Counting down to victory

By JOHN CAMERON

CHICAGO — More than 10,000 people filled a massive hall at Chicago’s McCormick Place to see if their Commander in Chief could buck up his atrophied rallying cry: “Yes We Can.” After spending a long evening with eyes trained on mass projection screens airing media commentary, the crowd breathed a sigh of relief around 10:15 p.m. when it was clear: Yes, he did.

Three members of The Observer’s staff were among the many gathered in the press area throughout the day. Here’s our experience, minute by minute:

2:37 p.m.: We check in with Obama for America’s media coordinators at the McCormick Place Hyatt and receive press passes.

2:53 p.m.: Upon arriving at the entrance to the south lot of Soldier Field, we are ushered through the first security checkpoint. Our car is searched by two Secret Service agents and a bomb-sniffing dog.

3:03 p.m.: We reach the second security checkpoint where we again are searched by agents and a detection dog, this time focusing on our equipment. After being ushered through metal detectors, we are directed to the press work stations.

3:38 p.m.: After shopping around for an ideal spot, we settle onto the main floor around for an ideal spot, we settle onto the main floor.

5:13 p.m.: The first sound we are directed to the press area throughout the day.

6:20 p.m.: Ticket-bearing crowds on social issues, referenda and cultural moments to the centerpiece of the event. The 47 percent doesn’t make it, the crowd doesn’t make it.”

7:02 p.m.: Ticket-bearing members of the public begin filing into the hall, visibly excited.

7:30 p.m.: Actresses Angela Bassett and Alfre Woodard enter through “special guests” gate, surrounded by enthused Obama supporters.

8:04 p.m.: Video montage begins, highlighting Obama’s previous campaigns and first term. The video is YouTube themed, showing clips of major speeches, rallies and media appearances. Scenes range from light-hearted, family moments to the cover of bin Laden’s death and the conclusion of the Iraq War.

8:31 p.m.: A second video featuring Vice President Joe Biden and First Lady Michelle Obama begins. This short focuses on social issues, referencing unions, immigrants and the LGBT community, before concluding on the economy. One clip includes a quote from Biden, “If the 47 percent doesn’t make it, the country doesn’t make it.”

9:00 p.m.: Third video montage begins with footage of the First Lady in which she discusses the need to stay with the administration’s forward momentum. “Are we going to turn around and enact the same policies that got us into this mess in the first place?”

10:15 p.m.: President delivers his acceptance speech after winning a second term in office Tuesday night.

President Barack Obama delivers his acceptance speech after winning a second term in office Tuesday night.
Four more years
Obama accepts victory in 2012 presidential election amidst cheers and calls for more change

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

CHICAGO — Forward. For months, President Barack Obama has been asking voters to help him move forward to four more years in office.

On Tuesday, the voters did just that. In what remained a tight race until well after the polls closed Tuesday, Obama defeated Republican opponent former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney in an Electoral College battle to win a second term in office. Obama nearly swept the hotly contested battleground states to solidify his nearly swept the hotly contested electoral college battle to win a second term in office. Obama has been asking voters to fight our way back, and we know that if you're willing to work hard, it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from or what you look like,” he said. “It doesn't matter whether you're black or white, or hispanic or asian or native American or young or old or rich or poor, abled, disabled, gay or straight. You can make it in here in America if you're willing to try.”

As he closed his address, Obama asked the country to “sustain that hope” he campaigned on in 2008 and use it to change America's future. “I believe we can seize this future together because we are not as divided as our politics suggests, ... We are greater than the sum of our individual ambitions and we remain more than a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and forever will be, the United States of America.”

After the President’s rousing conclusion and a shower of confetti on the audience, Zive Fumudoh, a 20-year-old junior at Northwestern, said the Election Night experience was "life-changing.”

“The atmosphere tonight was absolutely electrifying,” she said. “This was my first time voting ever, so it was nice to be around people who have the same ideas about where this country should go.”

Monica Yi, also a Northwestern junior and first-time voter, said the rally amplified her feelings about the President going into his second term.

“I'm a huge Obama supporter, so this was amazing and one of the coolest things I've ever experienced,” she said. “I thought his speech hit all the good points I wanted to hear, so I'm really psyched for the next four years, and I think we have a lot to look forward to.”

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BOSTON — After a long day of travel, including more than four hours of flight delays, we finally checked into the Revere Hotel just before 7 p.m. We quickly changed and headed off to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC), the central hub of Election Night 2012 for the Romney/Ryan campaign. We are based in the Press Filing Center, which is playing host to hundreds of reporters from around the world as they cover the GOP side of the presidential race. Here is a minute-by-minute account of the night’s events.

7:00 p.m.: We are dropped off by our cab at the BCEC and make our way to the security check-in. The building is lit up with red, white and blue, and a wall of electronic screens in the front of the room, with larger media outlets in the back. The room is nearly empty. Only a few members of the Romney traveling staff are here.

7:44 p.m.: We receive word in the Press Filing Center that Romney’s plane has landed in Boston, and hopefully on his way to the BCEC.

7:40 p.m.: In news back home, Notre Dame alumnus Joe Donnelly is deadlocked at 47 percent with Republican competitor Richard Mourdock in the race for Indiana Senator. Donnelly, who also graduated from the Notre Dame Law School, leads Mourdock by just over a thousand votes.

7:51 p.m.: 41,557 tweets per minute are sent with the hashtag “relection2012,” according to Fox News. That is some serious thumb exercising out there.

8:05 p.m.: We eat some food. Polenta, pork, garlic chicken and artichoke — it’s pretty good, except they ran out of dessert.

8:09 p.m.: We are reminded that while it is America who is choosing its president tonight, the entire world is watching the election. We have run across members of the press with accents that run the gamut from French to German, British to Indian.

8:15 p.m.: It is interesting to see the rate the different networks are reporting the results of states’ electoral votes. Fox News is way ahead, counting 78 for Obama while CNN is at a more conservative 64 for the President and 56 for the former Massachusetts governor.

8:20 p.m.: And Donner Joe Donnelly is ahead by almost 60,000 votes according to CNN. If elected, he would be the first Irish alum in the Senate in modern history.

8:27 p.m.: CNN just showed a shot of huge crowds outside in Boston Mayhem is a solid “blue” state.

8:51 p.m.: CNN was just cut out for a moment for Fox News. We almost lost Anderson Cooper for a moment, but thankfully he is back on the big screen.

9:00 p.m.: 14 states with 156 electoral votes just closed their polls. Also just in — Michigan, Romney’s home state where his father was once governor, will send its 16 electoral votes to Obama.

9:05 p.m.: Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia, a Notre Dame alumnus, phones in to the BCEC on a video screen and offers thanks to the Republican volunteers who have gathered in Boston. He said he looks forward to calling the Republican candidate “President Romney” come tomorrow morning.

9:07 p.m.: CNN declares GOP will maintain lead in the House of Representatives and the fighter at the BCEC erupts with applause.

9:31 p.m.: Are we headed for Armageddon? Fox News has the two candidates in a tie; Romney and Obama are locked at 153 electoral votes.

9:39 p.m.: Romney senior strategist Ed Gillespie takes the stage at BCEC, and said he is “optimistic and confident” about the ballots rolling in around the country.

9:40 p.m.: Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio comes in via videoconference, saying this is the campaign he has most enjoyed being a part of. He said the Republican campaign “channneled energy and enthusiasm of Mitt and Paul” in his home state.

10:03 p.m.: More states polls just closed, including several swing states. All of a sudden, the Fox News anchors are going crazy with the video screen and potential outcomes of states swinging either “red” or “blue.” Technology at its finest.

10:15 p.m.: A Spanish-language network just was reporting next to our desk in the Press Filing Center. The back half of the room is pretty full, but as you get to the front of the room with larger media outlets, it is largely empty. Only a few members of the Romney traveling press are here.

10:30 p.m.: According to Twitter, the 2012 election has already become the most tweeted-about U.S. political event in history. No surprises there. In other news, Romney is ahead of Obama by nearly 1.5 million votes in the popular votes — but it is in the fight of his life for electoral votes.

10:40 p.m.: And we have switched to local news at the Press Filing Center, as incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts has lost to Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren. Brown is giving a concession speech, and is gracious in defeat.

11:01 p.m.: With many West Coast states’ polls closing, Fox News has Obama leading Romney in Electoral College votes, 244 to 193. He needs just 26 more to clinch the presidency. Several swing states’ ballots — including Ohio, Florida and Nevada — are still being counted.

11:10 p.m.: CNN projects Obama will win Iowa. From the shots of Chicago, it looks like the crowd is going wild.

11:12 p.m.: Fox News has Obama within eight electoral votes of the presidency. The network projects him winning the crucial battleground state of Ohio.

11:14 p.m.: NBC has declared Obama the winner of the 2012 presidential election. Fox News is rolling in around the country.

11:18 p.m.: Fox News and CNN have called it too. Time to get to work in the Press Filing Center — keys are being punched at all sorts of foreign language cluttering is flying back and forth and phones are ringing off the hook.

11:25 p.m.: Now Fox News is claiming they may have projected an Obama win in Ohio too early; as the candidates are neck-and-neck with 72 percent of ballots reported. According to one Fox News correspondent, Romney’s staff in Boston is “frantically crunching numbers” and is not prepared to make a concession speech.

11:44 p.m.: According to an aide, Romney is not ready to concede. Supporters are sticking around the BCEC ballroom. It looks like we may be in for a long night. Of note is that Romney still has a comfortable lead in the popular vote.

11:59 p.m.: Candy Crowley of CNN says the BCEC contingent is a “quiet crowd” and says Romney is still not ready to concede.

12:07 a.m.: Although the network says there is no word on a concession call from Romney to Obama, Fox News is talking about the Republican candidate’s post-campaign life. Crowd shots of BCEC ballroom are somber. It looks like the beginning of the end.

12:28 a.m.: “What’s [Romney] doing really, sobbing uncontrollably?” says the Canadian reporter behind me. The press is antsy for some sort of indication as to when Romney plans to come out and concede the race.

12:32 a.m.: Still waiting on any word as to when Romney plans on addressing the crowds here at the BCEC.

12:35 a.m.: Obama is finally ahead in the popular vote, according to CNN.

12:50 a.m.: We hear Mitt Romney is speaking to 12:55 a.m. EST.

12:55 a.m.: Romney takes the stage at the BCEC ballroom to raucous applause, announcing he has called President Obama and conceded the race. “I pray that our president will be successful in guiding our nation,” he said to the audience.

1 a.m.: Romney wraps up his concession speech. “We have given our all to this campaign. I hope so, I wish, that I had been able to fulfill your votes to lead the country in a different direction,” he said. “But the nation chose another leader, and so Ann and I join with you to urgly pray for him and for this great nation.”

1:07 a.m.: Obama takes the stage in Chicago with Michelle, Malia and Sasha in tow to deliver his victory speech.

1:59 a.m.: Obama has wrapped up his victory speech. After nearly seven hours at the BCEC, we’re ready to wrap this puppy up. Romney lost and Obama won, but it was an incredible experience to be in Boston covering the event.

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Decision made

Tight race comes to close as Romney officially recognizes Obama’s victory early Wednesday morning

By SAM STRYKER
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BOSTON — It’s all over.

At 12:55 a.m. today, Mitt Romney walked out on to a stage at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) to raucous applause from Republican supporters. Upon reaching the podium, he told the audience he had just called President Barack Obama to congratulate him on his victory and second presidential term.

“This is a time of great challenges for America. I pray that our president will be successful in guiding our nation,” he said.

Looking forward to Obama’s second term, Romney urged politicians and citizens alike to work together for the benefit of the United States.

“The nation, as you know, is at a critical point. At a time like this, we can’t risk partisanship,” he said. “Our leaders have to reach across the aisle to do the people’s work. And we citizens have to rise to the occasion.”

The former Massachusetts governor advocated for all elected leaders to work together and push past partisanship.

“We look to Democrats and Republicans and government at all levels to put the people before the politics,” he said. “I believe in America. I believe in the people of America.”

Romney said he ran for office because he was “concerned” about America, but because of solid political foundations, has great hope for the future of the country.

