Dayne sticks to charity

By VICTORIA MORENO
News Writer

Activities at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center were in full force Friday, but Center Court One was temporarily out of commission. Irish quarterback Dayne Crist was taped to the east wall with purple, pink, blue and even cheetah tape.

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OFFBEAT

Sleepy Malaysian burglar caught in act
MALAYSIA — A Malaysian court has slapped a five-year prison sentence on a burglar who was found sleeping in a house he broke into.

Prosecutor Muhammad Ashraf Diah says the 35-year-old man broke into a house in southern Malaysia last week and spent the night sleeping there. The homeowner returned in the morning and called the authorities before the man woke up.

The unemployed man tried to run away when the police arrived. They caught him and recovered several hundred ringgit (dollars) he had taken from the house.

Muhammad Ashraf said Wednesday that the man pleaded guilty to a burglary charge this week.

Woman impersonates mother in pension fraud
FERNDALE, Wash. — Authorities say a Seattle state woman suspected of pension fraud was arrested when she tried to open a bank account in her dead mother’s name while disguised as her mother.

Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo says 59-year-old Loewen B. Craft was wearing a gray wig and makeup to make her look older when she arrived this week at a credit union branch in Ferndale, Wash.

The sheriff alleges Craft fraudulently collected more than $145,000 in pension benefits since her mother, Betty Becker, died in 2007. Detective John Alligre was waiting at the credit union. He arrested Craft for investigation of first-degree identity theft, criminal impersonation and multiple counts of forgery.

The sheriff says the scheme began to unravel when the detective started investigating an unrelated arson case. He learned that Becker had been admitted to St. Joseph hospital in 2007 and died on April 23, 2007.

The finals of the 81st annual Bengal Bouts tournament was held Friday night in the Purcell Pavilion. All proceeds from the boxing tournament benefit the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

IN BRIEF

The 2010-2011 Annual Ward-Phillips lecture series featuring Wai Chee Dimock, the William Lampson Professor of English and American Studies at Yale University starts tomorrow. Professor Dimock will be giving the lecture “Who’s Irish. Henry James, Colm Toiben, James Joyce, Gish Jen” at 5 p.m. in the Eck Center Auditorium.

Karen Ainsley, the Executive Director of Near Northwest Neighborhood Inc. will be giving the lecture “Exploring the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc.: The impact of a local Community Development Corporation” today at 5 p.m. in Bond Hall.

Alexander Nemirov, the Chair of the Department of the History of Art at Yale University, will be giving the lecture “The Flame of Place: Abraham Lincoln.” The lecture will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Anneberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art.

Today in Hammes Mowbrary Hall starting at 6 p.m. R.A.D Women’s Self-Defense courses taught by Notre Dame Security Police will be held. The course is taught in 4 sessions and is due at the beginning of the first session. Preregister at http://ndsp.nd.edu

Registration for Family FIRST Yoga session 2 will be held all day today in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Sign up in RSRC activity room 1. Registration is due required due to space limitations. For questions contact Tim Novak at (575) 631-0584 or at tnovak@nd.edu.

To submit information to be included in the section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.n@gmail.com
OIS extends application deadline

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The Office of International Studies has extended application deadlines to March 21 for its spring of 2012 study abroad programs in Puebla, Santiago and Mexico, and Santiago, Chile, program coordinators said.

“We wanted to make sure that any student who had a conflict with studying abroad in the fall before was able to apply for the spring, especially for freshmen who may not have really known about their options to study abroad,” Finlen said.

Kathleen Opel, director of off-campus programs, said the Office of International Studies (OIS) decided to allow more students to participate in the Puebla, Mexico, and Santiago, Chile, programs because more spaces were available. She said there is no minimum number of students that must participate in the programs in order for them to run.

“In Santiago, [students] go through the Pontificia Universidad Católica [de Chile], so it doesn’t matter if we send a few or many,” Opel said. “The same is true in Puebla. We are affiliated with a university there. It’s not dependent on the number of students … but we were able to take more students, and … we wanted to accommodate people that had applied for Toledo if they were interested in other Spanish-speaking options.”

Finlen said although the Washington, D.C. program does not have a required number of students, OIS prefers to send between 10 and 20 students each semester.

Sixteen students have already been accepted to the Washington, D.C. program for the spring of 2012, Finlen said. Opel said approximately eight students have been accepted to the Puebla program and about 12 have been accepted to the Santiago program. About 400 students have been accepted to all study abroad programs for the spring of 2012.

Some students may only be able to study abroad in their sophomore years because of their academic programs, Opel said.

“Students, for example, freshmen, that are just making selections for their future tracks here at Notre Dame may not have realized that they should have applied back in November if they were going to study abroad as a sophomore,” Opel said. “This is one way we have to address it.”

Summer study abroad programs are another way OIS accommodates students that cannot study abroad during the academic year, Opel said. These students receive priority consideration for admission to summer programs.

Opel said some students that are minoring in Education, Schooling, and Society have recently expressed interest in the Puebla program because of its emphasis on educational internships.

Students have also expressed interest in the Washington, D.C. program since the deadline was extended, Finlen said.

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Steiner lectures on sustainable farming

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Making agriculture sustainable should be a concern for everyone, said University of Notre Dame vice president of Sustainability Affairs and Corporate Affairs for Monsanto, Go to Cubs.com/fightingirish

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Steiner also talked about efficiency-driven ag- resealing agriculture as focusing on reducing the cost per unit as much as possible. He added marketing driven agriculture as growing in a certain way for a certain market. He used the example of organic farmers who commit to a certain agricultural method because there is a market for the products of that method.

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In the Ticket Center Box, click on College Discount to view select dates available.

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‘Donate to Duct Tape Dayne’ drew Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to Rolfs Sport Recreation Center for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event Friday.

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Wright, Relay for Life committee member and event coordinator, said, “Think outside the box. That’s my motto.”

The idea for the event was a product of an online search for a unique and innovative fundraising idea, she said.

Wright said she needed a duct-tape victim who was not only willing, but that would draw attention. She aimed high and sought out Crist.

“I was more than happy to be a part of such a great cause,” Crist said. “One way or another we have all been affected by cancer, and I am glad that I can be a part of something that is so personal for so many people.”

Although he did not know exactly what he would be doing for the fundraiser, Crist said he did not try to scramble out of the commitment when he learned he was going to be duct-taped.

“It didn’t change my mind,” he said. “It’s for such a great cause.”

Crist smiled, laughed and shouted at friends who were playing basketball or running around the track in an effort to get more participants. Friends, students and others gathered to immobilize Crist.

RecSports was an active participant in the fundraiser. Not only did its staff coordinate the event in conjunction with the Relay for Life Committee, but RecSports interns remained still as donors threw pies at their faces.

Wright said their official goal was to raise $1,000. Donations ranged according to what each participant wanted to do, with $3 to duct-tape Crist and $1 to pie an intern. In addition to these interactive donation activities, participants were also encouraged to purchase luminaries, Peyton Pops or the iconic wristbands. Each donor was then asked to sign a commemorative board that will be donated to Relay for Life’s silent auction.

The Notre Dame Relay for Life Committee recognizes the growing relevance of cancer in the lives of its students, faculty, staff and community, Wright said. The members are proud to participate and hope that, together with the American Cancer Society, they can help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

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Purple, blue, pink and cheetah-print duct tape holds quarterback Dayne Crist up on a wall at the Relay for Life.
great job of going back and looking at the fundamentals of the story we wanted to tell," Ryan said. “It’s pretty much taken it to its end, so now it’s all about getting the film out there for everyone to see.”

In the filmmakers’ first major attempt to raise awareness of the film, they screened the final edition of “Strong Bodies Fight” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium for Interreligious Dialogue last month, Ryan said. Ryan and his colleagues submitted the film to the symposium after contacting an FSU professor who they had come in contact with through their previous work.

“It’s really cool to get the film out there because this is something we all love, and it’s a huge part of our lives,” Ryan said. “We have no real motive other than wanting people to learn more about the film and to see how great (Bengal Bouts) is.”

