Professor reflects on son’s mayoral victory

English faculty member Joseph Buttigieg discusses son’s political career, youth engagement in politics

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

For Notre Dame English professor Joseph Buttigieg, Tuesday’s mayoral election was personal — his son, Pete, was the winner.

Even though he had shown an interest in politics in the past, Buttigieg said he never expected his son would run for office.

“I know Peter has been interested in politics for a long time,” he said. “At home we always discussed government affairs, but never in that way.”

Buttigieg said his son became involved with Harvard’s Institute of Politics as an undergraduate at the university and worked on political campaigns, including U.S. Sen. John Kerry’s bid for the presidency in 2004.

“I’m sure he learned about the mechanisms of electorate politics through that,” Buttigieg said.

After current mayor Stephen Luecke announced he would not seek reelection, several people suggested Pete consider running, Buttigieg said.

“It’s a slow process,” he said. “I’m very pleased because he’s doing something he genuinely likes.”

Buttigieg said he was pleased with the number of young people involved in his son’s campaign and

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Woo delivers latest Last Lecture installment

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Dean Carolyn Woo’s contribution to the Last Lecture Series — which asks faculty members to prepare a lecture as if it were their last — was especially timely Thursday night, as Woo enters the final months of her fourteen year career at the helm of the Mendoza College of Business. Woo will leave at the end of the Fall Semester to take over as CEO of Catholic Charities.

As Woo faces major change and uncertainty in her own life, she advised audience members to face hardship or responsibility and not to underestimate the value of education.

“I choose to say that because I think, right now, the economic environment, our future, our future students, our future university is both a blessing and a reminder to appreciate her education,” she said.

“I was able to be given a scholarship that covered the rest of my years. I also decided that my way of responding to that was to go to school,” Woo said. “As a result, I never took any opportunities for granted. When you’re in the middle of adversity, it’s very difficult, but work your way into that adversity and work your way out of the adversity and don’t be afraid of responsibility. I think adversity really shapes us and it’s a gift in its own ways.”

Challenges followed Woo to Purdue University, where she began her undergraduate education with only enough money for one year’s expenses. Woo said she was fortunate to receive a scholarship, which was both a blessing and a reminder to appreciate her education.

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Veteran faculty member recalls Vietnam era

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

As the United States celebrates Veterans Day today, Peace Studies professor and 1968 alumnus David Cortright said he will remember his unique experience as a Vietnam-era soldier actively involved in the anti-war movement.

“I became strongly opposed to the war effort while I was in the Army,” Cortright said. “I came to believe the Vietnam War was unjust, which brought me a crisis of conscience.”

While Cortright was never deployed to Vietnam and instead remained stationed in the United States from 1968-1971, he was far from inactive during the war.

“I joined the underground anti-war movement while inside the Army, which was called the GI Peace Movement,” Cortright said. “I organized soldiers, as there was an active opposition to the war even among those inside the military.”

Cortright said the movement gave him a sense of purpose while he served.

“I found my involvement in the GI Peace Movement to be personally liberating and fulfilling,” Cortright said. “It gave me a sense that I was doing something that was necessary and I felt like I was serving my country more nobly by speaking out against an unjust war, rather than remaining silent about something that I felt was wrong.”

Cortright said his experience in the Army during the war inspired him to study public policy.

“When I began to speak out against the war and learned more about the nature of militarism and the need to work for peace, I decided to dedicate my life to it,” he said.

He completed his doctoral studies in 1975 at the Union Institute in residence at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., where he received a Ph.D. in History.

“My dissertation was on the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, especially on the anti-war sentiment within the military in those days,” Cortright said.

Cortright returned to his alma mater in 1989 as a professor at the

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Fr. Jenkins surprises Philbin

Observer Staff Report

As 1953 alumnus Regis Philbin prepares to retire from his popular morning show, two Notre Dame faces surprised him on Thursday morning.

University President Fr. John Jenkins and former Irish coach Lou Holtz appeared on the talk show to congratulate Philbin on his long career in television.

Holtz praised Philbin for the entertainment and joy he has brought his viewers over the years with co-host Kelly Ripa.

“You two have just made a great team, and you’ve had a positive impact on so many

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SNOW?

Rachel Talley
Junior Lyon
“Half excited, half resentful.”

Christina Dollar
junior Ryan
“I was kind of hoping fall would last
around, but if it’s going to be cold, it might as well
snow!”

Mary Frances Brennan
junior Ryan
“Snow dance!”

Eddie Flood
feshman Morrissey
“It gets me excited for Christmas.”

John Ning
sophomore Morrissey
“I hate it.”

Jake Frego
sophomore Fisher
“I’m ready for snow football.”

IN BRIEF

The Boardroom Insights Lecture Series will continue
today in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.
The lecture will be from 10:40 a.m.
to 12 p.m.
and will feature the Honorable Sven Holmes, Executive VC, Legal and Compliance, KPMG LLP.

There will be a Labor Research Workshop called “The Struggle Against Child Labor and the Working Class Construction of American Childhood” today from 12 to 1 p.m.
in the Notre Dame Room (2nd floor) of the LaForte Student Center.
The workshop will be led by Paul Mishler, associate professor of Labor Studies at Indiana University-South Bend.

There will be a Department of Accountancy Workshop today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
in Room 122 of the Mendoza College of Business.
The speaker will be Mark Precher of the University of Illinois.

Hesburgh Libraries and the CSE Student Club will host National Gaming Day in the Current Periodicals Room of the Hesburgh Library today from 6 to 10 p.m.
There will be a variety of gaming activities including board games, role playing and tournaments.

The 2010 Worldview Film “Life, Above All” will be shown tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.
Tickets are $3.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com.
Catholics urged to uphold faith

By AUBREY BUTTS

Catholics need to defend their faith in an increasingly secularized society, Fr. Robert Barron said at the Jordan Hall of Science on Thursday.

Barron screened part of his documentary series, “The Catholicism Project,” at the lecture and said it was important that Catholics share their knowledge with the world.

“Always be ready to defend the facts and show that faith in God makes sense,” Barron said. “It’s very important that we go out to meet an increasingly skeptical world with the wealth of our own knowledge and tradition.”

Catholicism is more than up to the challenge of lasting in an increasingly skeptical world, but needs to adapt to a society dominated by social media and technology. Barron said these are avenues of evangelism the Church has notRon said these are avenues of
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“always been interested in preaching and reaching out to the culture more broadly,” Barron said. “I saw how behind the curve we were as Cathoolics in using the new meDia techologY.”

Barron sought to fill part of this void with his documentary series, which uses media to expose viewers to Catholic tradition across the globe.

He said he sees God’s active presence in today’s secular and scientific world and wants to engage the topic in a more modern context.

“I looked out at the culture and tried to find the scenes of the Word,” Barron said. “If everything in the universe has been created by the pattern of God’s word, and if every human searches for God as St. Augustine explains, then you’re bound to find the Logos operating throughout culture.”

After Barron began his media-based evangelist campaign on WGN radio, Cardinal George, director of the Mundelein Seminary where Barron serves as professor of faith and culture, encouraged him to expand his efforts.

Barron took to YouTube to engage a new and more diverse audience, hoping to reach viewers who may not attend traditional religious gatherings.

“Before I knew it, view counts were going up and comments were flowing in,” Barron said, “Through this means, I was able to draw people in who would never have come to the church otherwise. I reached out to the culture, and the culture reached back to me.”

It was this early success that sparked Barron’s aspiration toproduce “The Catholicism Project,” he said.