“This election is over, but our principles endure,” he said. “I believe the principles upon which this nation was founded are the only sure guide to a resurgent economy and a new greatness.”

In his address, Romney thanked his running mate, Wis., Rep. Paul Ryan, and urged him to continue to contribute his political efforts to the American nation.

“Besides my wife Ann, Paul is the best choice I have ever made,” he said. “And I trust that his intellect and his hard work and his commitment to principle will continue to contribute to the good of our nation.”

Romney then thanked his wife Ann and his family for their support and efforts in his run for president. Last, he acknowledged the huge team of supporters who made his campaign possible.

“I don’t believe there has ever been an effort in our party that can compare with what you have done over these past years,” he said.

In the closing remarks of his speech, Romney said he and Ryan “put everything on the field” in the hopes of guiding America in their vision.

“We have given our all to this campaign. I so wish, I so wish, that I had been able to fulfill your votes to lead the country in a different direction,” he said. “But the nation chose another leader, and so Ann and I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation.”

Earlier in the evening, just after 9 p.m., Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia, a Notre Dame alumnus, phoned into the BCEC from Virginia on video screens with personal words of encouragement for the Romney campaign. He said he was excited with voter turnout in his state, saying four to five districts were staying open late for voting.

“We’re excited about the momentum we had going into the campaign,” McDonnell said he was enthusiastic with the work of Republican volunteers in the state and thought the state might swing to Romney, owing to its 13 Electoral College votes eventually went to Obama.

“We remain very optimistic about our chances to win here in Virginia,” he said. “But because of the exceptional work of volunteers here and tremendous ‘get out the vote’ effort, and Gov. Romney’s personal conviction and positive message … we think we’re going to carry the day.”

As hundreds looked on at the BCEC, McDonnell thanked Republican volunteers for their “incredible sacrificial support” in propelling Romney’s presidential campaign around the country.

“You’re leadership, your being good ambassadors for the governor all over this great country, we know we need a change in leadership, and Gov. Romney and Paul Ryan are the ones who will do it,” he said.

At the time, McDonnell said he anticipated tomorrow morning, when he could address the former Massachusetts governor by a new title.

“Tm looking forward to calling President Romney in the morning,” he said.

Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, who stood in for Obama in practice debates with Romney, phoned in to the BCEC via videoconference around 9:40 p.m. with a message of support.

“Everybody tonight better be extremely proud of the work they have done,” he said.

Portman, a veteran of nine presidential campaigns said he has never been “prouder” than his participation with the Romney/Ryan ticket. He noted the campaign’s motto from the popular television show “Friday Night Lights” — “Clear eyes, full hearts, can’t lose” — and said this was evidenced in efforts in his home state.

“We have clear eyes … We certainly have full hearts,” he said. “And finally, we can’t lose. We’re doing the right thing for our state and our country. We feel really good about it.”

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Republican presidential candidate and former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney crosses the stage at 12:55 a.m. today in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, just a few minutes before he officially conceded in the race against Democratic incumbent Barack Obama.
CONGRESSIONAL RESULTS

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Projected outcomes at press time
Source: New York Times

POPULAR VOTE

OBAMA: 57,012,990 (50 percent)

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

OBAMA: 303

*Bernie Sanders ran as an independent, but caucuses with Democrats.
**Angus King ran as an independent, but is expected to caucus with Democrats.
President Obama to serve second term

Democrats celebrate reelection of Barack Obama

By MADDIE DALY
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame College Democrats took over the first floor of LaFortune Student Center Tuesday night to watch state-by-state election results come in. Students arrived as early as 7 p.m. and stayed throughout the evening, which culminated in President Obama winning a second term as President.

Juniors Vanessa Silva and Zach Agudelo came clad in their College Democrats shirts and eagerly watched the night’s coverage.

“I’m a political science major, so this stuff fascinates me,” Silva said. “I feel very passionate about Romney not winning so I’m here watching sadly [referring to the close results]. But hopefully that will change.”

Agudelo is also a political science major who interned with Brendan Mullen, the Indiana 2nd District candidate for the House of Representatives.

Phishing scam targets Notre Dame students, staff

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
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Members of the millennial generation current Notre Dame students are fairly tech-savvy, but the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has seen a significant increase in the number of students falling for phishing scams this year.

According to the OIT website, phishing is the use of email or fraudulent web sites to trick people into disclosing their personal financial or identity information, including user names and passwords.

David Seidl, director of information security for OIT, said instances of such scams that have succeeded in tricking students have increased during this academic year.

“Historically it was mostly faculty and staff that fell for these scams, and the number of students scams was next to nothing,” Seidl said. “This year there were 25 students scammed in one month.”

Seidl said an increase at the very beginning of the year or when students and faculty are returning from vacation is expected, but this year the increase has been greater and more sustained than in the past.

A new, targeted phishing technique is a big part of the reason for the increase, Seidl said. The new phish, which convinced at least 76 people to visit the website to which it is linked, features an image of the Notre Dame seal and purports to be a security alert.

Notre Dame is not the only university to be targeted by phishers using this new technique, Seidl said.

“Other universities are also being targeted. Phishers typically send 70,000 emails an hour,” Seidl said. See SCAM PAGE 4

Republican election watch ends in disappointment

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

The Notre Dame College Republican election watch only met disappointment when incumbent President Barack Obama beat former Gov. Mitt Romney with enough electoral votes to claim another four years in office Friday night.

The crowd spent the night eating pizza and refreshing their newsfeeds as they followed Fox News election alerts in LaFortune Ballroom, but the room emptied when media sources began to call the race as Obama’s.

Deirdre O’Leary, a Saint Mary’s freshman from Philadelphia, Penn., watched with the club as her home state went blue.

“I’m actually pretty shocked,” O’Leary said. “A couple of hours ago, it looked completely turned around. It didn’t seem it would be predicted as early as it was. I thought Mitt Romney was going to pull it out. I honestly see REPUBLICANS PAGE 5

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
If you could be any food, what would you be and why?

- Annie Clarke
  Sophomore
  Badin Hall
  “Mozzarella sticks. Enough said.”

- Holly O’Hara
  Sophomore
  Pasquerilla West Hall
  “An omelet. Om-a-let you know why later.”

- Annaleigh McDonald
  Sophomore
  Cavanaugh Hall
  “A s’more, because I like being outside.”

- Blanca Foncillas
  Junior
  McGlinn Hall
  “A blue pretzel M&M because it’s crunchy and sweet.”

- Sunoh Choe
  Senior
  Off campus
  “Airhead — mystery flavor.”

- Quan Tran
  Junior
  Off campus
  “A bagel, because everyone loves bagels.”

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Wednesday
“Sexuality & Catholicism”
Joyce Center
7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Speaker Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson.

“The Servant of Two Masters”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.–10 p.m.
Goldini’s 1743 work

Thursday
Summer Service Learning Program Information Session
Groides Hall
5 p.m.–6 p.m.
Speak with volunteers.

Northern Lights 5K Run/Walk
Fieldhouse Mall/Clarek Memorial Fountain
8 a.m.–10 a.m.
$15 registration.

Friday
“We are Made of Star Stuff”
Jordan Hall
7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Digital Visualization Theater show.

Sean Curran and The King’s Singers
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Singing and dance...

Saturday
Men’s Basketball vs. Evansville
Purcell Pavilion
2 p.m.–4 p.m.
First regular season game.

Film: “Chicken with Plums”
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.–9 p.m.
$7 for students.

Sunday
Theatre: “The Servant of Two Masters” by Carlo Goldoni
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
2:30 p.m.–5 p.m.
$7 for students.

Film: “The Legacy of Prophet Muhammad”
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
4 p.m.–6 p.m.
Lecture explores Chile’s policies

By DAN BROMBACH

News Writer

Following the retrenchment of social policy under a period of turbulent military rule, Chile has embarked on a huge reform its healthcare and pension systems, aiming to reduce poverty, inequality and provide a model for other nations seeking similar goals.

Rossana Castiglioni, head of the political science department at Chile’s Universidad Diego Portales, outlined this social policy journey during her Tuesday lecture, titled “Against All Odds: Social Policying her Tuesday lecture, titled

Following Lagos’ term, President Michelle Bachelet took up the banner of social security and Lagos’ departure from office, putting together an advisory council to elabo-rate a pension reform proposal, Castiglioni said. The March 2008 law drawn up by this team of economists and sociologists stood as a capstone of Chilean social reform, introducing a “basic solidarity pillar” through which 40 percent of the poor-est of the population, many of who had never contributed to the system, would be entitled to receive an old age pension or a disability pension of around 100 dollars.

Although the recent chang-es in Chilean social policy have had a significant impact, Castiglioni said she ultimately does not feel they should be classified as structural reform. She blamed the lack of true structural reform on the dis-pension of power, weakness of non-state actors and ideologi-cal fragmentation of the political system.

These three factors are hold-ing Chile back from taking more aggressive steps in reforming its system of social protection, Castiglioni said.

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Alumna discusses HIV, AIDS research

By SARAH SWIDERSKI

News Writer

Saint Mary’s alumna Mary Anne Luzar will share new developments in her research in AIDS and HIV treatments on Nov. 14, bringing her exten-sive work in the global fight against these diseases to the College.

Luzar, a 1972 graduate, is the chief of the Regulatory Affairs Branch of the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Health. The lecture, titled “The Door Finally Opens for a way to fight AIDS.

“Dr. Luzar’s lecture [will] highlight the impact of two clinical trials that made headlines around the world in July during the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C. The impact of these trials will be discussed along with the globalization of prob-lem solving and the courage of healthcare specialists to successfully conduct state-of-the-art scientific research in resource poor settings,” the press release stated.

While the public health cri-sis is still yet to be solved, this seminar will hopefully pro-vide the community with a look into a brighter future.

“As a Saint Mary’s alumna and accomplished scientist, Dr. Luzar brings expertise that will benefit Saint Mary’s students as well as local members of the medical community.”

Libby Gray, director of development for the College, said the college is excited to welcome Luzar back to campus.

“As a Saint Mary’s alumna and accomplished scientist, Dr. Luzar brings expertise that will benefit Saint Mary’s students as well as local members of the medical community,” Gray said. “We are delighted to have her present the latest findings on two studies that offer hope in the global fight against HIV and AIDS.”

Despite the event being sci-ence based, Gray encouraged students to attend and be-lieves the event will benefit the local community. Gray said she thinks students will be interested in what Luzar has to say.

“Students will be impressed by the details of the research that is being performed across the globe to provide hope for those suffering from HIV/AIDS,” she said.

The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Science Hall. The Division of College Relations and the Career Crossings Office are sponsoring the event.

Paving the Way: Reflections on the Early Years of Coeducation at Notre Dame

Join us for a panel discussion to commemorate the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Notre Dame. Thursday, November 8, 2012

7:30 p.m. Eck Visitors Center Auditorium

Panelists include:

Father Thomas Blanti, C.S.C. ’57, ’63 MA, professor of history; he served as vice president of Student Affairs during the university’s transition to coeducation.

Kathleen Cokanski Farrand ’73 is former Law School faculty member (1972-78) and served as rector of Badin Hall (1972-73) and Breen-Phillis Hall (1973-74).

Anne Theresa Darin Palmer ’73, ’75 MBA, managing editor of The Observer and associate professor of Communications and Journalism, she is one of the first women graduates.

Susan Pouhon, professor of art history at the University of Scranton and co-founder of Going Women, is a native of Notre Dame who grew up in Chicago.

Annette K. Schoenke ’76, former associate director of admissions and director of development for the University of Notre Dame College of Arts and Sciences, she is one of the first women graduates.

Sara H. Deegan ’73, former associate director of admissions and director of development for the University of Notre Dame College of Arts and Sciences, she is one of the first women graduates.

Joanne Sterling ’76 serves on the Alumni Association’s ND Women Connect steering committee. She is a member of Notre Dame College of Arts and Sciences’ first coed freshman class.

This event is free and open to the public. Reception for the Society of Notre Dame of the Holy Cross will be held in the main lobby of the Eck Visitors Center following the reception. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of American Catholicism and associate professor in the Department of American Studies. Visit facebook.com/CustherCenter or www.nd.edu for more information.

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Scam

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Seeing an increase in these kinds of attacks, it’s called ‘spear phishing,’” he said.