Ryan said his team also screened the film in February at its first film festival, the John Paul II Film Festival in Miami, by working with the Notre Dame Club of Miami to promote the film.

The film was very well-received, and there was a lot of interest in it,” Ryan said. “Things have been going great so far. The broad scope of the Notre Dame alumni network has opened doors for the film in spreading the word and raising funds for the Holy Cross missions highlighted in the film, Ryan said. “We pretty much have an open door policy with the film because we just want to share it with all the alumni clubs and whoever else wants to see it,” Ryan said.

“We hope that the more people know about our relationship with Bangladesh and the great things Bengal Bouts does, the more people will donate money and make a bigger impact over there,” Ryan said.

The financial impact of the Bouts on impoverished Bangladesh is especially significant because the exchange rate of Bangladeshi taka to US dollars is about 72 to 1, so last year’s Bengal Bouts fundraising total of more than $100,000 will make a big difference, Ryan said. But for Ryan, bringing “Strong Bodies Fight” back to the Notre Dame community has been the most important step in the process of promoting the film after years of hard work.

“It’s a timeless film because the Bouts will still happen every year and raise money for missions,” Ryan said. “We want to show how incredible this school is and how great the work of Bengal Bouts and the missions is, so in the scheme of things it doesn’t matter how long it took us to make the film.”

After the filmmakers traveled to Bangladesh in May 2010 and were encouraged to do more, they needed more boxers should have the opportunity they had, so they started an International Summer Program to allow them that would allow four to five men to share their experience.

“The ISSLP is the greatest thing to come out of this,” Ryan said. “It’s not just about us, and the fact that the kids knew there there means it’s changing the program and the understanding of the boxers and what they’re fighting for.”

Besides bringing the film to the Notre Dame community, Ryan said his team has submitted the film to several film festivals and will find out where it has been accepted in the next few months.

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Executive committee member Caitlyn Wonski said the event’s attendance was higher than previous years because of the increased number of families present at the marathon. In previous years, the twelve-hour marathon was held from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. The time change allowed for more Riley’s kids and families to attend the event,” she said.

“That was really important to us because we do this all for the kids, and we want them to be able to enjoy the marathon as well. Wonski explained that holding the marathon at an earlier hour also helped with the morale of the marathoners.

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“The nice thing about summer is you get time off,” he said. “It was an opportunity for me to get time off when I came to Notre Dame, he didn’t know what he was going to do. I knew the Jamaican coaches and knew the Jamaican coaches.”

Fadden said the increased attendance was due to the increased number of non-participants and how great the work of Riley’s. You could sense the passion and love in everyone who came.

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**EGYPT**

### Egyptian prime minister names caretaker cabinet

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt’s prime minister-designate named a caretaker cabinet on Sunday to help lead the country through reforms and toward free elections after the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak.

The changes include new faces in the key foreign, interior and justice ministries — a decision expected to be met with the approval of the pro-reform groups that led an 18-day uprising that forced Mubarak to step down on Feb. 11.

Meanwhile, a rally outside the Interior Ministry in Cairo, which houses offices of the hated State Security agency, was violently broken up.

Protesters have over the past two days rallied outside some dozen state security offices across the nation. In many cases, protesters stormed the buildings, including the main State Security headquarters in the city. But the protesters have the advantage in numbers and equipment.

On Sunday, army soldiers fired live ammunition and used stun guns to disperse hundreds of protesters who wanted to storm the State Security offices inside the Interior Ministry in downtown Cairo. The protesters said they wanted to see for themselves whether the building had secret cells and to stop officers from destroying documents.

Thugs armed with rocks, firebombs and machetes also charged at the protesters, but it was not immediately known who had sent them. State TV said 27 arrests were made at the scene.

The State Security agency, which employs about 100,000 of Egypt’s 500,000-strong security forces, is blamed for the worst human rights abuses against Mubarak’s opponents.

Dismantling the agency has been a key demand of the protest groups that led the uprising.

In a move clearly designed to respond to such demands, Prime Minister-designate Essam Sharaf has named a new interior minister, Maj. Gen. Mansour el-Essawy, a former Cairo security chief, as intended to replace Mahmoud Wagdi, who has held the post for less than a month.

The Interior Ministry is in charge of the security forces.

El-Essawy, according to a report by the state news agency, pledged after meeting Sharaf that he would work to restore security and reduce the role of the State Security agency.

Sharaf met with 22 other ministerial nominees, including Nabil Elaraby, expected to be Egypt’s foreign minister. Elaraby will replace Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, who has held the job since 2004 but has been maligned by the protesters because of his criticism of the uprising.

Elaraby was Egypt’s U.N. representative in the 1990s and served as a judge in the International Court of Justice between 2001 and 2006. He was critical of the government’s crackdown against the uprising and was a member of a committee to advise protest leaders on their demands.

The new Cabinet also includes a new justice minister, replacing one who was considered a close Mubarak ally and whose dismissal was demanded by the opposition groups.

The new Cabinet has to be approved and sworn in by Egypt’s military rulers.

Nasser Abdel-Hamid, a protest leader and member of the Youth Coalition, said the new Cabinet lineup was acceptable because it did not include Mubarak loyalists.

“Most of them are experts in their field, and have a good history,” he said.

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### LIBYA

### Loyalists attack rebel advance on capital city

Associated Press

BIN JAWWAD — Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi, some in helicopter gunships, pounded opposition fighters with artillery, rockets and gunfire Sunday, dramatically escalating the battle to take the rebels’ rapidly advancing forces toward the capital.

The rebels also battled to loosen the grip of rebels on two cities close to Tripoli. But in at least one case, their tactics appeared to lead them into a trap.

Residents said pro-Gadhafi troops pushed into the city of Misrata, 120 miles (200 kilometers) east of Tripoli, the capital, with mortars and tanks but were pushed out five hours later by rebel forces. The rebels’ commanders intentionally opened the way for government tanks to enter the city, then surrounded them and attacked with anti-aircraft guns and mortars, said Abdel Fatah al-Misrati, one of the rebels.

“Our spirits are high,” al-Misrati said. “The regime is strong, but what he is doing is a desperate attempt to survive and crush the opposition.”

But the rebels are in control of the city.

As fighting across Libya grew more fierce, the international community appeared to be struggling to put military muscle behind its demands for Gadhafi to give up power.

A small British delegation sent to talk to the rebels head-quartered in the main eastern city of Benghazi, meanwhile, was arrested by the rebels themselves, who said the group had entered the country without permission. The rebels have set up an interim governing council that is urging international airstrikes on Gadhafi’s strongholds and forces, though they strongly oppose foreign intervention on the ground.

Sunday’s fighting appeared to signal the start of a new phase in the conflict, with Gadhafi’s regime unleashing its air power on the rebel force trying to oust the ruler of 41 years. Resorting to heavy use of air attacks signaled the regime’s concern that the rebels could capture Sirte, Gadhafi’s hometown.

Anti-Gadhafi forces would get a massive morale boost if they captured Sirte, and it would clear a major obstacle on the march toward the gates of Tripoli.

The uprising against Gadhafi, which began Feb. 15, is already the worst bloodier of the relatively quick revolts that have overthrown the longtime authoritarian leaders of neighboring Egypt and Tunisia.

Libya appears to be sliding out of control as the civil war that could drag out for weeks, or even months. Both sides seem to be relatively weak and poorly trained, though Gadhafi’s forces have the advantage in numbers and equipment.

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**LIBYA**

### The Juggler: Literature, Art & Design

The Juggler has been Notre Dame’s only student literary and graphic design magazine since 1919. The deadline for submissions for the Spring 2011 Juggler is the Wednesday after Spring Break, March 23rd.

**ART SUBMISSIONS**

There is no limit to the number of pieces you may submit. Artwork may be turned in to Mary Kutemeier in room 306 Riley, or e-mailed as a high resolution (300+ ppi) image file to juggler@nd.edu.