“Throughout the whole media campaign, I dreamt of a big project,” Barron said. “We’re a smart religion, but more to it, we’re a beautiful religion and we have such a global texture. Wouldn’t this be a great way to explore Catholicism?”

Even though it was a departure from their usual programming, the Colleges of Science and Engineering offered to host Barron’s presentation. College of Engineering Dean Peter Kilpatrick said Barron’s project incorporated the missions of both colleges.

“Engineering and science are all about reason, about using our intellect to make arguments for the faith,” Kilpatrick said.

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Farley Hall hosts Taste of ND event

By EMMA RUSS

Students sample dorm foods at the Taste of ND event Thursday night at the LaFortune Student Center.

Students were given the chance to sample a variety of residence hall fare Thursday night at Farley Hall’s second annual Taste of ND.

A dozen campus halls brought offerings from their food service shops for students to sample and to compete in a tasting contest, sophomore Erin Killymurray, a coordinator of the event, said.

“Taste of ND is a great opportunity for every dorm food sale to show off their unique food,” she said. “People should know that these places exist. Everyone has access to other dorm’s foods. A lot of people just don’t know about it.”

Besides offering students the opportunity to get a taste of hall eateries, Farley took the opportunity to give back. Killmurray said free to students last year, the hall decided to charge $2 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

“There was a great turnout last year,” she said. “We completely ran out of food. With such a great turnout from last year’s event, we decided to charge $2 a person and donate the proceeds. It’s a great way to give back to the community.”

Some of the participating dorms included Keough Kitchen, Zahm Pizza, McGlinn Snack Shack and St. Edward’s shop, Ed’s.

Senior Triph Star of Zahm’s Pizza said he was happy to get the word out about his hall’s food.

“Finding ways to market food for dorm sales is difficult since a lot of people just don’t even know these food sales exist,” Starre said. “This event is a great opportunity for us to market our products and let people know what’s out there.”

Senior Dana McKeen, representative for McGlinn’s Snack Shack, agreed that Taste of ND could be helpful for future food sales.

“Every dorm has something different to offer,” she said. “Now that more people can see and taste other dorms’ products, hopefully sales in each dorm will increase. Last year was the first year for the Taste of ND and also the first year that McGlinn Snack Shack was in business, so it was great for us to get some attention right away.”

Each attendee had the opportunity to vote on their favorite foods from the event, and guest judges also had input in the selection of the winning foods. Guest judges included Leprechaun Michael George, men’s basketball guard Jon Brooks and student body vice president Brett Rocheleau.

The judges’ top selection was Ed’s, Killmurray said. Representatives from Ed’s brought paninis and, the local favorite, smoothies.

“The St. Ed’s smoothies are great,” Brooks said. “I’m not going to lie, I might go to ‘Sted’s to get a smoothie once in a while.”

George said tasting food from around campus might encourage hesitant students to venture to other dorms for late night snacks.

“I think a lot of people don’t like to leave the comfort of their dorm when they are studying late at night,” George said. “Hopefully that will change with this event.”

Other judges’ picks included Zahm’s Pizza and McGlinn Hall Snack Shack.

“You can taste the love and care in every cupcake,” George said.

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**SMC Theatre Dept. performs adaptation of Greek myth**

By MADELINE MILES and REBECCA O'NEIL

Saint Mary’s Theatre Department offered audience members a new twist on an ancient myth with its rendition of Sarah Ruhl’s “Eurydice,” which opened Thursday at the College’s Little Theatre.

"Science is unequipped to entangle. The more we know, the harder it is to untangle," Fogle said, that make it important to allow religion to enter into the metaphysical world of evolution.

Fogle raised the case of Indiana University, which opened 1907, when it was the first of 31 nurseries of life.

"It was hard work and stressful, but definitely worth it," she said. "It’s so great to see it come to fruition on stage."

Junior Dilan Yusuksd said she appreciated the play’s altered point of view.

"It was definitely cool to see the other side of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice," she said. "It was a really interesting play. I really enjoyed it."

The play will be performed tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Little Theatre.

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**Biology prof. argues for both ‘Faith and Reason’**

By ABIGAIL FORNEY

While science and religion often clash in today’s headlines, each has limitations that leave more than enough room for the other, biology professor Tom Fogle said at a lecture titled “Faith and Reason.”

"Faith and Reason" is the latest installment in the Believing Scholars Series, sponsored by the Center for Spirituality.

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A teacher of genetics, Fogle focused much of the lecture on the discovery of DNA and eugenics, or what he called science's attempt "to discover the blueprint of life."

"Faith and Reason" is discovering what the Bible has known all along.

"It was difficult to get emotion out of it," he said. "I am fascinated by her technique of sketching the story in broad, poetic strokes," Sullivan said. "Ruhl leaves it to music, sound, movement and visual imagery to fill in the nuances and to make us feel the experience of the play."

"The reimagining, Sullivan said, refreshes the story while staying true to its original message.

"Primarily, though, the play resonates with the age-old message that love will always be what we must hold onto and that loss is, indeed, life's most exquisite pain," she said.

The play's ensemble was drawn from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students.

Senior theatre major Eva Cavadini led the cast as Eurydice; history professor Bill Svetmole played her father, Orpheus, is played by Notre Dame freshman Kincaid Schmitz and the Lord of the Underworld is played by Holy Cross junior Nick DeBario.

Kincaid said his first play at the Little Theatre was worthwhile.

"It was difficult to get emotionally ready for it," he said. "(The best part) is the wonderful cast I've gotten to work with. I think I'll do another [play] here."

Sullivan said the play elicits a variety of reactions from different viewers.

"You may find yourself laughing, crying or being caught up in the strange and beautiful visual imagery we have created for our Underworld," she said.

The effects that went into the Underworld and other scenes made the tech day during which rehearsals are done with full costumes, props, sets and effects especially difficult, Svetmole said.

"It was the most technically complicated show I've ever been in," he said. "We had four tech days and probably put in a total of 25 hours into coordinating our movements with special effects.

First year Teresa Mitchell, part of the play's "chorus of stones," said the fulfillment of the final product outweighed the demands of the stage.

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By MIKE FERNANDEZ/The Observer

While evolution is perhaps the most hotly debated issue between science and religion, Fogle said, that make it important to acknowledge that whatever differences there are, we should respect and support that person in turn.

"I think laughing is the best way to acknowledge that whatever difficulties we are facing, that indeed, there is a better day, that we are not alone struggling in this, that there is joy," Woyo said. "If we believe in God, we know that there is hope. If the only prayer you ever say in your life is 'thank you' that would be sufficient."

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Dean Woo shares advice with faculty and students at Thursday’s lecture. Woo will leave Notre Dame at the end of December.

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Tweets impact GOP debates

Republican presidential candidates debate Oct. 11 at Dartmouth College. The social media tool Twitter has been a source of political conversation for users during the election season.

NEW YORK — Rick Perry had barely gotten through his gaffe in Wednesday’s Republican primary debate when a rolling commentary on the TV screen declared his campaign on life support. “Perry is done,” came a Twitter posting from a viewer called (at)PatMcPe, even while the Texas governor struggled to name the third of three federal agencies he said he would eliminate as president. Another, called (at)fordorin, messaged, “Wha? Seriously? Rick Perry? He can’t even name the agencies he wants to abolish. Wow. Just wow.”

Perry insists his campaign isn’t over and has vowed to move on from his meltdown.

One was used to have to wait for several minutes after the debate ended for analysis of the 2012 presidential contest. But with Wednesday’s exchange in any indication, social networking has become the instant pundit. The 140-character messages known as tweets came fast and furious during the debate.