Seidl said students, and anyone else with a Notre Dame account, should ignore any email request for their netID or password.

“We [at OIT] will never ask for your password,” he said.

Lenette Votava, director of internal marketing and communications for OIT, said protecting an individual netID is important for more than just the individual’s identity security.

“It only takes one person to fall for a phishing scam, because once a phisher starts sending from a legitimate Notre Dame account we get blacklisted by third parties,” Votava said.

Because of these problems with third parties, Seidl said it is important that students are vigilant in protecting their Notre Dame netIDs and passwords against targeted phishing scams.

“Students need to know they are the target and their netIDs are suffering more than just themselves,” he said.

Seidl said it can take anywhere from two to four days to clear a blacklisting from a third party and in the meantime students, faculty and staff are seriously inconvenienced. In that situation, Notre Dame accounts commonly become unable to communicate with people who use a certain email provider that has issued a blacklisting.

This problem is compounded by the fact that phishers often sustain their attacks on third parties by using more than one corrupted account, Seidl said, and a longer attack means the subsequent blacklisting lasts longer.

“They will collect compromised netIDs and then use them all at once to sustain their phishing assault. These compromised accounts may send as much as 70,000 emails per day, while phishers will send as many as 70,000 in an hour. Similarly, the average user never needs more than three simultaneous connections, but phishers link to computers around the world to create anywhere from five to 20 simultaneous connections, he said.

Seidl said OIT will also continue its practice of using the Notre Dame network’s Domain Name System (DNS), which translates Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to the Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) users see, to divert users from known phishing scams that have been identified by OIT.

Users who click on the links of these known scams will be diverted to a warning page of the OIT website, Seidl said. This OIT page receives an average of 1,500 to 3,000 visits each day.

OIT became aware of the increase in phishing victims through a combination of complaints from third parties, spam to OIT email accounts, abusive behavior patterns in outbound mail from the Notre Dame network and self-reporting by victims, Seidl said.

Seidl said the OIT Help Desk keeps statistics on compromised Notre Dame accounts, which allowed OIT to discern the recent phishing trend.

Phishing may be a recent development in Internet security, but it will likely remain a concern because it is more profitable than types of spamming that are designed around selling products, Seidl said.

“It used to be spam was used to sell things like Viagra,” he said.

“No spam is being used to get you to give up your credentials, which is much more valuable to the spammer than selling you anything.”

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Republicans

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thought he was going to win.”

The atmosphere at the College Republicans watch was one of solidarity for
O’Leary.

“I wanted to watch the presi-
dential results tonight with people with similar views to
mine,” she said. “I was con-
sidering staying in my dorm
with my little interactive map,
but I just really wanted to be
here in this atmosphere.”

For the majority of issues, O’Leary said she allied with
the Republican Party.

“I think the Republican
government will teach people
how to be productive and cre-
te jobs that will help them
give people the motivation
to succeed,” she said. “That’s
what America is all about. I
think we all need to get
America back to work.”

O’Leary, who voted via ab-
sentee ballot last month, said
she thought students in gen-
eral were afraid to state their
views publicly.

“You see it on Facebook,” she said. “If someone posts
one thing about voting for
Obama or Mitt Romney, 50
people comment and attack
them.”

As the night progressed, the
crowd cheered for each state
win for the Republican ticket,
such as North Carolina and
Missouri.

Saint Mary’s freshman
Gloria Zeiger shared the
Republican victories with
fellow party members, but
she said she expected the
Democratic win throughout
the night.

“I thought Barack Obama
was going to win the whole
time because incumbent
presidents almost always
win,” Zeiger said.

As a South Bend resident,
Zeiger went to the Marshall
County polling booth Tuesday
morning to cast her ballot.
She said she voted mostly
Republican.

“I came because I liked
knowing I’m not the only
Republican around, because
sometimes you do feel like
that,” she said. “I think it’s
important for us to stand up
and show that young people have
opinions.”

Sophomore Mark Gianfalla,
the social affairs director for
College Republicans, said he
saw good debates com-
ing from each candidate, and
each big ticket issue affected
the swing vote differently.

“The American people
elected the president they
wanted, obviously not the
person that I wanted, but
that’s all part of the
Electoral College,” he said.
Gianfalla, who is from
Riverhead, N.Y., called him-
self “a little voice in a demo-
cratic state.”

“I think it’s sad that a lot
of people on both sides don’t
do as much research as
they could and vote blind-
ly,” Gianfalla said. “I think
there’s room for improve-
ment for people educating
themselves on the issues. I’m
looking forward to midterm
elections in two years, and I
hope the president’s four
years are positive years for
our country.”

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Democrats

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Representatives, during this
campaign season.

“I’m pretty nervous about
it,” Agudelo said. “I in-
terested with Mullen so I’m
interested in the first time. Obama will win
Maryland, so that’s good.”
Freshmen Kevin King and
Matt Munhall said they have
been closely following the
election and were excited to
vote for the first time.

“I’ve been paying attention
to the news this whole campa-
gue cycle and following it
pretty closely,” Munhall said.
“I’m from Arizona and voted
with an absentee ballot. I love
that in America we can
have free, fair and peaceful
elections every four years
and that no matter the out-
come we’ll move forward as
a nation to stop our problems.”
They also agreed the at-
mosphere of the College
Democrats’ election watch
was electric.

“Active democratic par-
ticipation is what moves
America forward,” Munhall
said. “I think it’s interesting
how in this room everyone
is on their laptop checking
their Twitter feeds every five
seconds, checking the polls.”

King has been working on
two key states, Arizona and
Arizona, and opted for the
democratic ticket.

“I guess the only thing that
I could make [the election
watch] better is if Obama was
here himself,” King said. “I’m
definitely excited to see how
[the election] turns out.”

Sophomore and politi-
cal science major Kevin
Fernandez said he was
pleased with the welcoming,
friendly atmosphere of the
election watch.

“I thought everyone was
going to be kind of in cliques
watching on their own; I
didn’t think it would be as
friendly as it is,” Fernandez
said. “Everybody is talking
and cheering as everything
comes in. I’ve been anxious
and worried all day, waiting
for 7 p.m., for when it starts
to matter. Nothing can pry
my eyes off election cover-
age. I’m going to stay here a
long time.”

Freshman Zoe Rote, who
has lived in two key states
for the election, said she was
specifically watching their
numbers come in across the
news reports.

“I’m from North Carolina,
but I grew up in Colorado,”
Rote said. “So it’s been very
exciting having allegiance
to two swing states and closly
following their progress.”

Rote and freshman
Mary Stewart said they planned
to stay at the club watch until
the election results across
the country came in.

“Nobody needs sleep, this
is important,” Stewart said.
Freshman Connor Hayes
didn’t hold back his celebra-
tion when Democrat candi-
date Elizabeth Warren
was predicted to win in her
race for the Massachusetts
Senate seat.

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Said Hayes.

Graduate Will McBurney
predicted the early an-
nouncement as he waited for
what he considered to be a
duel-in victory for Obama.

“Obama is definitely
goinf to be president,” McBurney
said. “The only two states
left are really Virginia and
Florida. To be honest, I am
probably more excited about
Romney not being president.”

Just before midnight,
Obama’s re-election brought
defeaning cheers and end-
less excitement among the
Democrats in LaFortune.

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don’t have an issue like we
did in 2000, when the
election was so close and
drawn out,” Hayes said. “I’m
just so thrilled to know that
when I graduate it will be the
result of four more years of
Obama’s policies, so incred-
ibly excited for this whole
new administration to take
on Washington.”

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Putin fires defense chief after scandal erupts

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin fired his powerful defense chief over a corruption scandal Tuesday, but a heady mix of sex, power struggles and military vendettas dominated talk in Russia about what was really behind the downfall of the man who has overseen the nation’s most radical defense reform in decades.

The dismissal of Anatoly Serdyukov was a surprise because the burly politician was widely regarded as having the president’s blessing for a military modernization that has won the enmity of generals and arms makers with connections to members of Putin’s inner circle.

Adding intrigue was the fact that Serdyukov is married to the daughter one of Putin’s close allies, a former prime minister who wields enormous influence as chairman of state-run natural gas giant Gazprom. Media reports suggest that Serdyukov’s alleged philandering angered Viktor Zubkov and may have been a factor in the sacking.

But most experts see a behind-the-scenes power struggle at the root of Putin’s decision.

Serdyukov has masterminded a campaign to drastically cut the ranks of officers and overhaul an antiquated military structure to create a leaner, meaner force that might restore Russia’s faded military glory.

In particular, he has aggressively demanded higher quality and cheaper prices from the military industry — ruffling powerful business interests.

That is seen as having set off an internal struggle in which Kremlin allies of leading arms makers have conspired to bring Serdyukov down.

“He angered the leaders of defense industries, refusing to sign new contracts until they make their prices fully transparent,” said Alexander Golts, an independent Moscow-based military expert. “And he told them that the military will buy the weapons it needs, not the weapons they want to sell.”

Dmitri Trenin, director of the Carnegie Moscow Center, told The Associated Press that Serdyukov’s moves to “replace the very foundation of the Russian military system” won him powerful enemies.

“A lot of entrenched interests benefited from that system,” Trenin said. “Putin made the announcement in a meeting with Moscow regional governor Sergei Shoigu, whom he appointed as the new minister. Some observers predict that Shoigu may take a less radical approach to military reform.

While giving few details, the president linked the move to a probe announced by the country’s top investigative agency last month into the sale of military assets, including real estate. The Investigative Committee says the state suffered damages of 3 billion rubles ($95 million) in just a few cases reviewed.

The corruption case first surfaced last month and involves Oboronservice, a state-controlled company whose activities include servicing military aircraft and arms and building military facilities.

In the course of the probe, investigators carried out an early morning search of the apartment of Yevgeniya Vasilyeva, a senior Oboronservice official who was once a close aide of Serdyukov in the defense ministry. Serdyukov reportedly was alone at the apartment with Vasilyeva when police turned up — fueling rumors of an affair.

“The scandal behind the scandal is a personal scandal that has been rumored in Mr. Serdyukov’s family,” Trenin said.

Serdyukov, a former furniture salesman, entered public service as a tax official and quickly rose through the ranks to become head of the Russian tax service before being appointed defense minister in 2007.

Russian media have speculated that he owed his meteoric rise to marrying Zubkov’s daughter. Whatever the origins of Serdyukov’s success, it’s clear that he made a profound impact on Russia as its military chief.

Serdyukov’s reform marked a break with the Russian military culture,” said Golts. “Russian military officers simply can’t imagine a different military model.”
Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — The medic saw Staff Sgt. Robert Bales covered in blood and knew from the pattern of the staining it wasn’t his own. He asked where it came from and where he’d been.

Bales shrugged, the medic, Sgt. 1st Class James Stillwell, testified Tuesday.

“If you go, you guys will have to testify against me,” Stillwell quoted him as saying.

The statement was one of many attributed to Bales that suggest he knew what he was doing the night he surrendered after a two-village killing spree in southern Afghanistan, prosecutors say.

The remarks, offered by fellow soldiers testifying for the government Monday and Tuesday, could pose a high hurdle for defense lawyers who have indicated that Bales’ mental health will be a big part of their case. The testimony is part of a preliminary hearing being held to help determine whether the case goes to a court martial.

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A prosecutor’s opening statement and witness testimony Monday suggested Bales spent the evening before the massacre at his remote outpost of camp Belambay with two other soldiers, watching a movie about revenge killings, sharing contraband whiskey from a plastic bottle and discussing an attack that cost one of their comrades his leg.

Within hours, a cape-wearing Bales slipped away from the post and embarked on a killing spree of his own, said the prosecutor, Lt. Col. Jay Morse. He attacked one village then returned to Belambay, where he woke up a colleague and reported what he’d done, Morse said. The colleague testified that he didn’t believe Bales and went back to sleep.

Bales headed out again, Morse said, and attacked the second village, bringing his death toll to 16 before returning once again in the predawn darkness, bloody and incredulous that his comrades ordered him to surrender his weapons.

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Soldier faces 16 counts of premeditated murder

Soldiers and security officers stand Monday outside a military courtroom on Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state, where a preliminary hearing began Monday for U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales.