**PROSE AND POETRY SUBMISSIONS**

There is no limit to the number of pieces you may submit, but no individual work can exceed 2500 words. Submit all works of literature to juggler@nd.edu.
Twister victims focus on cleanup

Associated Press

RAYNE, La. — As the storm roared toward Pauline Patton's apartment, she peered out the window and saw something she wasn't ready for: A funnel cloud. Suddenly, the power went out. Rainwater poured through the ceiling. And as everything went black, she heard what sounded like a bomb exploding overhead.

Still, residents said the tornado that killed a woman a day before and displaced hundreds could have been much worse. Many have turned their attention to taking care of pets and retrieving essentials left behind while evacuating.

Patton, 64, and her husband, Howard, were having lunch Sunday at a fire station-turned-sHELTER, courtesy of the Red Cross. They weren't sure when — or if — they'd be able to return to their apartment.

About two dozen people were also at the shelter, with nowhere else to go.

"It happened so fast," she said. "You couldn't hardly see nowhere else to go."

Many of the 1,500 residents were being allowed to return to their homes in this community about 70 miles west of Baton Rouge, said Rayne Police Chief Carroll Stelly.

"If they have power and they have their barricade tape, they can sleep the night away," Stelly said.

However, about 100 damaged homes were still barricaded off. Forty were uninhabitable and 60 hadn't been inspected yet, Stelly said.

Some 150 homes had been damaged or destroyed as winds topped out at 135 mph, leaving at least 12 with injuries that were not life-threatening.

On Sunday, a cat curled in the sun on top of the demolished home where 21-year-old Jasila Granger was killed. Granger had been protecting her 15-month-old son, Tyrek, when part of an oak tree crashed onto the home. Her mother and brother were also inside, her cousin said. An uncle had to cut a hole in the wreckage to pull out the three survivors, said Granger's cousin, 35-year-old Donita Wilridge.

"My aunt said that within 30 seconds it was over," Wilridge said.

Granger's son is too young to understand what happened, but is missing his mother, who was studying nursing at LSU at Eunice.

"He just keeps holliering for her," Wilridge said.

Elsewhere, mud-soaked belongings were strewn about the yards. Emergency workers painted spray-painted symbols on homes that they had checked. Splintered wood, glass shards and trailer frames remain, while aluminum siding was wrapped around trees. Chain saws hummed in the distance as crews cut downed tree limbs from power lines.

In the evening, residents allowed back into their neighborhood used flashlights to look at the damage.

Harold Mouton, 67, was stunned to find yellow tape cordoning off his house, meaning he couldn't stay there. The twister ripped through the front of the home and it had shifted off its foundation.

"I feel like crying, man," the shaken Mouton said. "That was my daddy's house, my grandmother's house.

Ron Granger was meeting with officials and survey the damage. He said more would be known about federal assistance when teams from the state and federal government assess the damage.

"These are a strong people. We are going to rebuild back better and stronger than we were before," Jindal said.

Marla Andrus, 26, was waiting at the police department hoping someone could get her back to her home so she could check on her terrier Keosa, who had gone for a full day without food and water. Andrew had been giving her elderly mother a bath when the storm hit.

"I was so worried about getting my mom out of there I completely forgot about the dog," said Andrew, whose home was not significantly damaged but was located in the evacuation area.

In that same waiting room, 50-year-old Reginald Mouton was hoping he could at least be allowed back into his neighborhood to recover his 50-year-old Reginald Mouton, who said he was hoping he could at least recover his belongings when his neighborhood was cleared.

"I'm very fortunate. We as a country are going to rebuild and eventually we will come back," Andrew said.

The White House has said it will welcome congressional oversight of the administration's response to the storm.

President George W. Bush promised recovery and "an unequivocal stand against terrorism." In New York City on Sunday, about 300 protestors gathered in Times Square to speak out against terrorism, hearing, criticizing it as senseless and saying that those who perpetrate the attacks do not represent you or your faith, and that they will not succeed in pitting believers of different faiths against one another, McDouglas said. He also promised further efforts to dispel "misperceptions" about the Muslim community among Americans who are Muslim.

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On Sunday, McDouglas said the strategy would involve continuing efforts to understand the process of radicalization and recruitment to terrorism, as well as further outreach to Islamic communities in the United States. He said it recognized the administration's efforts to dispel "misperceptions" about Muslims in the United States.

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INSIDE COLUMN

You define our work

Douglas Farmer
Editor-in-Chief

I was required to attend a live show-
ing of the National Theatre’s perform-
ance of “King Lear” at Browning
Cinema Thursday night.

Instead, I spent the night — close to
10 hours total — fulfilling my new
role as Editor-in-Chief for the first
time.

The Observer, such as it goes.

And none of us on this staff
would have it any other way.

We have missed classes, lost sleep, eaten unhealthy food and wandered
nights with our friends, even
up the occasional date, to produce this paper so you can have a distraction over that plate of
stuffed shells.

Yes, for some in our newsroom, these teeth-grinding mishaps provide mean-
ingful experience for future journa-
list careers. Yet even more of our staff is inspired to avoid the down-
ward-spiraling path of journalism: pre-
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major finishes his cryptic thesis, we
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regular work in the basement of South
Dining Hall. When the business majors
land lucrative internships, or even jobs,
we plan to celebrate with them — as
that the see the dead
difficulty that turned into that stroke
of luck.

Without these staffers, The Observer would not come out twice a week, yet
alone daily.

Without our readers, The Observer would not exist at all.

By reading The Observer in class,
during lunch or while Villanova’s start-
ing lineup is announced, you give us —
all of us, both the journalism minors and
pre-med majors — reason to
miss those classes, lose sleep, eat unhealthily and even skip a few nights at
Kidder’s.

Over the next year, it is our goal to
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with attendance would be minimal dur-
ing those sessions of PE.

The implementation of this suggestion
would put Notre Dame on the path to
righting two huge wrongs — gender
relation issues and the ineffectiveness of Contemporary Topics. A third wrong
— me currently having no job, program
or schooling lined up post-graduation
— could also be righted as I would
gladly take on the coordinator position
for this important program. Then I
could be “that” graduate who seems to
go to Feve, Finny’s and the Backer
more so than actual work.

The possibilities are endless. Just
think of how better of a place Notre
Dame would be, particularly during your
first year, if males knew how to
speak to females and vice versa, you
know just the whole 30-second “what
is your name and where are you from”
conversation. We all know that
Contemporary Topics leaves a lot to be
desired, so why not actually teach stu-
dents things that are relevant. The food
pyramid and the drink equivalencies of
snacks to beers is old news. I expect a
prompt response from the department of
Physical Education and Wellness
Instruction; this opportunity is too
great to pass up.

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is eligible to run for president in 2024 and
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Viewpoint

The topic of all topics

In pondering the next Notre Dame
issue I would tackle for this week’s col-
um, I could not help but realize that I
had yet to enlighten the campus on my
thoughts concerning the ultimate topic
at Notre Dame —

gender relations. Now, there are sev-
eral facets of this

problem. First of all, there is the
hypocrisy in which many men treat women and
so on. But if I have learned one thing from
my professors here, it is to be con-
cise and narrowly focused when writ-
ing.

I believe the area of concern that is
the greatest in the gender relations cat-
gory is the awkwardness which
numerous Notre Dame students exhibit when
communicating with the opposite sex;
gender, there are those who dis-
play the same awkwardness communi-
cating just about anyone, but let’s
work in baby steps here.

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Re-inventing the parasite

My freshman year at Saint Mary's college, an Observer comic referred to Saint Mary's women as parasites. Some people, including my friends, were quite offended by this, but I didn't really care. I couldn't attend Notre Dame, even though I was in the top five percent of my high school class, scored well on the ACT and had a nice repertoire of activi- ties that encompassed academics, athletics and fine arts. I simply couldn't afford it.

So I went to Saint Mary's, received a scholarship and made some wonderful lifelong friends. And if I could do it again, and could go to Notre Dame for free, I would still choose to pay for my Saint Mary's education. I am currently a graduate student at Notre Dame. I was also accepted to the Chemistry program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, whose Top-10 ranking far surpasses that of Notre Dame. Why, then, did I choose to come to Notre Dame for grad school?