The network had chosen a mix of citizen tweets to feature on their front page and in social media analyses and commentary.

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Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry speaks during a debate against Ron Paul at Oakland University in Auburn Hills, Mich. on Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry tried Thursday to convince the country he was in the race after his disastrous debate performance while even his supporters worried aloud about the damage to his already hobbling campaign.

Perry didn't try to sugarcoat the fallout from his misfiring, which crystalized concerns that he is not up for the job. Instead, he spent the day on a media blitz trying to laugh about the blunder where he struggled embarrasingly to remember one of the three federal departments he wants to abolish, ending with a grinning, “Oops.”

He even appeared on The Late Show With David Letterman to offer the night’s Top Ten List of excuses for the debate.

“Hey, listen. You try concentrating with Mitt Romney smiling at you. That is one handsome dude,” Perry chuckled during his segment Thursday.

Perry is a tough campaigner — and he has boasted he would improve.

“I hate debates,” he said in Des Moines last week. “I used to hate spinning in aircrafts. … Finally I did it, and I did it enough that I finally got pretty good at it. So hold on, maybe I’ll get better at debating, too.”

“Maybe it won’t matter.”

Perry has never lost and election — and has avoided debating in state races and is the longest serving governor of Texas. He is a has proven to be a prolific campaigner in smaller set- tings common in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — the states that start the nominating process and three states where he must do well.

Yet some Republicans, even prominent Perry supporters, are wondering whether the Texan can survive his latest misstep.

“We’ve seen how scripted he can be,” said Steve Schmidt, a Republican political strategist who previously backed former Massachusetts Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s now-abandoned presidential campaign.

Horn, a recent Republican congressional candidate who previously backed former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s now-abandoned presidential campaign.

Horn said that of about 40 Republicans at the party, only about four said they supported Perry before the debate began. That already small number was cut in half after the debate.

“This is not a scientific sample. But that does show that people are influenced by what happens at these debates,” Horn said. “That was highly unfortunate.”

Perry’s performance has been a topic for weeks in New Hampshire, where he must show how strong he can be in person. It was difficult to watch.”

A city crew cleans a street in Nome, Alaska. High winds and surging waves pummeled Alaska’s western coast Wednesday.

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A massive storm battering Alaska’s western coast with hurricane-strength winds and towering sea surges has passed out of the re- gion in a much weaker state, but it left behind widespread damage and worries that a man may have been swept out to a churning sea.

So far, three communities have reported some form of damage, said Jeremy Zidek, spokesman for the state’s emergency man- agement agency. Most of those communities have opened emer- gency community shelters, Zidek said.

The strongest storm to hit the state’s western coast in almost four decades also left behind tales of human endurance.

In one remote village that lost heat and power early Wednesday, about 20 vehicles lined up along an airstrip and used their head- lights to light a path in a plane carrying repair workers.

Other residents there came to- gether and did traditional Eskimo dances used during whaling seasons to seek good weather.

On Thursday, rescuers searched for a 26-year-old man who apparently may have been washed into the Bering Sea during the storm.

Kyle Komok, of Teller, was last seen at 4 p.m. Wednesday as he headed to the water’s edge to watch the waves cresting as high as 10 feet. Alaska State Troopers said.

Komok’s sister, Maggie Christ- inson of Kodiak, told The As- sociated Press that her brother is an experienced mechanic:

“We’re hoping he’s just stuck somewhere, and we’re just praying that he’s safe.”

Emergency responders called the storm an epic event that displaced hundreds, flooded the shoreline, ripped up roads and knocked out power in many vil- lages.

The process of gauging the full extent of the damage will begin soon, officials said Thursday.

They noted some of the hardest- hit communities are in areas where winter daylight comes late in the day and mornings are in darkness, which slowed down inspections.

Another storm stepped in to replace the tempest, but fore- casters said the new storm was much weaker and expected to begin dying down later Thurs- day. It brought winds ranging from 20 to 40 mph, said National Weather Service meteorologist Don Moore.

In comparison, the storm that pounded the Bering Sea coast this week carried gusts of up to 90 mph and created waves as high as 10 feet above normal.

Though far less powerful, the new storm contributed to already high water levels and knocked them from receding as quickly, Moore said.

 Communities hard hit include the northwest Alaska villages of Point Hope, built on a large gravel spit, and Kivalina, one of the most eroded communities in the state. Alaska Senior Judge Steve Osm- ittuk said homes in the Inupiat Eskimo community have been moving east due to erosion early Wednesday. After winds gusting at 80 mph slammed an old wooden shack into a power pole with five main lines, cutting power to the village, the house then broke apart, sending wood flying.

“There’s a lot of damage in that area,” Osmittuk said Thursday morning, soon after repair work- ers loaded up the runway to fly back to the village with their head- lights.

Osmittuk said the winds were too strong during the storm to get a full picture of the damage around the community.

More than 500 of Point Hope’s nearly 700 residents have been staying at a school in Kotzebue, which has its own generator. Pètina Horn, a recent Republican activist for the school would remain a communi- ty shelter Thursday night if pow- er and lights were not restored as quickly as hoped. That would mean classes would continue to be canceled for the rest of the week.

Among those seeking shelter at the school was the school librarian. She said every classroom was full of residents seeking shelter.

For a while there was a warn- ing Wednesday that the barrel- ing storm could get worse. So villagers started performing the traditional Eskimo dance they do during whaling season, when they are seeking good weather.

“Around 10 p.m., they got word that the warming had been can- celled,” Sears said.

“We danced to get help,” she said.

Kivalina, 75 miles down the coastline, got a “good surge from the ocean,” said village spokes- man Edward Eshleman. Morning low- waters are very dark and the extent of flooding was not immediately known beyond water washing over the village dump site and the area beach south of town.

She later toured the area and said there was no damage to the dump even though it never reached a part of it. She said the beach south of town was washed over by the huge waves locked in at 25 mph. At first glance, the village escaped with minimal impact.
Inside Column

Ryanair

For those of you who have studied abroad in some capacity, you may wonder what I'm like in the future, the following is a plug for Ryanair, the Ireland-based airline that is famous for it's 'no frills' flights. From Dublin to London? That are perfect for the college student traveling abroad. As a sophomore, I have gone to Europe with eight Ryanair flights taken during my junior semester studying in Rome, I have compiled a list of the best attributes of the airline:

1. Maximum security

Everyone always wants to get up and walk around on airplanes, and if Ryanair had its way, you could! Standing-room only tickets were a great idea.

2. Pack (lightly) like a champion

escaped beasts are huge fans of giving you food, even if it's only an hour-long flight. Ryanair, however, recognizes that not everyone is a successful packer, so they've brought chocolate while onboard. They sympathize with your calorie counting and refuse your cravings for sustenance, even after 3 hours on the runway followed by a 3-hour flight.

3. Conveniently located airports

Why fly directly into Lido Como when you can fly into Bergamo, Italy, which is only a bus ride, shuttle ride, second bus ride and an hour and forty minutes away?

4. Entertainment on board

Ryanair solves the problem of boredom on long flights by installing brightly colored safety placards on the back of every seat for the customer to view at his or her pleasure.

5. Math puzzles

The University of Michigan colleges are beloved by all Notre Dame students, so it's lucky that Ryanair thought of the perfect scent, color palette to cover their seats with (bring Aviv).

6. Pizzas on board

A pizza is flying! You will be reminded, often loudly, that for some reason, the stewardess can also sell you lottery tickets along with the beverage of your choice.