At another point, Bales remarked, “I guess four was too many” — an apparent reference to the number of family compounds in the attacked villages, Morse said Monday.

Bales was largely calm and compliant when he turned himself in following the massacre, several soldiers testified Tuesday. He followed orders and sometimes sat with his head in his hands, as though the magnitude of what he had done was sinking in, one said.

Two dead, two wounded in California shooting

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Salvador Diaz, 32, was pronounced dead at the scene, and Manuel Verdin, 34, died later at a hospital. Arnuilo Contriguez, 28, was in critical condition, and Lopez was expected to be released later from a hospital, Dyer said.

Police said they didn’t know what prompted the attack by Jones midway through his shift at the plant, although other workers told police he did not appear to be himself when he arrived at the plant for work.

“There was something that must have provoked this incentive because he appeared calm and everyday Tuesday, maybe was building up to today,” Dyer said soon after the attack.

Police said they found 24 rounds of .357 caliber ammunition — the type used in the shooting — and 21 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition at Jones’ apartment.

Jones arrived at work on a bike just before 5 a.m. About three-and-a-half hours into his shift, he pulled out the handgun and began firing, Dyer said.

About 30 employees witnessed the shooting, and there were a total of about 65 people at work when the gunfire started, police said.

The company was established in 2005, according to online business records. A call to the company went to a voicemail recording that said “due to an emergency we are closed for the day.”

A woman who answered the phone at a listing for CEO Dustin Breckenridge and identified herself as his wife said she would pass a phone message to him.

News media and onlookers were kept several blocks from the plant in the morning, as police used yellow tape to block access. Dozens of officers swarmed the area.
A race to remember

Courtney Cox
Scene Writer

As I write this, the excitement of the 2012 election is reaching its peak. Within the last week I have heard plenty of disgruntled citizens saying they “cannot wait for the election to be over” and they’re “sick of all the advertisements on TV.” You, as you glimpse these words today, have achieved that goal. But be warned.

Your favorite sitcoms and football games will no longer be interrupted by hilariously frightening political ads. Instead you can get excited to see yet another Martin’s advertisement. Because who doesn’t love that jingle?

The voice-over of doom will no longer haunt your dreams, telling you whom not to vote for and why. That poor man with a terrifying baritone won’t hit airwaves for at least another two years.

Clint Eastwood will go back to making movies and hopefully leave his chair at home. Eva Longoria will finally move out of Nevada where she’s been shimmimg it stumping for Obama for about a month. SNL will go back to its usual hit-or-miss staging of “Real Housewives” and the Tanning Mom. You can altogether forget about the undecided voter and their questions like: Who is the president right now? How long is a president’s term of office? And can women vote?

Ryan’s widow’s peak and Biden’s grin won’t be featured in the same SNL cold open, with all the smiling and water drinking and creepy laughter, ever again.

Big Bird will go back to Sesame Street. Binders will no longer be filled with women. Debates will be referred to the realm of high school and college students. The number 47 can fall back into anonymity with the rest of the numbers 1 to 100. I guess you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone.

This election, though devoid of Sarah Palin, has been as entertaining as any presidential election. It’s the humor and entertainment contained in this nation-wide event that brings the country together regardless of party. Without these staged political events, what could we possibly have to unite us?

Regardless of whom you voted for, I hope as the excitement dies down you begin to miss this presidential election. So as I sit here writing this, completely unknowing of the results of this marathon of a campaign, I can’t help but look forward with a little twinge of sadness.

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Carolyn Green
Holy Half Marathon

Since 1970, the New York Marathon has been one of the Big Apple’s most hallowed traditions. An estimated 47,000 runners, 12,000 volunteers and 2.5 million spectators take part in the annual 26.2-mile race through all five city boroughs. Not this year. After the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg made the final call to cancel the race in a decision that was undoubtedly the right one. Originally, Bloomberg said the race would go on as planned. He insisted the marathon would not interfere with the city’s relief efforts and would, in fact, benefit small businesses. In a statement, Bloomberg explained, “You have to keep going and doing things, and you can grieve, you can cry and you can laugh all at the same time. That’s what human beings are good at.” City and race officials explored other options for this year’s event, including postponing the race or shortening the course. However, citywide protests expanded nationwide, over Facebook and Twitter, and the debate eventually grew so heated that officials announced they would cancel the race for the first time in its 42-year history. As Bloomberg said, “We cannot allow a controversy over an athletic event — even one as meaningful as this — to distract attention away from all the critically important work that is being done to recover from the storm and get our city back on track.”

To hold the race so soon after Hurricane Sandy would simply not have felt right.

Runner Lauren Mandel told CNN of her second thoughts on her way to pick up her racing bib, “Walking past ... generators heating up tents for people to eat pasta tomorrow night when there are people who haven’t eaten a hot meal in five days.” At the time of its cancelation, the death toll stood at 41, and thousands were still stranded without electricity.

At least 20 of the 41 killed came from Staten Island, the location of the marathon’s starting line. Residents pleaded for food and supplies, and one woman told the Associated Press she had eaten one slice of pizza in the past two days. Before the race’s cancelation, U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm spoke on behalf of Staten Island and Brooklyn.

“We’re still pulling bodies out of the water, and the mayor is worried about marathon runners and returning to life as normal,” Grimm said. “The Verrazano Bridge should be used for getting fuel and food to Staten Island, not getting runners out.”

The marathon would likely have diverted important resources from the city, including personnel, food and electricity. Police officers and sanitation workers who had volunteered to help hurricane victims had been assigned to the race instead, and hotels would have needed to evict storm victims from rooms to accommodate runners.

Furthermore, a 2012 NYC Marathon would have created an atmosphere of controversy and animosity instead of its intended celebration of the city.

Undoubtedly, many runners were disappointed by the marathon’s cancelation.

To participate, runners must pledge for a certain charity or qualify with a specific half marathon or marathon time. The majority of participants gain entry into the race through a random lottery, and thousands travel to New York from across the globe. They spend months or even years training, eager to bring home a medal as a symbol of their accomplishment.

Nonetheless, and in an astounding display of the good that results from disaster, thousands of people ran the race anyways, bringing help and optimism to storm victims.

Approximately 1,300 runners boarded the Staten Island Ferry from Manhattan, carrying garbage bags and backpacks filled with food and supplies. New York runner Jon Bennion told CNN, “I’ve run the marathon three times, and there was an odd familiarity getting on the Staten Island Ferry this morning with a group of runners for a completely different reason. It was fascinating, the anxiety and jitters were replaced by an overwhelming sense of community.” Runners donated the extra clothes they had brought with them, following the original course route and refueling at hot dog stations.

Though the 2012 New York Marathon did not take place as planned, it still fostered all the sense of community and solidarity as the normal marathon. When runner Ana Abdo first found out the race was cancelled, she began to cry. “I’ve been training for two years,” she said. “But what is two years of my life to somebody’s whole life?”

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Reconsidering contraception

Miss Krakenmaster (“Considering contraception,” Nov. 6),
I am sorry you get judged. No one deserves to be judged for a medi-
cal condition, and it saddens me that people can be that way. I under-
stand your need for birth control pills — a close friend of mine took
them for a period of time to treat a medical condition. I myself may
need them to help treat recurrent, cyclical depression symptoms. But
using the pill as a medical treatment is very different from using the
pill as contraception. In a society where very few are in the situation similar to those in
“countries deeply affected by AIDS and other STIs,” and few women
are prescribed birth control pills exclusively to treat medical condi-
tions, most of the time condoms and birth control are contraception.
And the teaching of the Catholic Church is clear that contraception is
wrong and “is not okay.” Using the pill or condoms to treat and pre-
vent disease is one thing, the prevention of conception is a side effect;
to use them to prevent life is quite another. It is when people use the
pill and condoms as contraception that some start using it as “a li-
cense to do things in a sexual realm that is counter to how things are
supposed to be.” Further, most insurance providers already cover the use of birth
control for medical treatment. Even the current insurance at Notre Dame
covers it. The issue with HHS mandate is that it forces Catholic
institutions to provide contraception, not medical treatment, which
goes against catholic teaching and our consciences. It is not the med-
icine that is the problem, but its use. Respectfully,

Marie Moya
senior
Cavanaugh Hall
Nov. 6

It’s (not) a trap

Dear Mr. Noonan,
I find your lack of faith disturbing. In your editorial on Disney’s acquisition of Lucasfilm (“‘Star Wars’ moves to the dark side,” Nov. 4), you take a decidedly woe-is-me at-
titude about the move. Three years ago, Disney similarly bought out action hero industry giant, Marvel Entertainment. The result? This
summer’s blockbuster film, “The Avengers,” which, in addition to grossing $1.5B (that’s ‘B’ as in ‘billion’) also received top critical ac-
claim (a 92 percent positive rating on Rotten Tomatoes!).

Your argument is that Disney has a certain way of riding franchises into
the ground. Well, Mr. Noonan, I have disconcerting news for you. This is
hardly a Disney-specific symptom. This past summer, we saw Universal Studios release “The Bourne Legacy,” a fourth installment in a series
that no longer features its titular character. Two short months ago, Sony
Pictures released “Resident Evil: Retribution,” the fifth in that particular series. Production has already begun on the second “Wolverine” movie
and the “X-Men: First Class” sequel over at 20th Century Fox, constituting
the sixth and seventh X-Men movies in the past twelve years. Paramount
Pictures? They’re going to release a fourth “Transformers” film.

This is the world we live in. We can choose to espouse your pessi-
mistic attitude. We can choose to believe that these movie studios are “ruining” our childhoods.

Or, we can look at the flipside. Think about Disney’s budget. Think about how many creative talents — writers, actors, directors, etc. — will flock to the chance to be a part of a Disney-helmed “Star Wars” film.

And here’s the final — and most important — point: This isn’t about
you or me or anyone who grew up watching the original “Star Wars” trilogy. This is about the next generation. This is about all the kids
growing up today. This is our chance to give them their own “Star Wars” trilogy full of characters and stories that they’ll one day hold
close to their hearts. But that doesn’t mean we can’t enjoy it, too. I, for
one, welcome our new mouse-eared overlords.

May the Force be with you.

Michael Palena
senior
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 6

Thank you, Maem!

In St. Ed’s, we live a little messily. Sometimes our trash overflows, every once in a while
we leave food in the lounge and at the year’s beginning we flood the halls with sawdust.

God knows we’re a nightmare to clean up after. Even though we don’t deserve her, we’re
lucky enough to have Maem Detaksone.

Maem works tirelessly as the St. Ed’s cleaning woman. She cleans four floors worth of
hallways, bathrooms and lounges, almost always without help. Day in and day out, she
never complains, even though it used to take two people to do her job. Thanks to Maem,
all 170 of us can enjoy a tidier dorm than any college-age guy has any right to expect.

But Maem is more than just a worker; she’s a part of our family. Every morning as we
leave for classes, she greets us with a smile and wishes us good luck. If she saw you study-
ning for a test, she’ll ask you how it went later in the week. If she notices you were sick,
she’ll see if you’re feeling better. Even if she’s busy doing half a dozen things at once,
Maem will gladly take a minute to chat. Every day, Maem goes above and beyond her du-
ties and helps makes us all feel at home.

We Stedsmen are blessed with the best housekeeper on campus. Maem is sweet, hard-
working and incredibly dedicated.

Maem, you make every day better, and we wouldn’t trade you for the world.

Happy Maem Appreciation Day!

The Men of St. Ed’s
St. Edward’s Hall
Nov. 6

Nike cuts ties to Armstrong

The Daily Free Press Editorial Board
The Daily Free Press

Nike decided to terminate its contract with Lance Armstrong Wednesday because of
“insurmountable evidence that he participated in doping,” according to Time Magazine.

Nike said in a statement that it “does not condone the use of illegal performance-en-
hancing drugs in any manner.”

It is understandable that the company would feel inclined to cut its ties from
Armstrong. Nike athletes are typically held up as role models. An athlete who uses perfor-
mance-enhancing drugs should not hold a position of influence in that field.