Here's a lesson I learned, and am willing to share with you: Sometimes the best (based on popular choice) is not the best choice for every single person in that population. I am doing what I've done all along — what is best for me.

So keep that in mind, ladies and gentlemen at both schools. Before you decide to judge. What is best for you may not be best for someone else.

Don't berate others' choices, for a choice is some- thing we've been given. And to my Belles, if you see me around Notre Dame's campus, I'll be wearing my ring, my French cross and something that lets everyone know I'm Saint Mary's. That's how I'm changing stereotypes.

Kristi Pellegrini
grad student
off campus
Mar. 4

Please be courteous

The last few days at lunch have been frustrating for me in one way. I haven't found a Chicago Tribune anywhere. Not at 11 a.m. and not at 1:30 p.m. Only last week there were a good four or more sitting in the return tray! I don't know if students (or dining hall staff) are recycling them, but I figure this is worth a try anyway. I'm asking all Tribune readers to please, please, please put them back in the return tray when you're done.

Lindsay Nowak
sophomore
Foley Hall
Mar. 4

Rules and maxims for safe dining hall navigation

Vines and tomatos, as The Observer comic may have implied, are not what you want to be carrying around your tray. A few general rules and maxims for the safe and easy navigation of SMC's dining hall:

1. Don't use the tray conveyor belt area as a social space, even though that thing is a great topic for small talk with any and all Saint Mary's people. (Extra food goes in, doesn't come out??)
2. Don't back up, ever.
3. Wait three minutes to text; don't do it while carrying your spinach and tofu salad and two cups of milk.
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That way someone else (like me) can enjoy them too. The Blackhawks are on a six game win streak and I'd like to peruse pro-Hawk biased articles while eating my lunch.

Jacques Dupuis
senior
Sons of SMC
Mar. 4

The MR degree

The Viewpoints “The anti-MRS” (Mar. 1) and “MRS degree is alive and well” (Mar. 3) have both left me frustrated. It is the 21st century! What happened to gender equality, Title IX, the Equal Pay Act? Why is the MRS degree getting all the attention when the MR degree remains on the sidelines? It is time that we raised the level of public discourse to the point where women’s and men’s rights are treated equally. It is time that we recognized the MR degree as every bit as useful and as helpful as the MRS degree.

I am not afraid to admit that I chose Notre Dame in pursuit of the MR degree. I know that others have the same sentiments. We have all come to this prestigious university with our charming smiles and surefire pick-up lines in pursuit of that MR “chaser,” and something that lets everyone know I’m a MRS degree holder, not only handling the rigorous work of Notre Dame society then to eliminate the most elementary cause of hatred.

Monday, March 7, 2011

Ryan Snelling
freshman
O’Neill Hall
Mar. 3

Necessary conversations

After watching the performance of Loyal Daughters and Sons on Thursday, I was stunned. Not by what I had seen — I know the horrors of sexual assault at Notre Dame only too well — but by the fact that afterwards the only thing I ended up hearing about it was that no one was talking. I think what we need is to start a conversation.

I’ll volunteer to speak first. I am one of the thou- sand women at Notre Dame who has suffered sexual assault. Twice. On Notre Dame’s campus.

There, I’ve started the conversation. Now, I expect some sort of response in the form of both conversa- tions and Viewpoints. To those of you who know me, please don’t awkwardly say something and pretend that you didn’t read The Observer — when you see me, let’s talk about it.

To Notre Dame guys, I not only expect you to listen carefully to women’s complaints about this issue, to listen and respect when they say “no,” but to join in the conversation and start dis- cussing why this is happening.

If a thousand women at Notre Dame suffer sexual assault, how many guys are perpetrators? Ladies, why aren’t we talking more about this subject that affects us so profoundly even with each other?

Sexual assault is often blamed on binge drinking or the hookup culture, but that still doesn’t explain why we damage those relationships to begin with. Let’s speak up and speak loud.

Let’s start talking.

Shea Streeter
senior
Badin Hall
Mar. 6

A nationwide epidemic

I’ve noticed a few articles in The Observer these past few days concerning the non-athlete shirt and there were a few issues I feel compelled to address. First off, Holden, your letter (“Non-athlete shirts and icons on Thursday, I was stunned. Not by what I had seen — I know the horrors of sexual assault at Notre Dame only too well — but by the fact that afterwards the only thing I ended up hearing about it was that no one was talking. I think what we need is to start a conversation.

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I am not afraid to admit that I chose Notre Dame in pursuit of the MR degree. I know that others have the same sentiments. We have all come to this prestigious university with our charming smiles and surefire pick-up lines in pursuit of that MR “chaser,” and something that lets everyone know I’m a MRS degree holder, not only handling the rigorous work of Notre Dame
By TROY MATHEWS
Scene Writer

Super Mash Bros, a Los Angeles-based mash-up group, performed at Legends last Friday night, creating what was aptly described as “musical jungle juice.”

This eclectic musical and visual juice included mash-ups featuring Lil Jon’s “Get Low” over Hansen’s “MMMboro,” coupled with videos displaying everything from “Rudy,” and Notre Dame football highlights, resulted in an audience wondering what could possibly come next. The music also fully established this feel, as the group made an effort to mix new material in with their more established songs.

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Scene Writer

brown boots go perfectly with her flowing white top and purple cardigan. Molly’s outfit is just as study partners chose really cool outfits that are and an army green vest looks great. These two jeans and light brown boots with a grey t-shirt fashionable. Her combination of dark-washed midterms in style. Mallory’s dark jeans and Name: Mallory Meter and Molly Driscoll Spotted: Hesburgh Library

There comes a time in every woman’s life when she realizes she has become a practical woman of her age. No longer vis-ible are the days of jetting off, gowns at the ready, to conquer an unknown city. Relegated to the past are the exilia-rating moments of hiding amongst a celebrity crowd in order to crash a Hollywood premiere of epic proportions (again feel free to pester me for details). Instead, papers, presentations and exams exert their concentrated control over our attention, much like that fabu-lous new shade of OPI nail lacquer so artfully displayed on a shelf at Sephora. However, I know we can all say with the greatest self assurance that while the gilded aesthetic trappings of the red carpet and tarmac may no longer surround us, the intrigue, passion, mys-tery, and delectably shared social whisper-ings are still in full force. Where, especially, is the place where no one is immune from catching this contagion of atmospher-ic electricity? Where else but the library.

That professor, whose office hours you forgot to attend after you begged him for a long-winded explanation of that challenging algebra problem? He’s in the self-check out line. That really attractive member of the opposite sex with whom you recently almost shared two full sentences? You bump into them in the elevator. Your best friend? Anxiously awaiting you on the second floor with smugged Starbucks and a treas-ure trove of information more rele vant than any antiquated research. For heaven’s sake, the only thing missing upon your library entrance is a flock of paparazzi waiting to photograph your every move! I must confess I sometimes wildly imagine I see them out of the corner of my eye, hence my penchant for sunglasses indoors, as well as any phototreader will attest). How are we to combat these dueling monsters: our study needs and our roles as chic mem bers of society? With swords and knights in shining Armani! Absolutely not. The jumpsuit is a much better suit of armor. The jumpsuit combines European glamour with American practicality and gumption. First appropriated from male factory workers by Rosie the Riveter when she was called to define the role of the World War II era woman, the jumpsuit immediately projected the message of hard work, strength and structure. In the jumpsuit Rosie seemed to say, ”We can do the work of a man in his own uniform, and in the process show our fab ulous figures to boot.” The 1960s saw the runways make the jumpsuit their own, creating it in silky fab rics, bringing it to new levels of comfort, and in bright colors, giving it a heretofore-unseen boldness and daring quality. A jumpsuit is a won derful alternative to other library casual ensembles. Hinging from material from a soft satin or silk to yoga pant material, it can enhance your study experience like noth ing else. When buying a jumpsuit keep it in mind: loose is good, but waist accentuation is the most impor tant element. Whether it’s a high waist or a low waist, pockets or a sash belt will cinch your figure, emphasizing form and content. Buy it strapless and pair it with a sweater, or get a long-sleeved one and add cuff bracelets for sparkle. With a variety of colors, you can choose the best one for you. Best of all, this is de rigueur as any globetrotter will attest. Monsters of the library be gone and paparazzi flash away, those books and fans are calling your name.

