bruszewski captains Irish through the postseason in her final season

Becca Bruszewski came to Notre Dame four years ago because it offered her the perfect package. But she never expected that she’d graduate as one of the top competitors Irish basketball has ever seen.

In fact, she refuses to believe it, although Irish coach Muffet McGraw does.

“She is the most amazing competitor I think I have ever coached,” McGraw said after Bruszewski’s final game in the Purcell Pavilion on Feb. 26.

Still, the senior forward refuses to take on that title, saying all she does is come to practice ready to go.

“I don’t know if I’m the most amazing, but I definitely come ready to go every day,” she said.

And this is coming from a girl who hated practice until last summer, when McGraw approached her about being a co-captain.

“She kind of just talked to me initially in the summer and how I needed to come every day ready to go,” Bruszewski said. “I used to hate practice — I couldn’t stand it. But now I see it from a coaching perspective, how necessary it is and how necessary it is for the team to be ready to go out and play and be prepared for the next game.”

Bruszewski has made sure that not only herself but also her teammates are prepared for each opponent they face. From setting the tone in the locker room and at practice to stepping up, both physically and vocally, in games, Bruszewski shares her “will to win” daily with her teammates.

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“I never want to lose in any possession, any drill. I never want to know that someone’s better than me. People talk about, ‘Oh, this girl has a lot of hype’ and I don’t. That really makes me come a little harder to the game because I want to prove people wrong,” she said.

So she does. Standing tall at 6-foot-1, Bruszewski likes to make sure her appearance shows she means business in the post with an average 5.1 rebounds per game, and on offense with an average of 9.2 points in the typical 25 minutes she spends on the court.

Playing for Notre Dame is not the first time that Bruszewski has earned notice on the court, however. A Valparaiso, Ind., native, she had been playing on AAU teams since grade school but brought her talents to South Bend during high school to gain more exposure. Her experience aided in her high school play as well as got her noticed.

“I started playing AAU more in third grade, played it in middle school and then in high school. And then I started playing AAU here in South Bend to get more exposure. Basketball in high school, I was a one through five,” she said. “I was the only girl that played AAU, so whatever we needed to do, I kind of did.

Bruszewski also started to attend more Notre Dame games in high school, falling in love with the atmosphere even more as a member of the Irish squad.

“My whole senior year of high school, I used to come to every home game. I’ve been in the JACC for every game for five, six years. So it was definitely something I took in, every aspect of it — the fans in the stands, the coaching staff, just running out of the tunnel, just having everyone cheering for me.”

Just like it did in high school and allowing Bruszewski to easily attend home games, Valparaiso’s vicinity to Notre Dame has given college more of a hometown feel for her and a chance to excel academically — the perfect package.

“It was obviously the perfect package — the academics, the tradition here, the fans, the basketball. Just definitely a place that’s close to home. A lot of family members come to games — just a perfect choice,” she said.

Being a student at Notre Dame has not only allowed this marketing student to find her passion in the classroom but to also grow as a player, and as a person.

“I would definitely say it’s made me a lot more mature — it’s made me look at things from a leadership standpoint and just what I do affects other things and people,” she said.

Bruszewski’s leadership skills were what led McGraw to nominate her as a team captain for the second straight year, encouraging and guiding her along the way.

“She’s grown so much as a leader. She’s done really good job of setting the tone for the team, getting them ready for the games,” McGraw said.

But Bruszewski had to earn the title for herself and, with her coach’s guidance, proved it to her teammates through her hard work and dedication.

“(McGraw) just talked to me about what I need to look for, or how I need to help people out, especially with the new people coming in later in the season. We didn’t have our freshman here this summer. The team this year — I was really honored by that because my teammates see how I work hard and that I would be a good example for them and the incoming freshmen,” Bruszewski said.

As a captain, Bruszewski has taken a few of her teammates, particularly her fellow post players, under her wing. Even if that post is her classmates, senior forward Devereaux Peters.

“I think the only difference between me and [Peters] is I’ve had that experience that she didn’t have those two years sitting out. She was able to watch from the bench and know and see what we need and where she would fit in,” Bruszewski said.