7. No weapons allowed!

A gangster will not be tolerated (unless we don't speak the same language as the snitch).

8. Ryanics smoke everywhere, and they are apparently very difficult to remove from planes.

9. Safety and information

I appreciate keeping the customer informed, but the phrase, "We now have the minimum legal requirements to take off," is better left unsaid, especially if I'm already concerned because by the time the de-icing machine finishes one wing, the other one is already frozen again.

10. Pack lightly like a champion

Do you always over pack? If you're like me, Ryanair can help you with this problem. If you can't fit all your luggage in the shoebox-sized carry on, you can always buy Ryanair's luggage to take your belongings along on your flight and proceed to put on us many articles of clothing as you can. Try to be aware of how your daily decisions have the potential to impact other people and drive change.

Professionalism & integrity above all

Sometimes, football becomes the smallest thing. At schools like Notre Dame, Penn State and Ohio State, the football team and its head coach often transcend their simple athletic role. They become symbols of their university; its students and alumni — the successes and failures within the football program are magnified beyond the situation.

In times of struggle, tragedy and scandal, the heat of the spotlight burns even hotter. But it is during times like these that students of such universities feel an irresistible urge to protect their team, their coach, and their alma mater. The riots at Penn State this past week have shown in an unprecedented way how far students will go to protect their own leaders and mentors — even in the face of the overwhelmingly negative public opinion toward those leaders. At times of crisis, the student newspaper becomes a unique canvas upon which individuals battle for the interests and mixed loyalties. Like all other students, those who report on their classmates' athletic, academic and personal achievements yearns to protect those they know best. However, these same individuals have made a commitment to uphold their responsibilities as unbiased reporters of the news. This past week, the student newspaper's original staff editorial stated, is "to uncover the truth and report it accurately."

Therefore we at The Observer want to take our time to remember the staffs who have come before us. Stories and memories of those who have told the stories that challenge their identity and loyalty, continue to put professionalism and integrity above all else. We look to their staffs as an example for the future, and we will always strive to live up to our highest calling, expressed in that 1966 editorial: to uncover the truth and report it accurately.

Feeding 7 billion: trick or treat?

Oct. 31, 2011, was a scary day, and not just because Frankenstein and Big Foot were running around on campus. This Halloween, the world population hit 7 billion people, a milestone that has generated increasing concern about how our world can provide the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and energy for more and more people. So just how fast is the world population growing? In 1900, the world had 1.6 billion people, and 99 years later, that number had grown to 6.1 billion. It is projected that by 2025, when current world population hits 9.3 billion, the world population will hit 8 billion, and that is a lot of mouths to feed.

What's the big deal with feeding 7 billion people? We're all vaguely aware that not everyone can just walk into North or South Dining Hall and have an endless supply of delicious and nutritious food available. World hunger is one of the major complex issues facing our society today. In 2010, one in seven people or 2.5 billion of the world's population were hungry, but the sad part is that there is currently enough food being produced worldwide to feed all 7 billion of us. The challenge lies in making the food accessible to people from both an economic and logistics standpoint.

The main problem is that 3 billion people live on $2 or less per day for living expenses, and with rising food prices, it is becoming increasingly difficult for these people to access food. The unstable world economy and unhealthy job market are adding to the poverty problem.

Another part of the problem is waste. Did you know that only 25 percent of all food produced is actually eaten? The other 75 percent goes unused in a variety of ways, ranging from transportation and crop loss to being discarded at stores and restaurants. So how much food do we waste? Let's look at another more industrial example. Consider the media firestorm surrounding it naturally occurring food. The American Landfill is home of apples which have mind-blowing statistics and images in regards to how much food we waste just in the United States alone. For example, remember the story where all apples grown match this perfect image in consumers' minds. To meet customer expectations, undesirable apples are removed at various stages between the orchard and consumer, including in the orchard itself, after initial transportation to warehouses, when food arrives at grocery stores and even when the apples are placed on the shelf. Grocery stores can reject entire batches of apples if they do not think they are up to par.

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Eating the food from the grocery store is a scary thought, but it may be an attempt to scare our way into eating the food from the grocery store. Let's look at another example. Consider the media firestorm surrounding it naturally occurring food. The American Landfill is home of apples which have mind-blowing statistics and images in regards to how much food we waste just in the United States alone. For example, remember the story where all apples grown match this perfect image in consumers' minds. To meet consumer expectations, undesirable apples are removed at various stages between the orchard and consumer, including in the orchard itself, after initial transportation to warehouses, when food arrives at grocery stores and even when the apples are placed on the shelf. Grocery stores can reject entire batches of apples if they do not think they are up to par.

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Honoring my dad, an American vet

Gaze into the eyes of any 22-year-old senior on a college campus today, and you see my father’s eyes 68 years ago just before his combat deployment overseas in World War II. Those eyes betrayed a fun-loving soul, later scarred by the war demons for more than 500 consecutive days at such crucial battles as the Anzio Beachhead and Monte Cassino in Italy. Luckily for history’s sake, my dad’s fellow infantrymen, James B. Moss, chronicled their Fifth Army experiences in a diary currently Internet accessible through the Virginia Military Institute Archives.

Early in 1943 my dad wrote his address and name, “Danny A. Caruso,” on page 3 of the Moss Diary under “My Buddies.” During their initial, carefree days in the 3rd of the Moss Diary under “My Buddies,” they accompanied him to the American cemetery in Anzio, Italy. He meticulously researched the location of his best friend who had fallen next to him more than 60 years prior on the beachhead. As he methodically approached a white cross, the sky began to drizzle as though to cry for him. Passing, he placed his hand on the cross, bit his lip, turned his head away and sobbed, “Here’s my buddy.”

While I don’t know exactly how my dad and his comrades forged their bond, over the years he told more stories as time dissipated the trauma and graphic horrors of their 26-month everyday existence. I learned that soldiers try to make the best of an unfair hell through irony, mischief and humor. My father’s unit commanded an armored truck that netted about three feet of Libre in the bottom of each barracks bag — that is, until one drunken soldier bragged that he could buy and sell everyone. When officers investigated and confiscated the money, sergeants like my father emptied each bag on the owner’s cot. My father emptied his on another cot — “just to be safe.” Nothing bonds men more than humor. A recruit named Jones, who became constit - pated from the “chow,” earned his nickname not camp that forever stuck even years later at reunions: “Poopy Jones.” But humor could not lessen the daily grind, prevent death nor overcome stress and physical exhaustion. Nor did humor ever free my dad from the three constant horrors of war: rubber and kerosene.

Each day he was subjected to aerial bombings, artillery shelling and sniper at - tacks. A night after the war had ended in Europe, another friend decided to finally sleep peacefully away from camp under a tree. My dad found him the next morning, killed by a Nazi sniper’s bullet.

Near the end of my dad’s life, he freely volunteered witnessing chaos, murder, hate, rape and racism against fellow humans. He often told of countera - lancing. Once, entering a village fresh out of the dead of winter, my dad marched past a father — parents, children and grandpar- ents — sitting frozen like statues around their dinner table on the second floor. An artillery shell blew away their wall, and the explosion sucked the breath from their bodies. When my dad later command - eered a house for his headquarters, he threatened a woman at gunpoint who had banished her father to sleep in a cold barn. As long as Daniel occupied headquarters, the old man slept next to the fireplace.

My earliest memory of my father and war is a mix of playing with his medals and asking questions. When about 4 years old, I noticed a dime-sized scar on my dad’s ankle. “What’s this?” I asked. “Nothing,” he softly answered.