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DePaul bests Red Storm in Big East quarters

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It’s no surprise that the New York Rangers’ offense busted out with Marian Gaborik back in the lineup. The fact that the top-line forward had no points in a blowout win over the Philadelphia Flyers could hardly have been predicted.

Ryan Callahan stole the show Sunday with a career-best four goals and two assists, and the Rangers finally found some success at home in a dominating 7-0 victory over the sliding Flyers.

Callahan had nine points in the last 10 games in four meetings this season. Callahan, who added an assist in the third period, has 10 goals and six assists in 16 games since returning from a broken hand on Feb. 1.

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St. John’s Eugeneia McPherson, right, drives past DePaul’s Anna Martin at the Big East tournament in Hartford, Conn. Sunday.

The Blue Demons made just seven of 27 field goals in the first half, but scored seven goals in the second period to take their first lead since going 18 without one. ... The Rangers went 51-16-6-1 in the NHL leading in its NHL debut.

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We’re at the stage now where it’s a test of our character,” defensemen Chris Kreider said. “We’re facing some adversity and we’ve got to show our mettle here and understand it’s going to take some hard work to get out of it and get everybody on the same page.

“We are still in a good position, but I don’t think anyone in this locker room is happy with the way we’re playing right now,” Kreider said. “We need to show our mettle here and understand it’s going to take some hard work to get out of it and get everybody on the same page.

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Callahan leads the way as Rangers dominate Flyers

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DePaul also won the regular-season meeting between the teams, beating St. John’s 69-54 in New York in January.

The Flyers, however, are heading in the opposite direction following their most lopsided loss since 2006. Since taking a 2-0 lead through one period of a 5-3 home loss to Buffalo on Saturday, Philadelphia has been outscored 12-1. The Flyers could get a reprieve Tuesday when they host Edmonton, the last-place team in the West.

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MIAMI — The perspectives could have been more different. Luol Deng either got pushed in the back by Mike Miller or what became one of the final two game-deciding moments, or tripped over his own feet stumbling for a rebound.

That point could be argued. What’s inarguable, however, is this: Another final-second opportunity slipped away from the Miami Heat, and the Chicago Bulls — spurned last summer in their bids to land Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh — have reached the four-­season meetings from the team that signed them.

The Big 3? They’re No. 3 in this East at the point, after Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Deng capped an 18-­point effort with two free throws on a debated play with 15.9 seconds remaining, and the Bulls beat Miami 87-­86 on Sunday to hand the Heat their fourth straight loss.

“The Miami Heat are exactly what everyone wanted, losers,” Wade said. “The world is better now because the Heat is losing.”

Carlo Boozier scored 12 and Joakim Noah added 11 for the Bulls, who moved a game ahead of Miami in the Eastern Conference.

Chicago was down by 12 late in the first half, then became the fourth team since Feb. 24 to erase a double-digit deficit against the Heat.

“The Heat have guys who can close,” Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Few would say that Miami doesn’t — but closing games has been, and continues to be, the biggest Heat challenge.

James had a chance to win it with 6.6 seconds left, missing a contested shot, and Wade’s desperation throw from the right baseline hopped away as time expired.

Those were the 12th and 13th consecutive games that the Heat have missed with a chance to tie or take the lead. The Bulls tallied 110-­second regulation, or over­time. James has missed four in this four-­game losing streak.

“I told my team, I’m not going to continue to fail late in games,” James said. “I put a lot of blame on myself tonight. I told the guys that I just keep failing them late in games and I won’t continue to do that.”

James scored 26 points. Both added 23 and Wade had 20 for the Heat, who put together a rally to take the lead in the final minute.

The Heat were down 82-­76 with 2.5 left when Rose made a jumper over Miller, before Mario Chalmers’ led the comeback effort. He hit a 3-­pointer to tie it with 1.05 left, then blew past a closeout for an easy layup from the left side that put the Heat ahead 86-­84 with 25 seconds remaining.

With Chicago down by two, Deng made one free throw, missing the second. Noah got a hand on the ball, keeping James and Erick Dampier from grabbing it cleanly, and in the chase for the carom referee Tony Brothers called a foul on Miller for pushing Deng in the back.

“That looked like he tripped on his own,” Bosh said.

Deng went back to the line and made both this time, putting Chicago in front.

“That’s the right call,” Rose said.

The ball went to James, who drove on Noah and missed a layup from the left block. Wade got the rebound, tried a 15-­foot jumper from downbounced away, and time expired as the Bulls leaped in celebration.

“We’re just trying to play the best we can,” Noah said. “I think we still have a long way to go and we can get a lot better. That’s what’s so exciting about this team. Our defense is really improving. We can still improve offensively as well. We can take this to the next level.”

Spoelstra said some players were moved to tears in the Heat locker room. This much is clear.

He and the Heat are hurting.

“One of these days, we will break through,” Spoelstra said.

Down nine at the half, the Bulls shot 39 percent in the third quarter, still managing to outscore Miami 23-­16 thanks to five Heat turnovers, a 1-­4 edge in rebounding — and Rose, who made a.rect four-­point play in the period look ridiculously simple.

Even a 1-­on-­2 break — him against Wade and James, no less — went Chicago’s way. Rose bumped slightly into Wade to create separation on his drive bottom, then leaped, double-­clutched so James could fly harmlessly by from the left wing, and then spun a left-­handed layup too close to cut Miami’s lead to 54-­50.

He skipped back upcourt, head back confidently, pumping up teammates. And Rose stayed that way until the finish.

“We’re just taking it for what it is,” Rose said. “We’re just trying to win games, play hard and play aggressively on both ends.”

Heat teammates LeBron James and Dwyane Wade talk on the bench during Miami’s 87-­86 loss to the Bulls Sunday.

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The Big 3? They’re No. 3 in the West, after the Lakers have won seven straight and are closing in on San Antonio’s conference lead.

Los Angeles leads the conference by 1½ games after winning for the 26th time this season.

Los Angeles has won 13 of 15 games since Feb. 24 to erase a double-digit deficit against the Heat.

But the Lakers took over the game with 3:30 left when Rose made a 17-­foot jumper over the outstretched arm of Miami’s Chris Bosh with two free throws on a technical foul.

The Lakers led by as many as 32 in third quarter before the Spurs trimmed it to the free throw line and emptied their bench.

“They hit us in the mouth from the beginning and by the time we realized it, it was the ninth quarter and we were down on the scoreboard,” Spurs guard Gary Neal said.

Pau Gasol scored 21 points and Andrew Bynum had 17 rebounds for the Lakers, who can match their longest win streak of the season with a victory at Atlanta on Tuesday.

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San Antonio’s most lopsided defeat this season was a 24­-point loss at New Orleans on Jan. 22.

Derick Fisher scored eight points and remained in the starting lineup after being listed as probable going into the game because of a strained right elbow.

Thunder 122, Suns 118

Russell Westbrook had 32 points, 12 assists, James Harden matched his career high with 26, finished 26-­for-­38 and the Oklahoma City Thunder over­came an off­night by NBA scoring leader Devin Booker to beat the Phoenix Suns in overtime on Sunday night.

Vince Carter led Phoenix with 29 points but missed two of three free throws with the chance to put the Suns ahead with 17.4 seconds left. Steve Nash missed a potential tying 3-­pointer after that, and the Thunder were able to close it out from the foul line.

Durant made a season-­low 12-­for-­31 from the floor and scored 18 points, 11 of them on free throws.

Harden answered with a three-­point play off a fast-­break fastbreak break to a brief exchange of stares and words.

Ron Artest rushed between Harden and the Heat’s Manu Ginobili, leading to a brief exchange of stares and words.