“Post-wise, she doesn’t really like to bang a lot in the post, so I’ll put her in positions where she’ll make the pass or she can catch it on the drive.”

While Bruszewski helps Peters in setting up the plays, it’s not a one-sided effort with the two starters.

“We know how each other plays, and we know how to read each other. We help each other get into the best situations to succeed,” Bruszewski said.

Another teammate Bruszewski has singled out is freshman forward Natalie Achonwa, who has been a crucial Irish force coming off the bench this season.

“I’ve taught Natalie to come ready to go every single day. Right now, the season is long and it’s tough, and it’s physical. Her watching how I play and how I am — it can be done, it is necessary and it’s something the team needs every day,” Bruszewski said. But she isn’t trying to be conceited, because she knows she can learn from her teammates, too. In fact, Bruszewski said Achonwa has helped her to learn a key component for success this season — patience.

“Before this year, I wasn’t very vocal but I would just get frustrated really easily. Now, I’m using my words to help people out and let them know where they need to be, trying to take things from their perspective and how they’re learning about the game,” Bruszewski said.

That patience is something that Bruszewski feels will be essential in her future plans of playing overseas. Her presence on the Irish team, though, will be greatly missed.

“Becca’s really had a great career, really exceeded our expectations. We’re really going to miss her next year — her physical play, her mental toughness, her relentless attitude. She works so hard every day at practice. She has really made her mark on the program,” McGraw said.

Bruszewski knows that leaving Notre Dame will be hard, but she won’t miss 6 a.m. morning practice in the summer. But [Notre Dame overall] has been an experience that I was not prepared for, but I learned a lot about myself and other people on the way. It’s made me a better person.”

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No. 16 SETON HALL
Pirates

Record: (8-21, 1-15 Big East)

Regular season: The Pirates struggled from the opening gate, dropping its first 10 conference games before picking up its lone win of the season against Cincinnati. Seton Hall finished conference play with the worst field goal percentage and the fewest assists.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 89, Pirates 38 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: First round exit against No. 9 seed Syracuse.

No. 15 CINCINNATI
Bearcats

Record: (9-19, 2-14 Big East)

Regular season: Plagued by injuries, the Bearcats never found their rhythm this season, losing 13 straight conference games at one point before salvaging a win against Marquette to salvage their season.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 66, Bearcats 48 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: First round exit against No. 10 seed West Virginia.

No. 10 WEST VIRGINIA
Mountaineers

Record: (22-8, 8-8 Big East)

Regular season: Although the Mountaineers finished the regular season 14 games over .500, they failed to play up to their potential. However, the Mountaineers feature a premiere scorer in Liz Repella, who averages 15 points per game.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 72, Mountaineers 60 (at West Virginia)

How far they go: Second round exit against No. 7 St. John’s.

No. 9 SYRACUSE
Orange

Record: (21-8, 9-7 Big East)

Regular season: The Orange scrapped their way to finish the conference season one game above .500, but failed to make an impact despite a manageable schedule. Syracuse did have the best rebounding average at 42 rebounds per game.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 71, Orange 48 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: Second round exit against No. 8 Georgetown.

Predicting Notre Dame

When we first set out to make this Insider, I thought about assigning each team (fairly random) odds of winning. After all, I logicked, Notre Dame must have a better chance of winning than does, say, Seton Hall. But I realized that’s not true at all. Only one team has a chance of winning this thing, and it’s the same team that’s won for the past three years. I predict Notre Dame will make the final game, but will fall to Connecticut just as badly as it did two weeks ago.

Making the finals, though, will help in NCAA seeding. Notre Dame moved up a ranking in the AP poll both times it lost to Connecticut. A strong showing here should guarantee a three seed, and maybe even bump the Irish up to a two seed in the national tournament.

Prediction: Connecticut over Notre Dame, championship game

Laura Myers
Sports Writer
Regular season: The Wildcats finished near the bottom of the pack for the second consecutive season. A young team with potential, Villanova could be a surprise contender in the future. But after losing eight straight conference games this year, the Wildcats took themselves out of contention.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 58, Wildcats 43 (at Villanova)
How far they go: First round exit against No. 13 South Florida

Regular season: Despite finishing the regular season with a sub-.500 record, the Bulls feature one of the league’s most prolific scorers in Andrea Smith, who averages 17.6 points per game. They could be a sleeper.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 76, Bulls 68 (at South Florida)
How far they go: First round upset over No. 12 Pittsburgh, but exit in the second round to No. 5 Marquette.