As is typical of a curious child, I discov - ered another scar on his other leg, and then more scars on both the inside as well as on the outside of each ankle. I persisted, “How’d you get these?”

“In the war from my boots.” “Do they hurt?” I continued.

In a low-key, somewhat hollow whisper he answered, “They’re nothing.”

Three decades later I understand exactly what “nothing” meant when I ac - companied him to the American cemetery in Anzio, Italy. He meticulously researched the location of his best friend who had fall en next to him more than 60 years prior on the beachhead. As he methodically ap - proached a white cross, the sky began to drizzle as though to cry for him. Passing, he placed his hand on the cross, bit his lip, turned his head away and sobbed, “Here’s my buddy.”

Weekly in the Holocaust Museum, a solitary 89-year-old WWII vet wondered near me. His hat blazed “Anzio” in large capital letters. Neither of us had ever vis - ited the museum before, yet I stood with a soldier who fought with my dad.

Written memoirs and movie portrayals cannot adequately describe the sacrifices of my dad and his buddies. Neither can I.

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We made eye contact, I swear. There was an understood smile, a nod and possibly a wink. That little gesture finally brought out her bold side.

She lingered a moment, then moved on to another. I noticed her other-whelming, overly-dramatic, shamelessly fawning fans — they were so pathetic. I don’t want to speak for her, but I’m going to speak for her. Emma Watson wanted to be my best friend the moment we laid eyes on each other.

It all began an hour and a half earlier, as I eagerly sat at my computer Googling information about the Harry Potter red carpet premiere. I’ll admit it; I was obsessed with the idea of seeing my childhood heroes in person, even if Daniel Radcliffe looked more like a hobbit than a hottie. It wasn’t just that there was a reason God had given me an internship in New York — it wasn’t so I could learn how to interview, report and produce professional pieces from some of the best journalisticists in the world. It wasn’t even so I could continue my vending-machine-prettzels addiction. God knew my office was a block away from Lincoln Center, the most magical place on earth.

This was my moment. I had never played hooky from work before and was a little nervous, so I included two other interns, Kelley and Lauren, in my plan. If I went down, we were all going down together.

Rushing out the door without even saying goodbye to my favorite security guards, we turned left at Columbus Ave., crossed 65th Street and were greeted by enormous barricades and shrieking fans.

Thank goodness Kelley was there. Spotting the Lincoln Center sign at a distance of 20 feet away, he had a brilliant idea.

“What if we go down those stairs and come up the other side? It looks like it comes out right on the square!”

It surely had to be blocked off, right? The Secret Service men were immediately friends for life.

He heard me, looked up, rolled a subtle, yet obvious open to their love.

“Great, go ahead!”

“We’re together,” he said.

What? That easy?

I wasn’t in that tumbling mess of emotions. She let me know that there are no signs of stopping. She showed no signs of stopping. I was afraid we’d get harrassed and (usually) taking the high road. Later, I sometimes got to be a little more than friendly with those guys friends. But even if that wasn’t the case, I always retained the friendship. I always stuck around longer than the Lavendars.

And with that fact, I learned that trust does mean something. The challenge is relevant. That sort of love may not be as big scale or dramatic as the love in movies, but it was more real.

Long past my first kiss now, many things have changed since. I was 14. I have friends to spend my summers with, and I have learned to enjoy the small dating waters for the most part. But I am still very much in love with the idea of Ron and Hermione.
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ping composed the playful S'mores cupcake.

Finally, there was the best cupcake any of us had ever eaten — the Gianduja. The Gianduja was a chocolate hazelnut cupcake with a brown-

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The Chocolate Coconut, with a coconut butter cream frosting, was delicious and delicately bal-

anced the two flavors. My personal favorite at Sprinkles, the Chocolate Marshmallow, had a per-
fect chocolate ganache and was filled with deli-
cious marshmallow. Overall, though, the cupcakes lacked inspiration. Despite being sold and tasty, there was no wow factor.

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The Red Velvet bakery was by and large the worst cupcake bakery I have tried. Though in a chic location, it would benefit from a better chef. The first cupcake we tried was a hazelnut cake with a hazelnut butter cream frosting. Unfortunately, the frosting was oily and the cake dry, so overall it had no redeeming qualities. Surprising-

ly, the last ones we were even worse. There was the Heart of Darkness, which was a chocolate cake with chocolate ganache and a 14-karat gold leaf on top. The cake was again dry and the frosting sour, bitter and just not good tasting. The last one was a “Cookies and Cream” cupcake. I use the quotation marks because it hardly tasted like its name, unless it was literally trying to be an Oreo. The cake was basically rock-hard, and the frost-

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Snow

Surely it is the most polarizing of weather conditions. Most would agree that a sunny, cloudless day with clear skies is pleasant, and most would also agree that a cold, dreary day punctuated with rain is the opposite.

But the same cannot be said about snow. For some, snow means a day of fun sledding, snowball fights, and a day off from school, while others view snow as a cold, wet, and possibly dangerous event. But what is more important is that snow is a common experience for many, and it is a reminder of the changing seasons.

Not all snowy days are created equal. Some are more severe than others, and some are more prevalent in certain areas than others. But one thing that is certain is that snow is a reminder of the cyclical nature of the seasons, and that no matter how cold or how wet, snow is a part of the natural world.

As we move into the colder months, it is important to remember to stay safe while enjoying the snow. Whether it is sledding, snowboarding, or simply walking around the neighborhood, it is important to take precautions to stay warm and safe. But most of all, it is important to remember that snow is a part of the natural world, and that it is a reminder of the cyclical nature of the seasons. So enjoy the snow, but remember to stay safe while doing so.
Annual fights conclude with first-ever finals round

By ERNST CLEOF
Sports Writer

Elin “Barney” Flattery def. Sarah “It’s Miller Time” Miller

The first fight of the evening featured an even-distribution between Flattery, a junior, and sophomore Miller. Both fighters showed strong moments came in the final seconds of round three when Flattery snatched the victory.

Miller controlled the first round, settling the tone by landing strong straight jabs for the first punch of the night. Miller kept her guard up and used her quickness to break through Flattery’s guard.

In the second, Flattery started to come back by shortening her punches to counter Miller’s quickness, and it was clear the third round would decide the victory.

The third round started with energy as Flattery and Miller traded solid combinations. In the final 20 seconds of the round, Miller cornered Flattery and gained the advantage. But in the final seconds, Flattery broke free from the corner and threw a flurry of punches to end the round. The last second of the round with Flattery winning narrowly in a unanimous decision.

Kelsey “Try and Hit Me” Bloomberg def. Laura “Sunshiny” Semeraro

Senior Blomeke earned a victory for junior Smeraro with strong smart strategy changes throughout.

The first round was a defensive battle with each boxer feeling out the other’s style.

In the second round, Blomeke finally broke through Smeraro’s defense and started using her in-match strategy changes. By aggressing, pushing forward, Blomeke kept Smeraro off-balance and in retreat for much of the round.

Blomeke finished the match strong and ensured the victory by landing continuous punches and forcing Smeraro to keep her distance.

Blomeke won the bout in a unanimous decision.

Stany “The Bulgarian Beast” Sevosta def. Grace Weite “Maker”

Junior Sevosta overwhelmed sophomore Weite with her quickness in a dominant win.

Sevosta opened the match with some quick punches. Weite started to miss punches and Weite’s punches. Sevosta would then respond with a flurry of punches. However, Lux still was able to land a few shots and was able to put out solid shots on Allare.