However, it is interesting that Nike continues to sponsor Tiger Woods, another contro-
versial athlete. Woods was involved in several extramarital affairs, but that behavior was
unrelated to his sport. Even still, is it appropriate for Nike to endorse an athlete whose
private life is so controversial? Probably not. Like Hollywood stars, athletes’ private lives
are not all that private. The decisions they make outside of their sport can influence their
fans. It is probably inappropriate for Nike to endorse an athlete who was involved in ex-
tramarital affairs.

Returning to Armstrong, just before Nike’s announcement, the cyclist made an
announcement of his own. Armstrong revealed that he was “stepping down as chairman of
the Livestrong cancer fighting charity so that the organization can steer clear of the
whirlwind surrounding its founder,” according to the Time article.

It will be interesting to see how Armstrong’s absence affects the charity going forward,
if at all.

Armstrong’s concern is understandable. It would be unfortunate if his poor choices
tainted an organization that could do some pretty pretty life-changing work.

It’s a sad state of affairs. Hopefully people focus on the charity’s work and not the mis-
takes of its founder. But really, only time will tell.

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University.

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Observer.
The album also showcases Lamar's versatility, with many songs fluctuating in their mood, speed and style. However, this versatility brings me to one of my primary concerns: "good kid, m.A.A.d city" can at times be downright schizophrenic. Lamar careens from the heavy garbage rap ("young and gettin' it"), and even during an onstage performance in Rome. It's as if I needed something else to complain about, Meek Mill's new album "Dreams and Nightmares" is bad. We're talking fried-clam-strips-at-the-dining-hall bad. WNBBA-preseason bad. Nicholas-Cage-in-"Season of the Witch" bad. A frank review of everything wrong with this stale, repetitive excuse for an album is actually more appropriate having just discussed Kendrick Lamar and his display of competitive excuse for an album is actually more appropriate having just discussed Kendrick Lamar and his display of lyrical depth. Perhaps Mr. Mill's complete lack of creativity and talent is some sort of divine punishment for the track "Amen," in which he prays to God thanking him for clubbing, women of reprehensible moral repute and other things I doubt God would condone. In terms of musical blasphemy, this track ranks up there with Madonna wearing a crown of thorns and reenacting the crucifixion of Christ during an onstage performance in Rome. Most of the songs from the album are shallow, bass-heavy garbage rap ("Young and Gettin' It"), and even when Meek Mill tries to slow things down, as he does in "Traumatized" and "Maybach Curtains," he is simply incapable of flowing well over the beat. As if I needed something else to complain about, Meek Mill also recruits the help of Maybach Music Group's "kingpin" Rick Ross on a number of songs, thus joining forces with one of a handful of rappers who could reasonably contest his claim to the title of worst rapper alive. Overall, Meek Mill's "Dreams and Nightmares" gets a clear-cut discard rating. If you happen to come into contact with the album, I would advise you to wash your hands with soap and cold water.

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RZA
Arcade Pictures

"The Man with the Iron Fists"

Director: RZA
Starring: RZA, Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu, Rick Yune
By JES CHRISTIAN
Scene Writer

There are very few people in the world who have flawless skin. For those individuals that do, I congratulate you and envy your fabulous gene pools. For the rest of you, who find yourselves dealing with the occasional breakout or worse, follow the steps below and you’ll be amazed by the difference in your skin.

Be aware and keep your surfaces clean.
Most people don’t realize how many unclean surfaces their faces are exposed to on any given day. Some of the most common things we handle daily are pillowcases, cell phones, hands, hair, hats and towels, and rarely are these items cleaned as frequently as they should be. In fact, most of the time none of them are clean enough to prevent germs from reaching the face. The key is to stay aware and make an effort to keep everything that your face touches as clean as possible. If you can, try wiping your cell phone off with a damp disinfectant wipe as often as once a day. Additionally, it’s a good idea to wipe your phone with a tissue or paper towel after each call you make. Pillowcases should be washed about once a week, and flipped over halfway through the week. All other items should go no more than a week without being washed. Most importantly, don’t forget to wash your face. Two to three times a day is ideal. Any more washing, and you run the risk of drying your face out and eliminating oils that protect your face from the elements.

Avoid sleeping on your face.
Don’t do it. Whether your pillow is clean or not — the best way to guarantee a germ-free face is to sleep on your back with your face fully exposed. It’s also one of the best ways to sleep in terms of your general health — so that’s a plus!

Take showers after you exercise.
This may seem like an obvious thing to do, but chances are that if you’re someone who exercises regularly then you’ve failed to do this effectively a few times. On occasion, you’ve probably finished a workout and found other activities to distract you for a few hours before showering. We’re all human beings and everyone has their slip-ups, but try to minimize them by taking showers as soon as you finish your workout, or as soon as possible afterwards. When we exercise, we sweat, which advantageously gets rid of various toxins that have gathered in your skin. However, if we don’t shower soon after exercising, those same toxins have time to increase and settle back into your skin. Help your skin out, and wash all those germs away. Your complexion will thank you.

Avoid overexposure to different acne products.
It’s easy to get too experimental when it comes to the overwhelming number of acne treatment products out there. My advice would be to stop and take a look at your own skin. If you’re like most college students and just have minor breakouts, then you probably don’t need a hardcore or even a mild acne treatment product like Proactive or Differin. Many products have side effects, such as extreme drying of the skin, peeling and skin sensitivity. Furthermore, trying a string of different products can really do a number on healthy skin. Put down the creams and medicated scrubs, and try a simple non-prescription face wash or some plain old soap and water along with these other quick-fix tips. If you still don’t see an improvement in your skin, then contact your local dermatologist for a detailed consultation.

In the world of fashion, the body is considered the blank canvas. When blemishes and other impurities cause unwanted problems, one could say that the canvas is been torn or damaged in some way. In layman’s terms, an individual’s confidence and style can be significantly restricted by how good he or she feels about his or her appearance. Clothes are beautiful and style is a great way to stand out, but to lack confidence in the way you look is the quickest way to lose that standout flair. Don’t let breakouts and blemishes bring your style down. Take these tips into account and be fashionably happy — and healthier too.

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The NFC East has been praised as one of football’s most dynamic players, and this year, however, the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles are both 3-5. The NFC East is bigger in Texas. Maybe that’s why the Cowboys are a colossal failure. Perennially one of the NFL’s most talented teams, the Dallas Cowboys are consistent only in their shortcomings. After dropping Sunday night’s contest to the undefeated Falcons more predictably than Romo bottling a hold against the Seahawks, Big D’s playoff hopes are barely breathing. Jerry Jones’ fantasy team has already as good as gone as the season begins. Injuries have decimated the Eagles’ big uglies, but the team has done to one of the league’s most dynamic players, Michael Vick Experience a fighter’s chance. Vick has made his decision to shut my shoulders down a little. I was going no arms and kicking for a while, and working in the training room on physical therapy.”

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Harry Jones’ fantasy team has do not have the major institutional problems found in Dallas. Well, maybe they do, but just not to the extent of the Cowboys. Philadelphia has plenty of problems, most notably on the offensive line. Few would have thought Michael Vick could ever arouse sympathy from the public, but after watching him occupy a pocket that shrinks faster than the polar ice cap, how could a witness feel anything but? In fact, witness is the right word because what Vick’s offensive line has done to one of the league’s most dynamic players is almost criminal. They have robbed him of his ability. He doesn’t have time to throw. He doesn’t even have time to escape the pocket. Injuries have decimated the Eagles’ big uglies, but there has to be something

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Things should have been looking up for senior Kim Holden during the spring of 2011. Her sophomore season had already as good as gone as mid-August. It’s not a major procedure. For swimming, the recovery process is pretty long, because it’s such an over-head sport.”

Holden had never had to deal with a major injury before, and the limitations of her healing shoulders were a constant source of frustration. “All of last year was tough,” Holden said. “I was again kicking for most of the year with my hands by my side to protect them. I got physical therapy, strength in my shoulders without wearing them down again, and I was able to start competing again in dual meets in January last year, and compete at Big East. I didn’t have the meet that I wanted to but I tried to keep it in perspective.”

Holden still wasn’t fully recovered from double shoulder surgery, but she didn’t let that stop her from competing at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb., in late June. “By trials I was I’d say about 80 percent,” Holden said. “I was questioning the training I’d going into trials just a little bit because I had to be on my legs more than I wanted to be. But for the most part, I was wrapped up in the experience of it. Luckily I hadn’t had any major pain during competition. I don’t know if it’s the adrenaline when it comes to racing, but it tends not to be the focus of my attention at meets, which is really nice.”

Holden had even returned home for a month and dedicated her attention to physical therapy. At the end of the summer, she was signed up to the U.S. Open, setting several new personal bests and giving her a shot of confidence as she returned to Notre Dame for her senior season.

Since then, Holden has been lighting up the pool. She won five individual races in the first two meets of the season, and the Big East named her the women’s swimming and diving Athlete of the Week on Tuesday. Acclimates aside, Holden said she’s just happy to be back training and racing with her team. “Having to sit back and watch last year was really tough for me because I’m a very competitive person,” Holden said. “I loved seeing those girls who have a successful season and I probably made the right decision, but I’m definitely excited to be there with them this year. I’ve missed racing and I’ve missed doing the practices that the rest of the team is doing.”

Finally, things are starting to look up for Kim Holden.

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Holden returns from injury

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Allare def. Allison “George Foreman” Murray

The sophomore Murray held the height advantage, but the sophomore Allare neutralized the threat and won unanimously. Murray began the fight with jabs, but Allare responded with a flurry of punches, which became stronger as the round progressed. Despite Murray’s defensive efforts, Allare continuously connected in the second and third rounds, landing strong hooks to Murray’s body and head. Allare’s strength and precision proved to be the deciding factor in her unanimous-decision victory.

Danielle “La Guerrera” Duarte def. Mara “The Howard Hammer” Walsh

The sophomore Duarte came out with full force and didn’t let up against the junior Walsh, earning the split-decision nod. Duarte opened with a torrent of punches on her shorter opponent’s momentum and earned her the victory.

Julie “2nd” Saxer def. Elyse “Speedy” Stachler

In a split-decision fight, the senior Saxer staged a comeback win after falling behind early to the junior Stachler. The fight remained even after the first round as Saxer and Stachler traded punches. The fighters employed similar styles and possess similar size. Both attempted quick jabs to the head. In the second round, the referee stopped the match to check Saxer’s ability to continue. Saxer recovered to win the bout.

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Jolynn “Baby J” Hoang def. Blair “Agent Orange” Warner

In the first fight of the night, the junior Hoang defeated the law student Warner by unanimous decision. Throughout the first round, Hoang relied on consistent right jabs. Hoang’s jabs effectively moved Warner around the ring, giving the junior an advantage. In the second round, Warner focused her energy on powerful body shots. She countered Hoang, but the junior began to control the pace of the fight. Hoang’s combination of left and right jabs suppressed her opponent’s momentum and earned her the victory.

Teresa “Pika” Choe def. Amanda Leung “Fu Panda”

The senior Choe gained control of the fight early in the first round and did not give it up, winning by unanimous decision over the sophomore Leung. Choe dictated the course of the fight with a combination of quick right and left punches to the head. In the second round, Choe’s jabs knocked Leung to the ground. In the final round, Choe threw a series of short punches to the head, pressuring Leung into the corner and sealing the victory.

Christina “The Cannon” Buchanan def. Eliza “You Want Some” Moore

The senior Buchanan won by unanimous decision over the sophomore Moore. Buchanan opened the fight with a strong right jab, an asset that proved fundamental to her victory. In the first round, both opponents maintained movement around the ring. As the second round began, Buchanan delivered a series of body shots, putting Moore on the defensive. Moore fought back in the third round, landing a headshot. Buchanan maintained her composure, throwing a strong right hook connecting on several body shots to ensure victory.

Julia “Can’t Be Controlled” Berchtold def. Kristen “Dirty Durb” Durbin

Seniors Berchtold and Durbin fought a close match, Berchtold pulled out a split-decision victory. Durbin took the first swing with a right jab, but Berchtold battled back with a series of quick headshots. In the second round, Berchtold’s swift foot movement kept her away from Durbin’s punches. After taking a hit to the head in the second round, Berchtold found herself on the defensive but immediately bounced back. The third round proved to be an even fight. Durbin attacked with a series of punches, but Berchtold fought back with jabs to the head. Ultimately, Berchtold proved too much for her opponent.