D’s Tourney

While the Irish have come close to knocking off some top teams, I just don’t see them beating UConn in a de facto Huskies home game. Notre Dame will get their revenge in the semifinal against DePaul, but will lose in the championship game to UConn.

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ND’s Tourney

Senior forward Devereaux Peters prepares to shoot during Notre Dame’s 71-48 win over Syracuse on Feb. 1.

Junior guard Fraderica Miller leads the fastbreak during Notre Dame’s 69-36 win over St. John’s on Jan. 23.

Andrew Owens
Sports Writer
No. 8 GEORGETOWN Bulldogs

Record: (21-9, 9-7 Big East)

Regular season: The Bulldogs had a chance to crack into the top four, but remained content at the middle of the pack. However, they feature the conference’s best scorer after Connecticut’s Maya Moore in sophomore Sugar Rodgers, who averages 18 points per game.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 80, Georgetown 58 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: Second round exit against No. 1 Connecticut

No. 7 ST. JOHN’S Red Storm

Record: (20-9, 9-7 Big East)

How they did during the regular season: The Red Storm are led by head coach Kim Barnes Arico, one of the best in the conference. Although St. John’s started off slowly, the team won six of its last nine games.

How they did against Notre Dame: Irish 69, Red Storm 36 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: Second round exit against No. 2 DePaul

No. 1 CONNECTICUT Huskies

Record: (29-1, 16-0 Big East)

How they did during the regular season: Besides a loss to Stanford to snap a 90-game winning streak, Connecticut dominated the opposition per usual, Geno Auriemma. Maya Moore. Clear favorite to win it all again.

How they did against Notre Dame: Huskies 79, Irish 76 (at Notre Dame); Huskies 78, Irish 57 at Connecticut

How far they go: Win the Big East championships.

No. 2 DePAUL Blue Demons

Record: (26-5, 13-3 Big East)

How they did during the regular season: An unselfish basketball team, the Blue Demons pass the ball and find the open shooter. Led by top-notch coach Doug Bruno, DePaul vaulted to the top of the Big East this season, taking the No. 2 seed from the Irish in the last day of the regular season.

How they did against Notre Dame: Blue Demons 70, Irish 69 (at DePaul)

How far they go: Upset in the semifinals by No. 3 Notre Dame.

Predicting N

As a native of the Bay Area, watching Connecticut lose to Stanford 45 minutes from home was the highlight of my winter break. Not only did the Huskies see their 90-game win streak snapped, but it was the first time they actually looked bad playing basketball. At least I saw it once, because I won’t be seeing it again for another 90 games. Maya Moore refuses to lose, the Huskies have lost only one game in 30 appearances at the XL Center and Geno Auriemma knows how to get Notre Dame in foul trouble.

The Irish avenge their one-point loss to DePaul in the semifinals of the conference championships. Blue Demons coach Doug Bruno has been one of the best in the game during his tenure at DePaul, but McGraw and her squad should be playing with a chip on their shoulder. A really mean chip.

Prediction: Connecticut over Notre Dame, championship game

Chris Masoud
Sports Writer
**No. 4 RUTGERS Scarlet Knights**

**Record:** (18-11, 11-5 Big East)

Regular season: Rutgers surpassed expectations, earning a double-bye in the Big East championships. The Scarlet Knights feature a dynamic scorer in Angel Robinson, who averages five assists per game. Favorable seeding gives them a shot to make it to the semifinals.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 71, Scarlet Knights 49 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: Upset in the third round by No. 5 Marquette.

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**No. 5 MARQUETTE Golden Eagles**

**Record:** (22-7, 10-6 Big East)

Regular season: Marquette has emerged as a perennial contender for a top seed in the Big East championships. The Golden Eagles feature a dynamic scorer in Angel Robinson, who averages five assists per game. Favorable seeding gives them a shot to make it to the semifinals.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 73, Golden Eagles 55 (at Marquette)

How far they go: Third round upset over No. 4 Rutgers, but exit in the semifinals against No. 1 Connecticut.