Laux tried to finish the fight in the third round by being more aggressive, but, like Alare in the third round, Allare’s defense suffered. Laux started to land better punches through her combination attack.

After a close fight, Lux won in a split decision.

Anna “The Husker Hammer” Heffron def. Julie “Out of Mind” Saxon

Saxon Heffron overwhellmed junior Saxon with a consistent intensity and aggressiveness.

Heffron started off the match well by forcing Saxon to constantly defend herself. This led to a mostly defensive round from Saxon.

But Heffron began the second round with the same intensity as the first. She came out with fast punches that forced Saxon back into the corner, and even down to a knee at one point. Heffron’s speed continued and kept Saxon off-balance, which led to a mostly defensive round from Saxon.

Saxon started off the third round by reducing the distance between the fighters despite Heffron’s speed. But as Saxon started to tire out late in the match, Heffron's speed and energy finished with good combinations, including a big punch at the last bell.

Heffron’s success with speed led to a unanimous decision in her favor.

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Elin “Burn Baby” Byrne def. Courtney “Bury Her” Currier

In yet another battle of cap- tains, senior Byrne defeated ju- niornor Currier with an impressive blocking with punches that included Leah’s crowd-silencing right hook in the middle of the round. Montemarano recovered late with good exchanges with Leach.

In the second round, Leach took control of the fight with her speed and power, finding quick jabs, and her round holes in Montemarano’s blocks and struck whenever Montemarano hesitated.

The third round was fairly even, with Montemarano solidifying her blocking. She effectively counted as Leach started to miss punches late in the round.

But the third round was not enough, and Leach earned the unanimous-decision victory.

Michelle “Lights Out” Laux def. Molly “Motha Trucka” Allare

Senior Laux and freshman Al- lare fought in a neck-and-neck battle with momentum swings throughout the rounds.

Allare came out in the first round as the more aggressive fighter, but Laux capitalized on that aggressiveness. With Allare focusing on the attack, Laux countered against Allare’s lack of defense.

In the second round, Allare solidified her guard and began to show more strategy with her punches. However, Lux still was able to land a few shots and was able to put out solid shots on Allare.

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Katie “Girl Cy” Mayka def. Emily “Fists of Fury” Freeman

The opening had the fighters going back and forth, a trend that would continue en route to a narrow split decision victory for senior Mayka.

At first, sophomore Freeman had Mayka against the ropes, but Mayka countered and did the same to Freeman. It was unclear who had the advantage.

Mayka came out stronger in the second round and seemed to have the slight upper-hand. Mayka was the offensive much of the round landing many punches. Freeman had a few good counters with some strong jabs.

Freeman started the third round strong with a flurry of punches. But Mayka countered stronger. She fought off Free- man’s attack and went on one of her own. Mayka landed a dev- astating hit in the middle of the round, and Freeman had to be checked to continue. After the delay, Mayka closed with confidence, giving her the marginal split-decision victory.

Tori “I’ll Make You Pay” White def. Ann “Fluffykins” Conover

Junior Young took control of the bout early and did not relinquish it, earning herself the unanimous decision victory.

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By MONACO
Sports Writer

Emily “Shake N Bake” Baker def. Melinda “The Most Malicious” Walsh

Sophomore Baker was in exactly the same situation as her opponent. Baker had to overthrow Rogari.

In the second round, sophomore Baker had a stronger and more spirited attitude about her, landing many punches. These came on counters, how- ever, because Rogari was still landing many punches and dic- tating the fight.

Again, Walsh built upon the success of her previous round in the third, getting in some solid hits, but it was still not enough to overthrow Rogari.

Rogari maintained command and finished strong, giving her the unanimous victory.

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decision victory. Baker, a sophomore from Brevard College, N.C., outboxed the upper hand. Maca, a junior from Paquarilla, Easton, was on hand for the bantam, but she managed to block many of Bak-

ers' best punches. There were no real fulls during the first round, and the first 90 seconds consisted of back-and-forth exchange between the two women.

Round two was much of the same: aggressive fighting in which neither boxer held any- thing back. Baker forced Maca to retreat for much of the round.

The aggressive fighting caught up to Baker and Maca as the match wore on. Toward the end of the third round, both boxers were noticeably fa-
tigued. In the end, Baker won by unanimous decision.

Carleigh “the Homing Pigeon” Moore def. Jen “KO” Coe

In a matchup of experienced and accomplished fighters, seniors Coe and Moore were neck-and-neck for most of the match. Both box-
ers had a solid reach in the audience, providing an intense atmosphere for the fight.

The first round was remark-

able even; neither boxer man-
aged to connect with more than one or two solid punches in a row before the other countered with force.

Round two began with both boxers aggressively throwing powerful punches. Neither held anything back. Moore connected on the first big punch of the second frame, but Coe managed to evade Moore’s successive swings.

There were no slow moments in the pressure-packed third round as both seniors looked to empty their tanks. As the box-
ers tired, Moore managed to get some strong punches in. Moore won by split decision.

Tegan Chapman def. Erin “Killer” Killmurray

Chapman won by default, as Killmurray was unable to fight due to a potential concussion.

Catherine “Dizzy” Gillespie def. Elizabeth “Don’tcha Want Some” Moore

This battle of juniors began in cat-and-mouse fashion, with both boxers holding back for the right moment to exploit the opposition. Moore and Gillespie then alternated between connecting with jabs to the head and evading one another’s punches.

The two juniors continued to be patient in the second round, taking their time and being less aggressive than other boxers throughout the night. There were no big punches or. Neither boxer wanted to be left sus-
table to counters.

The atmosphere changed in the final round though, as both Moore and Gillespie came out with a newfound ferocious-
ness. Gillespie didn’t seem to be as fatigued as she got in a slew of solid punches on Moore. To-

wards the end of the round, Moore managed to land some jabs, but it was not enough as Gillespie won by split decision.

Cristina “Triple X” Couri def. Karina “Viper” Lizzi

The match began with both boxers channeling their inten-
sions into solid punches. Se-

nior Lizzi threw some jabs that junior Couri blocked well. Couri,

then countered and connected with some headshots to close out the first round.

Couri separated herself in the second stanza as she threw punches. The McG-

lenn junior then mixed it up and utilized an equally effective jab. Couri then got Lizzi on the ropes, where she continued to gain the upper hand. Both box-
ers tired toward the end of the round.

Lizzi came out aggressively to start the final round. She con-

nected multiple times with jabs to the head. However, Couri

succeeded in landing some strong shots of her own. The two women were exhaust-

ed toward the end of the hard-fight match.

Court ended up winning by unanimous decision.

Caroline “Balinese Blackout” Walsh def. Kara “NO FEAR” Scheer

Experience of both se-

niors was evident from the first bell in Scheer’s unanimous deci-

sion victory.

Sheer and Walsh looked tech-

nically sound, agile and patient. The first round began unevent-


fully, with both boxers dodg-

ing punches. Walsh then connected on some mammoth punches as the first 90 seconds came to a close. Walsh continued the onslaught in round two, but she altered her approach and be-

gan utilizing the hook. Scheer certainly was not giving up, and she came back strong with a combination of punches that forced Walsh to retreat. As the seniors fatigued in the middle frame, they grew content to slow down and be patient with their punches.

The final round was a work-back in the final round, but Walsh pa-


tiently waited for opportuni-

ty to exploit the opposi-

tion. Walsh and Gillespie then

connected multiple times with headshots to close out the round.