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MJ “Thing 1” Durkin def. Kendall “No Soul” Johnson

In a unanimous decision, the senior Durkin earned a semifinal victory over the junior Johnson. Throughout the bout, Durkin landed numerous left and right blows to Johnson’s. Johnson mostly stayed on the defensive and was not able to consistently throw punches. The red-headed Durkin possessed the height advantage and landed strong punches on her shorter opponent. She dominated the fight and did not allow any room for a comeback from Johnson.

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Amanda Leung “Fu Panda”

The sophomore Leung claimed the split decision over the sophomore Leung. Leung couldn’t earn Walsh enough points to win, however, and Duarte claimed the split decision victory.

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Meghan “You’re Gonna Be Rawlin’” Zwahlen def. Danielle Murphy

The sophomore Zwahlen won her first semifinal match in a unanimous decision thanks to her strong start to the fight. Zwahlen landed thunderous hooks from both the left and right sides on the fifth-year senior Murphy. Zwahlen’s dominant right arm landed many of her punches. She also followed up her right blows with a solid left. Murphy could not stop Zwahlen’s advances and eventually lost the bout to the sophomore.

Shannon “The Glommer” Bugos def. Ashley “Bringing the Thunder” Taylor

The freshman Bugos won by

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allow Kirk to recover, but after the pause, Kirk dominated by a sudden assault, hitting Kirk’s face with a variety of punches. Before the end of the third round, the referee called the fight, awarding the victory to White.

Michelle “Action” Purvis def. Ari “Get Nothing” Kobayashi
The senior Kobayashi relentlessly attacked MBA student Purvis in the opening round. However, Purvis dodged many of Kobayashi’s punches. The senior again initiated the action in the second round, but Purvis continued a comeback in the second round, landing a final blow and earned the unanimous victory.

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In a one-round bout decided by the referee, the junior McCarthy defeated the senior Morris with a rapid succession of punches that left Morris too injured to continue.

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Cristina “Triple X” Couri def. Caroline “Cous” Kuse
Despite a slow start, the senior Couri overpowered the junior Kuse in a unanimous decision.

Couri landed several punches in the first round, slowing Kuse’s attack. Couri continued a strong offense. Kuse often attacked first, putting Couri on the defensive. However, Couri overcame a noticeable height disadvantage to turn the tables on Kuse. The pace of the fight never slowed as both boxers struggled to gain an advantage. In the third round, Couri landed a string of uppercut jabs that earned her the unanimous decision.

Kat “Outta Yo Reach” Leach def. Suzanne “The Girl on Fire” Fitzpatrick
In a fast-paced fight, the senior Leach claimed victory over the sophomore Fitzpatrick.

Leach led off the bout with an offensive jab, but Fitzpatrick responded with a counterattack. In the second round, Fitzpatrick started strong and nearly gained an edge on Leach. Both fighters constantly moved around the ring to avoid the other’s attacks. Leach landed successive strong punches below Fitzpatrick’s head, and sealed the unanimous victory.

Allison “Knockdown” McKown def. Rachel “The Lean Mean” Greenberg “Machine”
The sophomore McKown defeated the junior Greenberg by gaining an offensive advantage early in the bout. After a fast start from Greenberg, McKown stifled her opponent by landing a blow to the head. In the second round, Greenberg asked for time following McKown’s advance. The round ended with McKown landing a final quick punch. Greenberg fought back in the final round, but McKown landed a final blow and earned the unanimous victory.

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Ragan Todd def. Jill Giunco
In a battle between two seniors, Todd defeated Giunco by unanimous decision. Both opened the first round by connecting a flurry of combo shots. In the second round, Todd began to gain an edge, landing several unanswered hooks and blows to Giunco’s head. Todd continued to attack in the third round. Giunco counterpunched and held her ground, but Todd continued to deliver blows to Giunco’s head. Ultimately, Todd proved too much to handle and earned a victory.

Brianna “Sting Like a Bee” Kunycky def. Erin “The Exterminator” O’Brien
The senior Kunycky earned an unanimous decision victory over the sophomore O’Brien in an energetic match. Both moved around the ring and delivered punches, but Kunycky gained the advantage in the first round and never looked back. In the following rounds, O’Brien refused to let up, trading blows with Kunycky until the last bell.

The experienced Kunycky calculated and forced jabs granted her the edge and the victory.

Tamara “TKO Win” Nguyen def. Katherine “Kat-Astrophic” Ruiz
The MBA student Nguyen earned a split-decision victory over the senior Ruiz. Nguyen held the height advantage and used it to her favor. She landed several blows in the first round, thanks to her reach. The second round began similarly to the first, but Ruiz responded, connecting on numerous punches to Nguyen’s body. In the third round, Nguyen lost steam and went on the defensive. However, her performance in the opening rounds earned her the win.

Ann “No Need to Duck” Castner def. Rachel “The Filly from Philly” Nave
In the senior Castner opened the fight with a strong start and never let up in her unanimous-decision victory over law student Nave. Both fighters connected on punches in the first round, but Castner began to land more punches in the second round. The referee stopped the fight in the third round to allow Nave to fix her headgear, and Castner returned from the break continuing the offensive strike. Nave went on the defensive and grew fatigued. Castner’s energy proved to be too much for Nave, leading to her definitive win.

Rose “The Riveter” Raderstorf def. Anna “Hugh” Heffron
The senior Raderstorf employed a balanced attack to earn an unanimous decision victory over the junior Heffron. Raderstorf used her strength and physicality to land hard blows to Heffron’s head, forcing the junior to move across the ring. Heffron respond by pushing Raderstorf against the ropes, until a Raderstorf right hook forced the referee to pause the fighting. In the third round, both fighters tired, slowing punches and movements. Raderstorf’s strong start earned her the victory.

Stani “The Bulgarian Beast” Sevova def. Andrea “Mind Ya Bizness” Caldwell
In a battle of perseverance, the senior Sevova outlasted the MBA student Caldwell for the unanimous decision. There was no break in the action during the first round, as the fight started with substantial energy on both sides in a flurry of traded punches. In the second round, Caldwell began connecting more blows to Sevova’s body, but Sevova responded with a string of hits to Caldwell’s head. Sevova dominated the third round on her way to a convincing victory.

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McGrath looks to contribute to squad effort with strong individual performance, dedication

‘I was fencing those for the team score’

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Many outside observers could garner the impression fencing is primarily an individual sport. Freshman Garrett McGrath would tell a different story. “It’s always one versus one, but your personal performance is being funneled into a collective score,” McGrath said. “How you’re doing reflects on your performance. It made me much more focused and I was much more intense.”

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The Irish have a team-first atmosphere on the strip, McGrath said, but he also feels the same motivation to help his teammates outside of athletics. “I’m a happy person and I like to see other people do well,” McGrath said. “I help other people out when they need the help. If somebody is really tired after practice but has to stay up until 5 a.m. to work on their essay, I have stuff to work on too. I’ll help them stay awake and work on it. I really try to support the team as much as I can. A lot of people sometimes need that. It’s a struggle to succeed academically, as well as do well athletically on the team. So, I’ve been trying to support my teammates as much as I can, which has helped us grow closer. As a whole, the Irish are a cohesive group, McGrath said. They enjoy spending time with each other and working together, a characteristic that can act as a catalyst for the team’s success.

“Everyone enjoys practicing together,” McGrath said. “Everyone enjoys traveling together. It’s just a really good dynamic. We’re a really cohesive group and I think that will help all of us going forward toward a championship.”

This positive team atmosphere contributed to bringing McGrath, one of last year’s top recruits, to South Bend. Not every school offers the type of atmosphere Notre Dame offers, McGrath said. “A lot of the other schools and coaching staffs were not as pleasant in some ways,” McGrath said. “They’re very hard on the students and the students can then grow bitter toward practice, toward fencing, and toward the coaches themselves. Some schools can accumulate personalities like that. Notre Dame has none of that. The coaching staff here is incredible. The team works very well together. That’s one of the main reasons I came to Notre Dame.”

Luckily for the Irish, McGrath is just getting started at Notre Dame. On Oct. 14, out of a pool of 255 of the nation’s top collegiate fencers, McGrath finished 14th in the men’s epee at the North American Cup. Thirteen days later, McGrath won both of his bouts in Notre Dame’s exhibition match against reigning national champion Ohio State. This past weekend, at the Penn State Garrett Open, McGrath finished 12th in the Men’s epee. His passion for the sport helps him succeed. “I’ve seen a lot of people who view it as a job and they don’t perform as well,” McGrath said. “They don’t enjoy practice or tournaments. They just aren’t very happy and it’s sad to see that happen to someone. I love to fence. I love the rush of it all. I love the adrenaline. The moment I don’t love to fence, I’ll stop.”

Luckily for the Irish, that isn’t likely to happen soon, as one of the nation’s top freshmen continues shows all signs of a strong career.

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her defense. Blumenthaler boxed a careful fight by keeping her hands close to her face and preventing Jakubowski from landing punches. Jakubowski attacked Blumenthaler with her straight right, including two hard rights to the forehead to begin the third round. Blumenthaler secured the unanimous decision, however, with dodges and parries.

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Amanda Pena def. Megan Reineccius

The senior Reineccius exploded out of the gate and landed a flurry of punches on the sophomore Pena, who remained on the defensive. Pena’s patience paid off, however, after her opening attacks. Pena landed a few impact punches to Reineccius’ face to end the first round and take control of the fight. Pena controlled the second round as Reineccius’ fatigue became more apparent. This trend continued as the third round. Regardless, the referee stopped the fight twice to allow Reineccius to recover. Pena won the fight in a unanimous decision.

Catherine Gillespie def. Rachel Porr

In an evenly matched fight, the senior Gillespie used her height and reach advantage to defeat the senior Porr. The first round saw both boxers attacking equally. However, Gillespie’s ability to safely land punches while staying out of the reach of her opponent gave her the advantage. In the second round, Perron came out attacking and pushed Gillespie to the ropes, but Gillespie once again relied on her long arms to land shots and fend off her opponent. Plenty of circling and the occasional big shot marked the third round, and Gillespie eventually earned the unanimous decision over Perron.

Emily Smith def. Athena Hughes

Smith came out firing and landed the entire match, as the freshmen defeated the junior Hughes in a unanimous decision. From the opening bell, Smith went on the offensive, attacking Hughes with a barrage of head and body shots. The second round followed a similar course, as Smith landed countless punches on Hughes, who was able to land only an occasional jab to push Smith away. In the third round, Smith fought defensively with the fight all but decided.

Colleen MacDonald def. Stephanie Escobar

Arguably the best fight of the night, seniors MacDonald and Escobar fought to the final bell, with MacDonald narrowly defeating Escobar in a split decision. The seniors fought evenly in the first round, with both fighters landing several punches. Escobar attempted more body shots late in the first round. She continued this tactic into the second round, effectively tiring MacDonald. Nevertheless, both girls landed devastating blows. Although both boxers were visibly exhausted by the third round, they still fought hard, producing a crowd-pleasing final 30 seconds. Ultimately, the judges awarded MacDonald the split decision victory.

Madeline Hahn def. Savannah Kounefis

In this bout between two freshmen, Hahn won a unanimous decision over Kounefis. Kounefis started out on the attack in the offensive, but Hahn deftly defended herself. Kounefis came out attacking in the second round as well, but Hahn outlasted her and went on the offensive later in the round. Both girls landed several good punches in what was an even match through two rounds. In the third round, however, Hahn attacked Kounefis, hitting her with several big shots. Kounefis fought back, landing a particularly strong punch that knocked Hahn’s facemask out of position and stopped the fight momentarily. Despite this pause, Hahn still emerged as the unanimous victor.

Grace Spaulding def. Stephanie Deluna

In the last fight of the night, the senior Spaulding used her height and a series of blows to defeat fellow senior Deluna in an unanimous decision. Spaulding went on the offensive the entire first round, landing a few big punches using a series of combinations. Deluna kept fighting and attacked Spaulding to start the second round, landing a few punches. However, with Deluna noticeably weary, Spaulding cornered Deluna and landed multiple punches. She continued this into the third round, tiring Deluna with more blows to the head. By the end of the match, Spaulding had Deluna on the defensive and won a unanimous decision.