The Thunder trailed most of regulation, then allowed Phoenix to rally behind Booker for a seven-­point deficit in the final 3 minutes, 5 minutes to tie it at 109.

Oklahoma City then scored the first five points of overtime to win.

Durant, who came in with 1-­for-­36 from the foul line, became 7-­for-­38 from the floor and scored 36 points, 11 of them on free throws.

TNT Arrange

Associated Press

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ND SOFTBALL

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Sports Writer

Despite snatching a nine-game winning streak with two tough losses at the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic this weekend, the Irish managed to start a new one, guided with three wins to finish out the event on Sunday, leaving their record at 3-2 for the weekend and 12-2 overall.

Facing two undefeated teams back-to-back Friday at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex, the Irish managed to win against Notre Dame struggled against standout pitcher and persistent defense.

Longwood pitcher Briana Wells was able to limit Notre Dame to a mere two hits in seven innings, recording two strikeouts in the process. Sophomore Amy Buntin and Jackie Bowe managed to notch two wins for the Irish in the 5-1 win over North Carolina Wednesday. Despite a run by the Tar Heels' NFCA National Player of the Week Lori Spingola, the Irish were strong at the plate, led by two hits apiece from Buntin and junior Danii Miller. In the fourth inning Buntin blasted a game-winning home run, and later came through with a single that sent Miller to third. Clay contributed a sacrifice fly to pull Miller in for the final point of the day. Valaida was solid on the mound for the Irish, pitching eight innings and striking out just two batters.

"The game isn't over until we win," Maldonado said. "Being in control of the game and coming from behind to win showed our team's true character. That was Notre Dame's effort, and we really showed how we play as a team," Maldonado said. "Being in control of the game and coming from behind to win showed our team's true character. That was Notre Dame's effort, and we really showed how we play as a team."

Winning streak snapped

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish split decisions over weekend

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The weekend brought split results for the No. 14 Irish, who came out on top against Indiana Friday by a score of 6-1, but were unable to out-

The Irish faced more standout players than usual, particularly at No. 2 and No. 3, and Andrews fell by the same score at No. 3 to Alberto Bautista and Chad Okapu from No. 3.

"All of our doubles teams have made great strides this year, but particularly at No. 2 and No. 3, where we have become pretty darn good," Irish coach Bobby Bayliass said. "We knew that [Havens (and Davis) were going to be a potent combo because they have good skills and plenty of experience, but the maturation of [ Fitzgerald] and [Talmadge] has been great to see."

Andrews then defeated Reitz 7- 5, 6-2, at No. 4 to clinch the victo-

No. 64 Watta defeated Graves 7- 6, 6-4, at No. 1 singles.

Anderson meanwhile came back strong after dropping the first set 7-6 to luckman, he came back to claim the second, 7-6, and eventually won the match in a tie-breaker.

Friday was not as successful for the Irish, with the Bears being too much for the Irish as they fell 8-3 at No. 2 doubles to Alexey Hoovr then took down Kellner and Kayla Fujimoto, 7-6, 6-4, and senior Kristen Rafael, and Andrews fell by the same score at No. 3 to Alberto Bautista and Chad Okapu from No. 3.

"But it always feels really good to put some good together and put some good together and put some good together," Clay said that Saturday's wins were not a result of a single player's dominance, but rather a result of the Irish squad regrouping and pulling it together.

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Men’s Golf

Golfers get break, practice outdoors

By CORY BERNARD Sports Writer

The No. 26 Irish received a welcome break from competition on Saturday as they participated in the Alumni Matches in Scottsdale, Ariz., a series of rounds between current and past Notre Dame golfers at the Whisper Rock Golf Club. It also allowed the team get some outdoors practice for a change.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the laid-back atmosphere was fun, but that it also allowed his squad to get some work in areas that cannot be easily replicated by the indoor facilities at Warren Golf Course.

“They went about a lot of different things,” he said. “The big thing is we’re out in the wind. We can’t simulate that indoors. Also, the guys got a lot of work on their wedge shots, playing in grass.”

Arriving in Scottsdale on Thursday with the entire team, the Irish practiced Friday and competed Saturday, before practicing more on Sunday and heading home.

1961 graduate Michael Geddes paced the alumni while juniors Max Scodro and Chris Walker led the current Irish with rounds of 70 and 71 on Saturday, respectively.

Besides performing well on the course, Walker contributed greatly to Notre Dame’s time in Arizona. A club member at Whisper Rock, Walker’s grandfather Moeller showed the Irish for the long weekend. Kubinski was especially pleased with the hospitality Moeller showed his squad.

“It was fantastic,” Kubinski said. “I can’t thank Joe Moeller enough, he did a fantastic job. We got to play at some phenomenal courses.”

In addition to playing at Whisper Rock, the Irish also had the opportunity to play at Scottsdale’s renowned Estancia Club.

Kubinski said the alumni always enjoy playing the current Irish golfers, a tradition that has been in place since he came to Notre Dame.

“A lot of the alumni told me they really enjoy playing us,” Kubinski said. “We’ve played this every year, and this is our second time in Scottsdale. It’s just a great event for everyone.”

The extra practice Notre Dame got over the weekend comes just in time for a tough stretch over spring break. The Irish square off against Yale in Greensboro, Ga., Monday. The following weekend they will be competing in the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational in Statesboro, Ga., an event Kubinski said has one of the top competitive fields in the nation.

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Fencing

Irish earn 15 medals at home

By JOE WIRTH Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish men’s and women’s fencing teams won a total 15 medals at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships this weekend.

Winning gold in two of the six individual tournaments highlighted the performance for the Irish, who also brought home four silvers and nine bronzes.

Senior Hayley Reese captured gold in the women’s foil in the morning session by going 6-0 in her pool bouts. Reese defeated Irish freshman Rachel Beck 11-9.

Senior Borrmann was the only one to earn a medal.

On the men’s side, junior Enzo Castellani won the silver in the men’s foil. Castellani went 6-0 in pool play and was the top seed heading into the direct elimination. He defeated teammate Jason Choy in the semifinals, but then, like many Irish fencers this weekend, fell to a Buckeye in the finals. Ohio State’s Rhys Douglas defeated Nydam 15-9 in the championship bout.

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Senior Sarah Borrmann earned the silver in the women’s sabre competition. Her run came to an end in the finals with a 15-10 defeat to Ohio State’s Margarita Ts槍makova.

The Irish had three other fencers in the quarterfinals: sophomore Liam Osier, senior Eileen Hassett and sophomore Marta Stepień, but Borrmann was the only one to earn a medal.

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S M C Tennis

Belles look to continue early season success

By MATT UNGER Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s hopes the momentum gained in a dominating 8-1 win over John Carroll Feb. 27 transfers to their home opener in a non-conference match against St. Mary’s (Minn.) tonight at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at Notre Dame.

Senior Mary Therese Lee and freshman Kathleen Klauer, the Belles No. 5 and No. 6 singles players, respectively, both dominated the weekend matches in Cleveland and will look to continue their success tonight. Lee defeated Wake Forest’s Kristen Evers in three sets, including a narrow 10-8 victory in the third set, and John Carroll’s Emily Gorndt in straight sets. Klauer meanwhile won both of her matches in straight sets.

The Belles swing into their home season tonight at 7 p.m. against St. Mary’s (Minn.) at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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pin him against the ropes. But every time Sassetti opened up to throw a punch, Bennett Peterson met him with a flurry of jabs that kept Sassetti on the defensive up until the end of the second round.

"I knew that he was going to come at me really aggressively so I knew I had to keep my distance and move laterally," Peterson said. "I knew that he wanted to keep my long shots and put me on the ropes. I had to keep my long shots and punch the ropes. I also knew that if I tried to counter with combinations late in the second round, he would have finished strong in the third, but Enzweiler kept his distance from the sophomore’s quick jabs with long shots that limited Oloriz’s speed. Enzweiler landed a few punches to Oloriz’s headgear at the end of the third to seal the win by unanimous decision.