The experience of both se-

nior level boxers is not what

many were quick to crown

this off-season and have ex-

amined the aspects of their

season last year. I think it’s safe to

assume no team is winning 90

percent of its matches. As the Irish

advanced to the final round of the

BoraKouts.

Johnson
def. MJ “Di’Vil” Durkin

In the last fight of the night, junior Cole beat fellow junior and captain Durkin in an excit-

ing contest.

In first round, Cole landed a number of shots to Durkin’s body and face. Durkin respond-

ed, using her long reach to her advantage. Cole continued to be aggressive and knocked Durkin down at the end of the round.

In the second, Cole continued to charge in despite Durkin’s
defensive presence and didn’t let anything dictate her approach. It contributed to a
team on her back through the
tournament. As the Irish

win the championship game.

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a Notre Dame team that has a
clear cut in senior Natalie

Nesbol, and a dominating
game presence in fifth-year
dforward Devereaux Peters.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw
doesn’t let anything dictate
hers or her own game plan, but
even she will have to manage
during the day and media atten-
tion a pure talent like Skylar

brings. Ruth Riley was a star in
her own right, but she played in
an environment in 2001 that
saw the legitimate questions and ex-
petations and attention it now
has today.

This Notre Dame team is
good, and all but one starter
return from the same squad that
fell short of a national title by
just six points. The expecta-
tions this season are even higher.

Winning a championship has
always will be the goal for this
year’s team. But when the Irish
kick off the season
against Akron tonight, they
must meet a much broader mandate: bringing parity
to women’s basketball.

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By BRENDAN BELL

Sports Writer

Kaitlyn “The Bulldozer” Cole

Junior Kaitlyn Cole, left, lands a punch on junior captain MJ Durkin during a fight in the final round of BoraKouts.

ND Women’s Tennis

Parity continued from page 20

sadors for a sport quickly
growing in popularity.

Lisa Zador, a sophomore at
Summitt and Huskies coach Geno Auriemma still patrol the
court, but Parker and Moore have taken to the WNBA. From

2006 to 2011, the two domi-

nated the game from their play

and utilized an equally effective

jab. Couri then got Lizzi on the

ropes, where she continued to

length, allowing her to land
punches. Cole’s attack proved

too much, stunning Durkin and
tiring her with body shots.

In the final round, Durkin was

nearly knocked down again, but
tand tough and responded with
her own series of punches. The
late rally wasn’t enough, though, as Cole won by unani-

mous decision.

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by Katie Heitz

Coming off a strong showing

at home, Irish women’s team
tempt to end their fall season on a

high note today as Notre

Dame’s underclassmen com-
pete in the Lakewood Ranch Invitational in

Lakewood Ranch, Fla.

Sophomore Britney Sand-

ers said she hopes her team will

use this experience to

work on its concentration
during the off-season.

“I think our team as a whole

is doing really well and we still

need to work on our

concentration,” Sanders said.

“Some of us tend to lose our

focus when we’re winning and

end up making the match
close than it needs to be.”

Sophomore Julie Sabacins-

ki said she is looking forward
to some competition to play as

many different op-

ponents as possible to help her

improve. As a whole, the Irish have improved steadily

this off-season and have ex-

amined the aspects of their

game that need improvement

to be fully competitive.

“They would like to improve

my overall game,” Sabacin-

ski said. “I want to use this

opportunity to get as many

matches in as I can.”

This tournament will mark the Irish’s third fall sea-

son when the underclass-

men attend a tournament

without their senior captains

Krissting and Shannon

Mathews. Both Sanders and
Sabacinski said that in the
absence of official leader-

ship, everyone needs to step

up and become a leader.

“We all play the captain role,” Sanders said. “Since we don’t have a captain or up-

perclassmen here, we make our
decisions together.”

Sanders said she and her
teammates rely on one an-

other for encouragement to

play to the best of their abili-

ties.

“We all expect each other
to play every match like it

was our last,” Sanders said.

“We’re a team. It’s not just

about one person performing well, it’s about all of us put-

ting everything on the line. I

think we’ll hit the courts at

the Lakewood Ranch Invitational today in

Lakewood Ranch, Fla.

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ND Women's Soccer

ND to open tourney at Illinois

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After receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, the defending national champi-
on will hit the road to take on No. 20 Illinois in the first round Sunday.

A 2-1 loss to Illinois in the Big Ten semifinals on Nov. 4 left Notre Dame (10-7-3, 6-3-2 Big East) hoping for a chance to repeat its journey toward a national title. The Irish join three other Big East schools in the program's 19th consecutive trip to the tournament.

Just a year ago, the Irish made a deep run in the tour-
nament and defeated North Caro-
line and Oklahoma State in the third round and quarterfinals, respectively. Notre Dame's magic postseason included a win over Ohio State and a hard-

fought victory against Stanford in the College Cup.

Irish senior forward and co-
captain Melissa Henderson said the upperclassmen are excited to show the freshmen what it will take to win the program's second national championship in as many years.

"If five guys have a good race, we should be able to win it if we race well," Rydberg said. "It will be a lot easier to find each other 

This meet will probably be less competitive than [the Big East Championships] or [the] Wisconsin adidas Invitational, both ranked opponents at the meet — 

"We have a really good chance to win it if we race well," Rydberg said.

Notre Dame will face either Arkan-
sas-Pine Bluff or Oklahoma State.

Waldrum said the Irish are confident a trip to Kansas City, Ga., the site of the College Cup, is ahead of them.

"We have two of our best practices since preseason this week. That's what you want to come tournament time," he said. "It kind of does remind me a little bit of what went on last year when we lost in the [Big East] quarterfinals to the tournament and had two great weeks of practice. I think we're ready to play the game, and that's what we do, so it should be a re-
ally good matchup.

Notre Dame's defense was the primary area of concern earlier in the season, but the back line has allowed just five goals in its last nine games. The key to an Irish victory, Waldrum said, is eliminating big plays in dead-

ing top-ranked Wisconsin and No. 12 Michigan State and No. 15 Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wis-
consin with the top two teams on both the men's and women's sides advancing to the national meet.

The remaining teams will hope for one of the NCAA's 13 at-large bids to the championship meet.

The Irish men will search for their first NCAA title since 2001, while the women will aim to take their second in three years.

Sophomore Martin Grady has paced the Irish this year, culmi-
nating with an All-Big East per-
fomance at the Big Ten cham-
ionships on Oct. 29. Junior Jeremy Rae also earned All-Big East hon-
or in the race. Despite 10th and 12th place finishes from Grady and Rae, respectively, the Irish placed sixth in the conference meet.

"It would be pretty tough to up-
set Wisconsin or Indiana because they're two of the more established teams," Grady said. "It's go-
ing to be a big meet between us, 

The Irish will meet two other national champions: the University of Michigan and Ohio State.

"We need to find each other 

Seniors Jordan Carlson, Kelly Lynch and Joe Miller, junior J.P. Malette and sophomores Walter Schafer and DJ Thornton are ex-
pected to join Grady and Rae.

"If five guys have a good race, we can finish in the top four," Grady said. "If we can get the top two teams in the top group, it'll be huge for our team.

Notre Dame is the No. 5-ranked team in the region — will be met by still competition in Toledo, Ohio. Four ranked teams, includ-
ing top-ranked Wisconsin and No. 7 Indiana, sit ahead of the Irish in the rankings.

"The competition in the previ-
ous races will definitely help us 

Our workouts have been going well and we've been running well as a pack in prac-
tice."

The men's 10-kilometer race begins at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, while the women's six-kilometer race starts at 1:15 p.m. Both meets will take place in Toledo, Ohio.