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Jennifer “Fists of Fury” Fitzpatrick def. Ava “Ninja” Stachelski

The sophomore Stachelski came out attacking in the first round, trying to get inside the senior Fitzpatrick’s guard to hit her body. However, Fitzpatrick used her longer reach to keep Stachelski away with a series of jabs. Fitzpatrick pressed her advantage, following each jab with a flurry of punches. Stachelski stuck to her plan of attacking the body, but struggled to get inside Fitzpatrick’s reach. She renewed her attack in the final round but fell victim to a Fitzpatrick counterpunch. Fitzpatrick’s longer reach was the deciding factor in her victory by unanimous decision.

Eriel “Tired Up” Flattery def. Dagny “To Honor” Doyle

As soon as the first bell sounded, the sophomore Flattery went on the offensive, driving the senior Flattery into the ropes. Flattery maintained an effective defense, however, and landed some counter blows. Flattery fought with more urgency in the second round, attacking Zolper with combinations of body and head blows. At the end of the second round, both fighters circled each other wary, keeping each other at bay with jabs. The defensive fighting continued in the third round, and Flattery eventually restored, earning a split decision.


Both fighters came out in the other an opening. The sophomore O’Sullivan landed a few jabs thanks to her longer reach. The freshman Schleger started the second round with a fierce combo and kept O’Sullivan on the defensive. However, O’Sullivan rallied in the final round, bypassing Schleger’s defenses by utilizing her longer reach. It was too little too late, though, as Schleger won in a split decision.

Diana “May The Force Be With You” Yu def. Molly “Have you seen her” Chang

Fifth-year senior Yu came out attacking in the first round, punishing the sophomore Chang with a series of uppercuts. Chang responded with a few jabs, powerless with her longer reach. More defensive fighting on both sides characterized the second round. Chang attempted to attack Yu with more jabs, but Yu countered and forced Chang into the corner. Yu dictated the third round, chasing Chang around the ring with continuous straight punches and earning the split decision.

Tori “Nope” White “Flag” def. Shannon “Captain” Kirk

The first round started with the sophomore White on the attack, landing punches to the head of the sophomore Kirk. Although Kirk came out swinging in the beginning of the second round, White continued her dominance. The referee stopped the fight for a tough punch from White to her longer reach. It was too little too late, though, as Schleger won in a split decision.

Senior Sunee Fleshman, left, and junior Colleen Kerins battle during Monday’s semifinals at the JACC. Fleshman won by unanimous decision.

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season and appears to be a shoe-in for a bid to the NCAA tournament. For Roof, it couldn’t be a more fitting way to end her career.

“Going into this weekend, we have the chance to take the Big East regular season title, so that’s our number one goal right now,” Roof said. “Hopefully we can get that bid to the NCAA tournament, which is something that I didn’t expect coming in as a freshman (to be a captain),” Roof said. “I help them with whatever they need, whether it’s volleyball or outside volleyball.”

A two-sport standout coming out of Mona Shores High School in Muskegon, Mich., in 2009, Roof was unsure whether to pursue volleyball or basketball in college. It was her visit to Notre Dame that sealed the deal and had her hitting balls over the net instead of through it.

“I think the first thing that drew me in was the people on my visit,” Roof said. “I loved the coaches, I loved the players and I knew that they were girls that I could get along with.”

“I considered basketball for a little while, but once I came on my visit here, I knew that this was where I wanted to be, so I chose volleyball.”

During her early years at Notre Dame, the former Ryan Hall resident credited her older teammates and specifically 2011 graduate Angela Puente for helping her adjust to life at the University and to collegiate volleyball. It is a role Roof hopes she can play for her own younger teammates.

“Puente was a junior my freshman year and then a captain her senior year,” Roof said. “She was in kind of the same position as me. Maybe she wasn’t the most dominant player on the team, but she was always there for everyone. She was a really good leader whether she was on the court or the sidelines.”

With just one game remaining at the Joyce Center this year, the desire to go out on top has galvanized the team and Roof, despite the bittersweet feeling of her last home match.

“Going into senior night, it’s really cool to be able to look back and see all that I’ve accomplished as an individual and all that our team has accomplished over the last four years,” Roof said. “It will be fun to look at all of that but also sad to say it’s my last time on the court.”

With the success of the team this year and looming postseason play, Roof said she has an increasing desire to go out on top.

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lowered her gloves. This allowed Heberlein to land a series of precise, right-handed punches to finish the fight.

Sunnee “Shiner” Fleshman def. Colleen “Nine Lives” Kerins

The senior Fleshman defeated the junior Kerins in a unanimous decision. Both boxers came out swinging in the first round. After maintaining their aggressiveness throughout the round, both controlled their energy in the third round and started throwing straighter, more precise punches. Fleshman started the fight mostly throwing jabs, but began swinging more freely with her right hand in the later rounds. Once she started punching with her right hand, she was able to take advantage of Kerins’s dropped hands. Kerins fought back in the third round, but Fleshman took home the victory.

Lauren “The Big Lebowski” Ladowski def. Carli “Not Rae Jepson” Fernandez

The junior Ladowski used her polished one-two combination to defeat the fifth-year senior Fernandez in a split decision. Ladowski advanced toward Fernandez in the first round and delivered combinations. Fernandez responded in the second round with a one-two hook combination. She also targeted Ladowski with body shots, but lowered her gloves as a result. Ladowski capitalized by landing more one-two combinations and a right punch to claim victory.

Alisa “Baadd” Blumenthaler def. AnaMarie “Here Comes the Boom” Jakubowski

The senior Blumenthaler defeated the sophomore Jakubowski with the strength of
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“I sensed and felt in talking to our guys that they clearly understand that they cannot play the game any less than their very best if they want to win. So I think that message resonated.”

Golson bounces back

Sophomore quarterback Everett Golson returned in the win over Pittsburgh after a brief benching to lead Notre Dame to a 14-point comeback in the fourth quarter.

“He hadn’t been in that situation where I felt like when I looked at him he was ready to get back in there,” Kelly said. “He was ready to get back in the game and knew what he needed to do.”

Golson finished the game 23-for-42 for 227 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. He added 74 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion on the ground.

In the fourth quarter and overtime periods, Golson accounted for 164 of 223 total yards, nearly 75 percent.

“That quarterback will be the one that drives [the offense],” Kelly said. “He’ll have athleticism. He’ll have the ability to throw the football. He’s a [redshirt] freshman. I’m reminded of it every single day.”

Golson had been pulled from games against Purdue and Michigan, and he missed the end of the Stanford game and all of the BYU game with a concussion.

Kelly said Golson has had to adjust to being taken out.

“He’s walked through every game he’s played,” Kelly said. “He’s been the best player on the field. He’s dealing with, you know, ‘This is the first time I’ve ever been taken out of a game.’

Injury updates

Junior offensive tackle Tate Nichols may miss the rest of the season with a knee injury, Kelly announced. Nichols did not play in his first two seasons and has seen action in just one game this year.

Junior nose guard Louis Nix is fully recovered from a bout with the flu, but Kelly said a few players are still battling illnesses.

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looking good. The Cardinals were a near unanimous pick to win the Big East in the preseason, the game was on the road, and the picture looked that much bleaker after the Irish lost the first two sets.

What followed was a rally that changed the entire complexion of the 2012 season. The Irish turned around the match and, with it, their entire season, won the remaining three sets and defeated No. 10 Louisville, 3-2.

“I am so proud of this team for capturing a signature win against a talented Louisville team on the road,” said head coach Debbie Brown said. “It has been one of our major challenges to take the challenge that each team brings.”

Brown spoke like a true coach. But if the Irish are to come out on top of the Big East at season’s end, there is no doubt they will have earned it.

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the fight. Wieland responded to Prouty’s attacks by executing dodges and parries, but Prouty’s aggressiveness scored her points. Prouty opened the third round with a powerful flurry of jabs and right-handed punches to secure the victory.

Alison “Call Your Mom” Collins def. Katie “Wegsaurus Rex” Wegryn

The senior Collins took advantage of her height and long arms to defeat the senior Wegryn in a split decision. Wegryn danced fluidly around the ring to dodge Collins’ punches. While Wegryn was not as elusive, she kept Wegryn at bay with repeated jabs that prevented her shorter opponent from getting inside for body shots. In the third round, Wegryn finally landed several solid body shots as the power behind Collins’ jab faded. Ultimately, Collins’ long reach helped her hold on for the close win.

Colleen “Hostile” Heberlein def. Jayme “Hawaiian Punch” Ogino

The senior Heberlein and her straight right punches defeated the junior Ogino and her right hook in a unanimous decision. Both boxers punched quickly and efficiently, keeping their elbows tucked as they hit each other. Heberlein dodged several of Ogino’s powerful hooks in the first two rounds, but Ogino snuck in for a few strong body shots. In the third round, Ogino tired and...
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, regardless of distance, to enjoy the company of someone you share an interest with or who can contribute to what you are working toward. A change in your financial situation is apparent and a personal investment will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Give-and-take will be necessary if you want to maintain balance, or within a partnership. Don't let emotions run wild; use your imagination wisely to differentiate what you have to offer. Put pressure on anyone holding you back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Choose your friends and colleagues wisely. You will be prone to getting involved with someone who withholds information or is vague. Love is in the stars. Networking will bring about both personal and professional opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Mingle with people who are into the same things you are. A creative idea will bring about various options that will enable you to explore new avenues, parentheses, and lifestyles. Don't let a jealous relationship stand in your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The people you are closest to will be the most difficult to deal with. Keep an open mind and schedule interesting activities. A personal change will do you good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't mix business with leisure. Avoid anyone looking for an argument or trying to pressure you into something you'd prefer not to do. Overreacting, overspending and overindulging will end up ruining your personal plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting rid of clutter will serve a purpose. The help you give by donating items you no longer use will benefit someone who can offer you insight in return. Exploring a creative idea will lead to prosperity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Depression will set in if you're emotional issues concerning a relative or friend get to you. Try to separate what you do from those having a negative effect on your emotional wellness. Let your creative imagination lead to positive output.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a close look at any deal being offered and you will find a way to slim it in your favor. Use your charm or even a little innocent manipulation and you will be able to make changes that will improve your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can pick up information that will help you advance if you are disciplined and attentive. Focus on consistency and responsibility and you will win favors and the support you need from someone in a high position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't question others or volunteer information that is likely to be used against you or to defeat you. Put more effort into your home, family, and financial situations. You will also find a way to excel in a new and interesting direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Everything will take on a metaphorical sense. Secure your position by doing anything others do. Stick to basics when designing your plans. Those who you share with others, the better you will do. For now, it's best to be secretive about your plans.

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Baraka Bouts

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Despite being double-digit favorites in its past two home games, No. 4 Notre Dame has squeaked out three-point wins in contests against BYU and, most recently, Pittsburgh.

In the 29-26 win Saturday, the Irish (9-0) needed a two-point conversion, three overtimes and a missed field goal to secure a victory over the pesky Panthers.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said he liked the way the team prepared but not the way they played.

“I told the football team that they had the heart of a champion in the way that they battled through triple overtime,” Kelly said. “But now that we understand that we will fight in battle, we’ve got to have the head of a champion, too. The head of a champion understand that each and every week you’re going to get the opposition’s very best.

The Irish will hit the road to face Boston College (2-7) on Saturday at 8 p.m. in five home games this season, Notre Dame has won by an average of 4.6 points. But away from Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish have won by 28 points per game.

Kelly said each game becomes tougher as the season progresses.

This group has not been 9-0, so they have learned about how difficult it gets as you get down to just a few games left in the season,” Kelly said. “Everybody can make their case this season beating Notre Dame.”

The Eagles enter Saturday’s game ranked 106th (out of 120 Football Bowl Subdivision teams) in rushing defense, giving up almost 234 yards per outing. They also rank 119th in both sacks and tackles for loss.

Kelly said the Irish still need to play their best.

“This is new territory for them going to get the opposition’s very best and they’re learning,” Kelly said.

Irish sophomore quarterback Everett Golson fire a pass during Notre Dame’s 29-26 win over Pittsburgh on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Baraka Bouts

By Samantha Zuba
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Gina “I’m Not Sorry” Rogari
def. Courtney “Motor City Cobra” Currier

The junior Rogari started strong with a flurry of punches and held on for a split-decision victory over the senior Currier.