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**No. 6 LOUISVILLE Cardinals**

**Record:** (19-11, 10-6 Big East)

Regular season: The Cardinals faltered during the middle stretch of the season, but finished strong by winning five of its last seven games. Louisville also has the fourth-highest scoring offense in the conference, as it averages 64.5 points per game.

Against Notre Dame: Irish 80, Cardinals 60 (at Notre Dame)

How far they go: Second round exit against No. 3 Notre Dame.

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**No. 3 NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish**

**Record:** (24-6, 13-3 Big East)

Regular season: The Irish turned in another solid season under Irish coach Muffet McGraw. The development of senior Devereaux Peters into a force under the basket and the emergence of freshman forward Natalie Achonwa give the Irish much-needed size heading into the conference tournament.

How far they go: Fall in the title match to No. 1 Connecticut.

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**D’s Tourney**

I’m going to be the faithful optimist here and say that the Irish are angry enough to finally give Connecticut what it deserves — a much needed loss while Notre Dame finally proves once and for all their strength and skills as a team. The Irish were so close at home that, if they’re at the top of our game and are ready to seek vengeance, they can finally pull through and get the win this team, especially its seniors, have been waiting for.

Although Maya Moore is an undeniable force and carries their team, she has to tire out sometime, right? And I think Notre Dame is the team to do it.

Prediction: Notre Dame over Connecticut, championship.

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Moore to write final chapter of legacy

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In the past 15 weeks, Maya Moore has been named Big East player of the week a record eight times.

In the past year, she has earned the Wade Trophy for player of the year, shared the Honda-Broderick cup that honors the best female college athlete, won an ESPY for best female college athlete, was named a consensus All-American and an Academic All-American, and played on Team USA in the 2010 FIBA World Championships.

In the past four years, Moore's awards and records are too numerous to list. But her career can be summed up like this: 143 wins in 146 total games, including three Big East championships and two national titles. The most prolific offensive player in Connecticut women's basketball history.

And more than any other Big East team, Notre Dame has been there to witness it happen.

If the Irish and Huskies both play their way into the finals of the Big East tournament this week, it will mark the eighth time that the two teams have played each other since Moore began her career.

After the latest of these matches, a game then-No. 2 Connecticut won 78-57 on Feb. 19, a reporter asked Irish coach Muffet McGraw if Moore is the best player she had ever seen.


Moore leads the conference in scoring with 23.4 points per game and is fifth in rebounding with 7.8 points per game. In her 146 career games, she has failed to score in double figures four times. There is not a 2011 statistical category in which she is not among the top 15 in the Big East.

On Feb. 19, McGraw said Moore played “like a human,” with a stat line of 12 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

In seven games against Notre Dame in her career, Moore has averaged nearly 18 points per game. As a freshman making her first trip to Notre Dame on Jan. 27, 2008, Moore scored Connecticut’s first 15 points in an eventual 81-64 victory. As a senior, in her third and final appearance at the Purcell Pavilion, Moore scored 21 in Notre Dame’s 79-76 loss on Jan 8.

Monday was Moore’s senior night, and before No. 1 Connecticut clinched its regular-season Big East title with an 82-47 win over Syracuse, her jersey joined those of Connecticut greats Diana Taurasi, Sue Bird, Rebecca Lobo and Tina Charles in Connecticut’s Ring of Honor.

It isn’t her last time playing in Connecticut, though. The Big East tournament is held in Hartford, and the Huskies will most likely play at their own arena, the Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, for the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

When the Big East moved to a 16-game conference schedule two years ago, the math worked out so that each team would have to face one other team twice. For the sake of competition and television ratings, among other factors, the Irish and Huskies were put together for two games a year.

This year, the two could meet in the finals for their third game of the year.

After Monday’s game, Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman predicted what would happen in Moore’s fourth Big East tournament.

“During tournament play I think it comes down to who has the best player, and [Huskies coach Geno Auriemma] has the best player,” he said. “When you get in to these tournament games there are going to be some close games and nobody is going to be able to stop Maya.”

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