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McGlinn senior quarterback Lauren Miller carries the ball during the championship game against Stonehill’s 20-0 win over Farley on Nov. 6.

McGlinn vs. Howard
By ERNST CLEOFE Sports Writer

After upsetting higher-ranked seeds No. 6 McGlinn and No. 7 Howard will face off in Sunday’s semifinal looking to keep the momentum they gained from last year’s championship experience.

Both teams came into the first week of playoffs as underdogs but knocked two favorites out of their respective playoff brackets. McGlinn (5-2) shut out No. 3 Haverty 43-0 with shutdown defense and dominant play from senior quarterback Lauren Miller. Not to be outshined, Howard (12-0) pushed Cink into the semifinal game.

We want to focus on how we were able to be the focal point this week,” Miller said. “I think that win was because we were able to play with a lot of confidence, Miller said.

I really think the key is if the defense plays up to its potential,” said Miller. “If we get consistent play from [defenders], then the offense can take advantage of their good play.”

Meanwhile, Gassner said Howard wants to keep the same attitude that led them to win last week.

“Our defense is really good at shutting down other offenses, so we just need to play with the same intensity and even amp that up to have a good game,” Gassner said.

“I don’t think we know them yet,” the 2010-2011 Big East coach of the year said following a 92-70 exhibition win over Stonehill on Monday.

Although Martin is expected to play in the home opener, Notre Dame will replace four starters from last year’s squad, which finished the regular season ranked 15th in the country.

“Martin needs to be more aggressive even with [Abramiotis] out there this year in the big picture,” Brey said. “But also with [Abramiotis] out, [Martin] lets the game come to him and he knows how to play. He can’t turn anything down and he anchors you a little bit. He can guard big guys and he has real solid body position.”

Meanwhile, the Irish cruised to victory in both of their pre-season contests, scoring 90 or more points against both St. Xavier and Stonehill.

In its most recent exhibition game against Stonehill, Notre Dame shot 57.6 percent from the field and combined for 26 total assists, led by sophomore guard Jerian Grant’s nine. Despite missing three starters on the starting lineup due to an academic infractions, junior forward Jack Cooley combined for 12 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Alex Abromaitis scored 24 points.

“I thought guys got more comfortable [Monday against Stonehill],” Brey said. “There was a better comfort level in the game, more points than we have seen some of the other things that we can work on before it really comes at us fast. I feel better coming into this game with guys like [junior guard Joey] Brunks, Grant and Dragicevich. They are more experienced and they are more happy with [Cooley] too.”

Mississippi Valley State also won both of its exhibition games, including a 116-76 victory over Victory University on Nov. 4. Even though Mississippi Valley State lost all-conference guard and top scorer [Dragicevich] to graduation, the Delta Devils are projected to finish second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference this season led by all-conference senior center Paul Crosby.

The Irish will try to defend their 19-game home winning streak against the Delta Devils in the regular season opener on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Undefeated Siegfried to take on No. 5 Dillon in semis

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

With a combined one loss between the two teams, top-seeded Siegfried and fifth-seeded Dillon are no strangers to winning. But one of them will face defeat in a semifinal game that pits this year’s playoff favorite against last year’s runner-up.

Siegfried (5-0) is hoping to add to its rich interhall history with a win Sunday. The Ramblers won championships in 2008 and 2009, before Dillon knocked them out of the playoffs in the semifinals last season.

But Siegfried senior captain and linebacker John Aversa said his team is confident things will be different this year.

“I think we’re going to be a little sharper,” he said. “If we can correct our focus, I like our odds.”

Aversa said Siegfried knows the challenges Dillon (4-1) will bring and believes his team is prepared.

“We expect them to give us a lot of looks as far as blitzes,” Aversa said. “We know they can air it out and run the ball, as well. They have the total package, and we’re going to have to play our best game of the year to beat them.”

Aversa said he expects the Siegfried offensive line and defense to be crucial to the Ramblers’ success.

“Our defense is a pretty big pretty strong throughout the year. The Big Red have shut out their opponents in four of their five games,” Aversa said.

“We’re expecting a defensive game,” Dillon junior captain and cornerback Will Salvi said. “We need to make sure we play sharp on defense to match them.”

But Dillon will also have to perform well on offense to win, an area in which it struggled in its 10-0 win over Knott last week.

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Salvi also said the Big Red are ready to extract revenge, as they competed for a spot in the championship game last year.

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Sorin will take on Alumni at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields with a place in the championship game on the line.

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Siegfried junior running back David Whitmore runs the ball during the Ramblers’ 28-6 win over Morrissey on Oct. 9. Siegfried defense has yet to allow more than seven points in a game this season and hopes to continue that effort against Dil- lon.

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Crossword

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1. Brooches of 57-Across
2. 1991 Irish McAllister hit
3. 1972 Bill Withers hit
4. Some documentary
5. Film studio spawnpashed by 57-Across
6. Bachelor of 57-Across
7. Parody V.I.P.
8. Post-PC...
9. Thorncul... 20 Finest example
10. Focus of some prep work
11. List...
12. Blog associated with 57-Across
13. Flatterer
14. Blemish images
15. Tyler of “The Lord of the Rings”
16. Rate punchers

Down
1. “P.S. I Love You” star
2. Onetime host of “The Tonight Show”
3. One seeking to catch some rays
4. Soft...
5. “Scifimul”
6. Ring of fire
7. Return letters
8. Stadium, sports venue since 1967
9. They’re positive
10. Junior watcher
11. Isle of some elevations
12. Term of address for a lady
13. “Symphony in Black” artist
14. Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your merry “Carol” speaker
15. Patisserie offerings
16. YouTube
17. Crowd, as short
18. One of many from 57-Across
19. “Produce”...
20. “1942 Frank Sinatra film”
21. Split, in a way
22. Petition
23. Frost of fire
24. Good dining spot
25. Show stopper
26. Daddy bowl manufacturer

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The London Express

A day may come when classes can’t be dropped, when tests can’t be rebated, but it is not this day. An hour of woes and shattered dreams, when homework cannot wait but another night! But it is not this night. This night we rage!

Here, ducky! Do you want some bread?
Who are you? What’s going on?
Oh, I see! Just because I’m a duck walking around a pond, I must want your bread! You sicken me, lady! Yeah, you better walk away!

“munch munch munch”
God damn it...

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

WDETO

Thank you! We can’t promise you a lifetime’s supply of hot dog stands, but try to enjoy the free time this brings you.

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Crossword

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ellen Page, Compact, Tracy Morgan, G. Michael Fe Jen, Mark Rice, P.C.

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Brey looks to replace top scorers in debut

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

At the end of his winningest season at Notre Dame to date, Irish coach Mike Brey knew he would lose his top scorer in Big East Player of the Year Ben Hansbrough. But the AP Coach of the Year unexpectedly lost his No. 2 scorer from last season to suspension — for the first four games — and now has to make do without fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis as the Irish open the regular season against Mississippi Valley State at the Purcell Pavilion on Saturday.

Abromaitis, who averaged 15.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game last year, will serve the first of his four-game suspension for violating an NCAA eligibility rule and leave the Irish without four of their top five scorers.

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The Irish entered last season unsure — unsure of who would lead the team in scoring, unsure of who would come off the bench. But most of all, Notre Dame was unsure how it would respond to losing its best player, Luke Harangody, and its on and off the court leader, Tory Jackson.

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Identity crisis

Notre Dame to open homestand with series against Alaska

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

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