"It feels unbelievable, especially since I don’t usually win ple of times, while he used left-right combinations to keep Peterson off balance. The late effort was not enough, howev- er. It was a much different flight than what I had previous round in terms of distance and speed," Enzweiler said. "The two-minute rounds of jabs out there to keep him at a distance and move laterally. It was a vicious fight, but once you get the momentum carried over into the second round, Alberdi was able to land a trio of quick left jabs that exposed himself to the ropes. Alberdi was able to land a trio of quick left jabs that exposed himself to the ropes. He was striking Severyn when Bennett came in.

"I really can’t say enough about Paul Hayes," King said. "He’s just a tremendous com- petitor. The man does not stop. I felt like I was being chased down the whole fight."}

160 pounds

Bobby Powers def. Ryan Alberti

The poised Bengal Bouts president used experience to his advantage, outlasting his opponent. The two-time win- ner has never missed the finals, but Alberti showed as Powers used a balanced attack of body strikes and counter jabs to wear down Alberti. The sophomore never gave up on his efforts to land a series of clean shots on Powers, who repeatedly dodged punches while countering with combinations in the first round. In the second round, Alberti came out with a different approach, going on the defense and waiting for the occasion- al uppercut.

"My strategy was to stay calm and fight smart," Powers said. "The two-minute rounds of the finals take so much more energy, and I was going to need to save it for the third round so I could finish strong." But Powers unleashed a fury of punches at the start of the third round, landing mul- tiple strikes to the sopho- more’s head and body. Alberti appeared with a shot to Powers’ head, but he tired as the fight went on as he exposed himself to the junior’s unyielding attack that earned him the unanimous decision, sending the presi- dent out with a title.

"It was crazy mix of happy and sad with it being my last fight," the senior said. "I was ecstatic about winning and how well the tournament went for raising money, but at the same time bummmed that it was over. Boxing has really been my life for the last few years, so I guess I’ll have to find a new hobby."


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this year in the tournament and the last,” Bennett said. “It’s great to know that they’re going to be around for a while, as well.”

176 pounds

**Dominic “The Warsaw Warhammer” Golab def. Bernardo “Blue” Garcia**

A fight between the returning three- time champion Garcia and Bengal Bouts captain and co-President Golab lived up to its high expectations. After an early feeling-out period, Golab was able to weather Garcia’s storm and avoid Garcia’s quick hands by ducking and dipping out of the way. “My strategy was staying as relaxed as possible the first two rounds,” Golab said. “I was trying to feel him out and see what works and what doesn’t and really not getting too excited and too wild until when I enter the third, it’s my round that I’ll be in and that and I’ll be able to win.”

An aggressive Golab got on offense with good surprise shots, firing body shots and the more upright Garcia to the ropes. Garcia, however, responded with his own punches to end a fairly even round and set up a third round that would determine the outcome of the fight. While Golab, once again, came out somewhat aggressively, Garcia focused on body shots, Garcia responded by holding and tying up the fight. Golab continued to push, pushing Garcia to the ropes with a flurry of jabs. Golab followed up with an uppercut when Garcia’s guard was down. Garcia didn’t react and balance. Golab knocked off the defending champion with a split decision victory.

I cannot be more happy. This was probably the best experience I have had the four years [at Notre Dame]. I learned a lot and I try to go to Bangladesh, I got to be a captain this year, and I’m just really excited. At this turn, I will be able to win.”

182 pounds

**Mike “Dude Puts Baby in a Corner” Urucioli def. Tyler “Tuna” Plantz**

A battle of the seniors on the open day featuring the senior Urucioli against the freshman Plantz was rampant with athleticism. Lucas caused with punches early from both boxes. Urucioli threw — and missed — on some big hooks early. Plantz, standing a steady 5-foot-6, landed a slew of hooks and uppercuts to end the first round with Urucioli on the ropes. “I went in with a lot of strategy and 30 seconds into the first round, that all went out the door,” Urucioli said.

The second round was a mere continuation of the first round with lots of traded punches but no real momentum or giant blows. Both Plantz and Urucioli showed surprisingly adept defense for how aggressive the match was. Each fighter was able to duck and slide as well as negate big punches with counterpunches of his own. Plantz, wearing throwback basketball shoes instead of traditional boxing shoes, forgot his mouthpiece to start the final round. Urucioli — and a lost contact lens earlier — did not stop him from coming out strong in the third. Plantz hammered away at the tiring Urucioli with right hooks and uppercuts, placing his opponent off balance. Urucioli was able to connect on a few jabs, though, scoring points in his favor. Ultimately, Urucioli won by decision.

“I’ve come close before. I made it to the semis last year and lost in a pretty disappointing fight, and this year it’s just given me that final push. That work over the off-season, and I really think it’s helped me a lot. It’s a lot of work to put in.”

198 pounds

**Daniel Yi def. Christopher “Stubbz” Sarkis**

Senior Kevin Crepeau right, throws a jab at law student Nathan Arnold during Crepeau’s heavyweight championship victory Friday. Arnold, a law student, came out of the gate with a storm of early uppercuts that caught the shorter Crepeau. Later on in the round, Arnold’s bull rush succeeded in pushing Crepeau off-balanced.

“He’s so powerful, the plan was stay away from his power and score points when I could,” Crepeau said. “Because his hands were a little low, I was able to score a couple points in every round. And really, just won on points, nothing other than that.”

Crepeau flipped the script in the second round, taking the part of the aggressor and attacking high with his left hand and low with his right hand. The southpaw Crepeau landed jabs and uppercuts to coerce Arnold into a tie-up. The momentum had started to swing.

When the third round came, Crepeau was in total control, firing quick right jabs and big combos at Arnold. The now-tiring Arnold was merely looking for an opening, but he never found one. Yi’s lead continued, and Arnold made up his mind on his way to the best boxer of the year award.

“I won the heavyweight championship, I got the best boxer trophy and I think we made a bunch of money for the missions, which is the most important thing,” Crepeau said. “So just really enjoyed all three accounts. I couldn’t be any happier.”

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**Senior Kevin Crepeau, right, throws a jab at law student Nathan Arnold during Crepeau’s heavyweight championship victory Friday.**

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By CHRIS MASOU D

Sophomore outfielder Adam Norton reaches for a ground ball during a game against Michigan State last season. The Irish have been plagued by lack of offensive production this season.

Sophomore infielder Ben DeSutter<br>nears the plate during a game last season. The Irish have struggled in the batter's box this season.

Although only 10 innings into the season, a common theme has emerged in each of Notre Dame's six losses — quitting after starting strong with good pitching and then a cold offense. The Irish dropped three of four games at the Winthrop Invitational this weekend despite recording three additional quality starts to bring their season total to nine.

The Irish are preparing for a three-game series to Seattle University last weekend two-to-one in wins against the Hilltoppers. I thought we pitched well. The defense was solid — not great, not where we want it to be, but solid.

Brilliant in a 5-2 loss to Manhattan (2-5) Friday, senior coach Brian Dugra turned in a career-high performance from the hill. The right-hander allowed two earned runs in eight innings of work, striking out 10 while issuing just one walk.

Dugra (1-0) lowered his ERA to 1.71, and has totaled 26 strikeouts to go along with one walk in 21 innings pitched.

Brian has been great all year," Aoki said. "I think he has gone out there and got what you are supposed to do. It's a match-up against the other team's best pitcher — to match him pitch for pitch — and, by the end, he has absolutely done that.

"I think all three of those guys [Dugra, Johnson and Miller] pitched very well and they showed they were solid.

"Our hitting struggled," coach Mike Brey was beaming after his team's 88-40 rout of the Connecticut Huskies Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion. "We were at our best in the sense that we had three other players that performed very well. We had a lot of guys contribute.

Sophomore forward Carleton Scott. Walker hit two free throws at the other end, but sophomore forward Jack Cooley gave Notre Dame a 60-50 lead with just under ten minutes to go in the game. A minute and a half later, however, Hambrough picked up his fifth foul with 8:24 left in the game, just ten seconds after checking into the game in the first half.