Currier fought defensively in the first round, dancing away from Rogari and keeping her gloves up to block big hits. In the second round, a more aggressive Currier showed off a big right hook.

Rogari took a few hits, but kept chipping away with one-two jab combinations. Both boxers tired in the third round, but Rogari landed a final pair of decisive punches to secure the victory.

Dionne “Striker” Sandoval
def. Shannon “Elizabeth” Brady

The sophomore Sandoval used precise one two combinations to defeat the sophomore Brady in a unanimous decision. Sandoval frequently backed Brady against the ropes in the first round and took advantage of Brady’s lowered gloves to score important points in the second round.

After Sandoval knocked Brady’s mouth guard out in the third round, Brady fought back with a strong hook. Brady also pushed Sandoval against the ropes and almost out of the ring twice in the third round. However, Sandoval landed too many punches in the early rounds for Brady to steal the victory.

Kasia “Polish Punisher” Prouty
def. Maggie “Left-hooked on a Feeling” Wieland

With a powerful right-handed punch and an aggressive strategy, MBA student Prouty sealed a unanimous decision over the junior Wieland. Wieland fought defensively and rarely threw the first punch while Prouty instigated the action throughout.

Notre Dame prepares for postseason play

By Conor Kelly
Sports Writer

As a freshman, Irish senior captain Marie Root played sparingly on a team that won the Big East regular season championship and secured a bid to the NCAA tournament. While Root’s sophomore and junior years passed without a chance to play for a national championship, the Irish are poised to return to the NCAs, this time with Root in a leadership role.

The team sits tied for first at 12-1 in the Big East heading into the final weekend of the regular season. With showdowns against fellow top seeds Louisville and Marquette to come, the team is positioned to win the regular season beating Notre Dame.

“Seeing the group this year, I think we’re excited to play and have fun,” senior captain Marie Root said.

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Root excels as leader to underclassmen

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Notre Dame prepares for postseason play

By Joe Wirth
Sports Writer

Success is nothing new for the Irish volleyball program. They have already clinched their 22nd consecutive winning season this year and remain in a tie for first in the Big East with Louisville and Marquette. Not all winning seasons, however, are created equal.

The Irish faced a demanding schedule early in the season and suffered losses to some highly ranked teams.

After getting off to a slow start, the Irish (18-6, 12-1 Big East) entered their Sept. 23 match against Louisville (23-3, 12-1) with an 8-5 record. The odds of the team getting their ninth win were not
Results for Florida too close to call at press time.
President
Despite weak economy, Obama

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama rolled to re-election Tuesday night, vanquishing former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney despite a weak economy that plagued his first term and put a crimp in the middle class dreams of millions. In victory, he confidently promised better days ahead.

Obama spoke to thousands of cheering supporters in his hometown of Chicago, praising Romney and declaring his optimism for the next four years. “While our road has been hard, though our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that the best is yet to come,” he said.

Romney made a brief, graceful concession speech before a disappointed crowd in Boston. He summoned all Americans to pray for Obama and urged the country to “reach across the aisle” to tackle the nation’s problems.

Still, after the costliest — and one of the nastiest — campaigns in history, divided government was alive and well.

Democrats retained control of the Senate with surprising ease. With three races too close to call, they had the possibility of gaining a seat. Republicans won the House, ensuring that Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, Obama’s partner in unsuccessful deficit talks, would reclaim his seat at the bargaining table. With numerous races as yet uncalled, the size of the GOP majority was unknown.

At Obama headquarters in Chicago, a huge crowd gathered waving small American flags and cheering. Supporters hugged each other, danced and pumped their fists in the air. Excited crowds also gathered in New York’s Times Square, at Faneuil Hall in Boston and near the White House in Washington, drivers joyfully honking as they passed by.

With returns from 88 percent of the nation’s precincts, Obama had 55.6 million, 49.8 percent of the popular vote. Romney had 54.5 million, or 48.6 percent. The president’s laserlike focus on the battleground states allowed him to run up a 303-206 margin in the competition for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, the count that mattered most. Remarkably, given the sour economy, he lost only two states that he captured in 2008, Indiana and North Carolina.

Florida, another Obama state four years ago, remained too close to call.

The election emerged as a choice between two very different visions of government — whether it occupies a major, front-row place in American lives or is in the background as a less-obtrusive facilitator for private enterprise and entrepreneurship.

The economy was rated the top issue by about 60 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places. But more said former President George W. Bush bore responsibility for current circumstances than Obama did after nearly four years in office.

That boded well for the president, who had worked to turn the election into a choice between his proposals and Romney’s, rather than a simple referendum on the economy during his time in the White House.

Unemployment stood at 7.9 percent on Election Day, higher than when the president took office. And despite signs of progress, the economy is still struggling from the worst recession in history.

Obama captured Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Virginia, New Hampshire, Colorado and Nevada, seven of the nine states where the rivals and their allies poured nearly $1 billion into dueling commercials.

Romney won North Carolina among the battleground states.

Florida was too close to call, Obama leading narrowly in a state where there were still long lines of voters at some polling places long after the appointed closing time.

Romney, who grew wealthy in business and ran the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City before entering politics, spoke only briefly to supporters, some of whom wept.

“I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction,” he said. “But the nation chose another leader and so Ann and I will do everything that we can to support this administration.”

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FIRST VOTES CAST
Midnight
Dixville Notch, N.H.
The tiny hamlet of Dixville Notch casts the first votes of Election Day. The town’s 10 eligible voters split evenly between Obama and Romney, seemingly foretelling a close election.

POLS OPEN
7 a.m.
Eastern Time
Most states in the Eastern time zone and many in the Central time zone open for in-person voting.

MOST POLLS CLOSE
11 p.m.
Eastern Time
Polls in California and other western states close, marking the end of voting in the contiguous 48 states.

OBAMA GETS OHIO
11:26 p.m.
Cincinnati
After back-and-forth results in early counting, Obama gains a key prize when he pulls ahead in Ohio as the final votes are counted and CNN calls the state in his favor.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Democrat Joe Donnelly triumphed Tuesday in one of the nation’s most tumultuous Senate races, capitalizing on fallout over his tea party-backed opponent’s comment that a pregnancy resulting from rape is “something God intended” to capture a seat that only months ago seemed safely in Republican hands.

Donnelly beat state Treasurer Richard Mourdock after a bruising campaign that saw outside groups pump millions of dollars into the state in a race viewed by many as a test of the tea party’s strength.

Tuesday night he would go to Washington as a senator in the mold of Republican Richard Lugar and former Democratic U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh.

“I’m not going there as one party’s senator or the other party’s senator. I’m going there as your senator to work for your families,” he said. “I’m the hired help, and I can’t wait to get to work.”

Mourdock conceded defeat, tearing up at times as he said he was worried for the nation.

“Tonight, my own disappointment aside, my concern for this nation grows greater,” he said. “That’s not meant as a slap on Mr. Donnelly; I wish him well.”

The victory was a coup for Democrats, who had been waiting years for a shot at the seat. It had been held since 1977 by Lugar, who was defeated by Mourdock in a bitterly fought primary.

Even a year ago, Lugar seemed a safe bet to win a seventh term, despite widespread conservative anger with the veteran statesman’s votes on divisive legislation and his support for President Barack Obama’s Supreme Court nominees. But questions about Lugar’s residency combined with a flood of outside spending by groups such as the anti-tax Club for Growth carried Mourdock to a 20-point victory in the May primary.

Democrats pounced on the opportunity as Mourdock made a series of quick missteps that alarmed more moderate Republicans. In a series of interviews the day after his primary victory, Mourdock said compromise should consist of Democrats bowing to Republican demands and stood by tea party views popular with the most conservative voters, but not many others.

“To me the highlight of politics, frankly, is to inflict my opinion on someone else,” he told MSNBC the day after the primary.

Mourdock later tried to tack back toward the middle with declarations that he could work with Democrats, but he stumbled again in a televised Oct. 23 debate when he explained his opposition to abortion except in cases in which the mother’s life is in danger.

“I struggled with it myself for a long time, but I came to realize that life is that gift from God. And, I think, even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen,” Mourdock said.

Republicans, including presidential nominee Mitt Romney, initially distanced themselves from Mourdock but later walked their criticism back, with many saying they didn’t agree with his statement but supported Mourdock’s candidacy.

Democrats spent millions of dollars flooding the airwaves with those comments and other statements by Mourdock in a bid to attract disillusioned Lugar supporters.

Mike Murphy, a former Republican state lawmaker and veteran operative, cautioned that Mourdock’s loss should not be read as a repudiation of the tea party, but one man’s incredible efforts to wrench defeat from the jaws of victory.

“What happened with Mourdock was personal self-destruction, it wasn’t a complete repudiation of conservative ideas in the Republican Party,” he said.

Exit polling showed Indiana voters picking the economy as their top issue, driving victories for other Republicans. But it also showed women breaking heavily for Donnelly.

For all the Mourdock campaign said about the comment not mattering to voters and arguing that the electorate was more concerned with the federal health care overhaul and federal spending, some voters said it still weighed on their minds in the voting booth.

Kaye Young, 78, of Indianapolis voted for Lugar in the primary and said she thought it was “a shame they kicked him out.” She said Richard Mourdock “irritated the tar out of me” with his comment on rape. But she still voted for him.

“I don’t want a Democrat in there,” she said.

Mourdock’s comment came to be the defining moment of the race. A Howe/DePauw University Battleground poll taken Oct. 28-30 showed Donnelly opening a double-digit lead over Mourdock.

Candidates really matter in Indiana. They (voters) want a good, common-sense approach. They don’t like candidates too far in either direction,” said Christine Matthews, a veteran Republican pollster who conducted the Howe/DePauw poll with Democratic pollster Fred Yang.

Indiana’s Senate battle was the most expensive the state ever has seen, topping $2.5 million spent on air by outside groups and the campaigns.

Donnelly now becomes the new standard-bearer for Indiana’s Democrats, whose statewide successes almost exclusively have stemmed from the Bayh family. Mourdock, meanwhile, joins the ranks of tea party candidates who ousted moderate Republicans in primaries but could not find enough support among the general electorate.
Pence wins governor's seat, strengthens GOP control

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INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Mike Pence won election Tuesday as Indiana governor, extending his party's control of the state's top office at the same time voters ousted the incumbent GOP state schools superintendent.

Pence defeated Democrat John Gregg by a margin of significantly less than what Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney captured to carry the state.

"Tomorrow a season of service begins," Pence told supporters in declaring victory. "I will work every day to earn your trust as we build a more prosperous future for all the people of our state."

Democrat Glenda Ritz defeated Republican state schools Superintendent Tony Bennett in what many viewed as a referendum on the education overhaul that Bennett had pushed. Republican Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who was in line when the polls closed, had about 50 percent of the vote.

That appealed to Jordan Fischer, 25, of Indianapolis, who said he was worried about education. "This has been an unbelievably long night," Fischer said. "I'm glad it's over."

"I had a 60-40 House advantage the past two years. Republicans won at least six House seats from Democrats — defeating Democratic Reps. Win Moses of Fort Wayne, Peggy Welch of Bloomington and Phil Philp of Richmond and capturing three open seats given up by retiring Democrats."

In a matchup of two incumbents in southwestern Indiana, Democratic Rep. Kreg Battles of Vincennes held an 89-vote advantage to carry the seat.

"I found this to be very divisive," Fischer said. "I found his stance on most social issues to be disagreeable."

But Daniel's popularity boosted Pence among some voters.

"A lot of it for me is feeling comfortable with Pence continuing to carry on the initiatives put in place by Gov. Daniels," said Joe Reece, a 34-year-old software salesman who was in line when the polls opened at his precinct on the north side of Indianapolis.

Republicans entered Tuesday's election holding strong majorities in both chambers of the General Assembly. Republicans retained a majority in the 100-member Indiana House, but it was uncertain whether they would win the two-thirds supermajority they sought so they could conduct business even if no Democrats are present. That push follows walkouts by House Democrats the past two years to stall action on the GOP-backed right-to-work law and other labor and education proposals.

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