The foul sent the home crowd into a frenzy and shifted the momentum in the Huskies favor as they went on a 15-0 run to take the lead, with 13 of those points coming after Hambrough's departure. Walker picked up his first win of the season after posting a scoreless frame in the bottom of the 10th inning.

"I think all three of those guys [Dugra, Johnson and Miller] pitched very well and they showed they were solid and got the job done.

Notre Dame's aggressiveness was a large part of the Irish's success for most of the day. They were able to hold the offense in check for the most part, but they were also able to get some runs.

"We just kept the pressure on," Aoki said.

Notre Dame scored the final six points to take a 32-24 advantage heading into halftime. The backcourt duo of senior forwards Becca Bruszewski and Peters combined for 14 points and eight rebounds in the half.

"I didn't think the guards did a great job, and I thought the post did," McGraw said.

Peters continued to impose her will on the Cardinals in the second half as she scored 11 of Notre Dame's final 16 points to extend the lead to 19 and put the game out of reach, 80-65. "The lead to 19, the largest lead of the game, during a 22-5 run.

"We sat her for five minutes in each half and they went on big runs when she wasn't in the game," McGraw said. "She's a good double-teamer, good player, and she does so many things on the floor to make us a very different team."
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62. Haido for Smoked “Jersey Shore”
53. Carrier to Oslo
56. French “ur”
57. Breakfast cereal
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61. Unit of cloth or lighting
62. Japanese cartoon style
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3. Bed-and-breakfast
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Happy Birthday! Don’t give up even if you want to get things done. Keeping things in perspective will get your ticket to success. The loss you expect may not be the one you need.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You’ll be inclined to overreach or take things the wrong way. Try not to panic in any way. Look at the possibilities, not just the available Love, detangling or winning a partnership will be difficult if you feel what you know is best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don’t give up in a battle on your front. Setting the terms of your trial will lead to financial distress or delays that will shake your plans. If you have reservations down someone’s path, they will be shown on your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Making personal changes to enhance your look, your activity or your lifestyle should be on your agenda. Don’t depend on someone or something that makes unreasonable promises. A day trip or a visit will ease your stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Too much or too little will be the question of the day. Weigh the pros and cons but don’t let your financial position in jeopardy. Don’t feel you have to jump through hoops to improve someone’s status.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You’re feeling pretty good if you’re in a challenge that requires leadership and initiative. Taking part in something enjoyable or a activity will bring you added confidence. Share your plan and others will join for the adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put your energy, love and compassion into dealing with the people you care about. Making your inner nature more available to others will ease your speed up your everyday routine but, before you make a purchase, be aware.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It’s all about love, emotion, family, friends and your home. There’s a day will be the people you interact. The approval you receive from others will result in financial and personal freedom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take time to figure out an ask or work on a project that will make your life better. Do the one that you’re not interested in unless it will follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don’t be someone else’s change of plans than you off course. Let a big idea without realization. There is a point in fighting a battle with someone you know is going to fail. Focus on others who want your help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Break even, or understand any change or anyone you care about. Lacking at whatever you face honest is the only way you can possibly come out unscathed. Stay on your part to help your right chance now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do for others what has been done for you in the past. Your stability and understanding by listening and giving guidance. An interesting relationship will develop with the potential for a serious commitment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don’t take no someone else’s habits. It’s better to start fresh. Actionable action will be necessary. Be prepared to face adversity by relying on your personal reputation as support.

Birthday Bites: You question everything and strive for perfection. You fight for your beliefs and won’t stop.

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Answers (Monday)

**Men's Basketball**

**Gutsy victory**

Irish finish regular season with road win

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

When senior guard Ben Hansbrough fouled out with over eight minutes remaining in the game, No. 2 Notre Dame found itself in the unenviable position of pulling out a road win against a ranked opponent on its senior night without its top player.

The Irish, however, held off a Connecticut surge and left the Gampel Pavilion with a 70-67 — Notre Dame's first win ever on Connecticut's campus.

In the game that immediately followed, on a 10-2 run in the final four minutes to earn a crucial road victory that bolsters Notre Dame's already impressive NCAA tournament resume. Despite the run, the game was in doubt right

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**Men's Tennis**

ND splits matchups at home

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 21 Irish fell 5-2 in a tough match to No. 18 Texas A&M at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Friday before turning their luck around Sunday with a win over No. 60 Northwestern 6-1.

Notre Dame lost a hard-fought battle in doubles to give up their only point of the day, beginning with the duo of junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge losing 8-4 to Joshua Graves and Spencer Wolf at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 3, senior Tyler Davis and junior T.J. Sundling earned the only doubles victory for the Irish, knotting the point at a doubles and a single apiece, when they defeated Chris Jackman and Raloph Ochando 8-4.

But the victory was not enough as senior Stephen Havens and junior Casey Watt at see VICTORY/page 14

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**Bengal Bouts**

Boxers compete in championship round of tournament

By MATTHEW DEFRANKS and ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writers

**134 pounds**

Jack “Rico Suave” Lally def.
Niels Seim

With a victory over his fellow sophomore opponent, Lally defended his title, relying on a patient, opportunistic strategy. The two-time champion began the fight cool and composed, parrying multiple jabs from Seim, waiting to make his move.

Lally soon started his relentless attack at the beginning of the second round, relying on a swift counter-attack against his opponent’s brief combinations. “You want to flow and get your combinations but then you have to sit back and collect yourself, get a little breath, rest your arms, and then get back at it,” Lally said. “So I did that a couple of times and it paid huge dividends.”

The smaller, stockier Seim landed a few shots to Lally’s head early in the second round, but from that point on, it was all Lally, who relied on straight punches and intermitent jabs.

“I felt like I executed my strategy great actually,” Lally said “I was a little bit taller than he was so the whole plan was just to keep him outside with my jab and throw a lot of straight punches.”

Seim tried to rebound in the third by keeping on the move, hopping around his challenger but Lally landed a devastating shot in the middle of the third that sealed the win by unanimous decision.

**143 pounds**

Will “The Thrill” Peterson def.
Brett “Italian Ice” Sassetti

In a fight that was a new experience for both freshmen fighters, both Peterson and Sassetti came out firing from the ring of the opening bell. Peterson relied heavily on a destructive hook that caught his opponent off guard on more than one occasion, but the fighters were evenly matched throughout.

“I felt about the same [as the other rounds] because once you’re in the ring, it’s just you and the other guy and that’s how it’s for all of them,” Peterson said.

Using this approach, Peterson remained poised despite Sassetti’s strategy to

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**Men's Lacrosse**

Earl, No. 4 Irish slay Dragons

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

When the Irish first filed out onto the turf of the Loftus Sports Complex for their home opener, back-up goalie Colt Power belted out a few notes on the bagpipes.

In the game that immediately followed, No. 4 Notre Dame’s (3-0) 17-7 win over No. 18 Drexel (1-2) somewhat resembled the tune of the bagpipe: powerful, inspiring and sometimes scary — but always enjoyable.

The Irish were without proven All-American midfielder Zach Brennan, who stayed on the bench after a hard-fought game at Penn State last week. His absence showed early, as Drexel executed with ease on offense and jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

Peters dominates paint in win over Louisville

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Before the Big East quarterfinal matchup between No. 7 Notre Dame and Louisville Sunday, Irish forward Devereaux Peters was honored as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year. Once the game got underway, it was time for the senior to shine — on both ends of the court.

The senior scored 19 points, grabbed nine rebounds and recorded six blocks in Notre Dame's 63-53 victory, advancing the Irish to a semifinal showdown with No. 12 DePaul.

“I was really pleased with Devereaux’s game tonight,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I thought she played very well defensively — six blocks tied a career high. She earned us through a large stretch of the game.”

The underdog Cardinals hung with the Irish throughout the first half, thanks to a balanced scoring effort and strong defensive play. Louisville held Notre Dame's top two scorers, sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and junior guard Natalie Novosel, without a field goal in the half.

“They’re a great team,” McGraw said of the No. 6 seed Cardinals. “They’ve got a deep bench, they pressure, they play physical, they play hard, and

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