**Pope Benedict XVI bids final farewell**

By SAM STRYKER
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On Wednesday, an estimated 150,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square in Vatican City to say goodbye to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his final public address — and Notre Dame junior Eliza Nagle was among them.

Nagle, who is studying abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, arrived at the Vatican at 8 a.m. Wednesday and waited three hours for former Pope Benedict to make his appearance. She went through a long line and tight security and finally squeezed in to find a seat for the address.

“It was pretty amazing,” she said. “People were going crazy when he was going around in his little Pope-mobile. He was like a rock star.”

Nagle described the atmosphere at Wednesday’s event as one of “gratefulfulness” and said people from the world over made the pilgrimage to the heart of the Roman Catholic Church to bid farewell to the former Pope Benedict.

“People were excited to hear Benedict’s last words to the public,” Nagle said. “There were tons of flags and banners. I didn’t expect to see so many people traveling from so far away. People from all over the world, a lot from America.

“The atmosphere was nothing like anything I have ever experienced. It was very emotional.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict’s resignation, the first in six centuries by a pope, took effect 5 p.m. Central European Time on Thursday. While junior Kelsie Corriston, who is also spending the semester studying in Rome, was busy taking a midterm exam during Wednesday’s event, she said she was able to see former Pope Benedict leave the Vatican on Thursday evening.

She said the Vatican was “super packed” as attendees waited for Pope Benedict to arrive at St. Peter’s Square in Castel Gandolfo on Thursday, the last day of his pontificate.

Crowds flocked to the Vatican on Wednesday for one of Benedict’s final appearances as pope.

**Senior artist releases EP**

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Writer

As Notre Dame seniors balance enjoying the end of their college careers and finding a foothold in the working world, senior Dylan Walter vocalized that experience in a full-length EP titled “Tightrope.”

Walter, an independent hip-hop artist, has been releasing music since his freshman year at Notre Dame. “Tightrope” is the fourth full-length project released under his moniker “D. Sullivan-Martin ticket wins election**

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

At the conclusion of a one-ticket race, Saint Mary’s students elected juniors Kat Sullivan and Maddy Martin on Thursday to serve as the 2013-14 student body president and vice president.

Sullivan, a communications studies major whose mother was student body president of Saint Mary’s in 1976, said she is looking forward to stepping into the role April 1.

“It was really exciting and I was glad that other students were just as [excited as] we were,” Sullivan said. “They realized the importance of voting, regardless of the fact that we were

**Rogier Huang chosen as dean**

Observer Staff Report

Roger Huang shed the title of interim and now serves as the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, according to a University press release Friday.

“I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to assume the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business,” Huang said in the release. “I am inspired by the vision of the founder of the business school, Cardinal John O’Hara, who said that the primary functions of commerce is service to mankind.

“This vision sets the Mendoza College apart from other business schools, and I look forward to furthering our vision of business as a powerful force for good.”

Huang earned the appointment as interim dean of the College when former dean Carolyn Woo left last year to serve as president of Catholic Relief Services. As interim dean, Huang finalized a partnership between Notre Dame and Renmin University in Beijing.

**Sustainability Thesis Project**

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**Bengal Bouts**
QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If you could go to any concert, which would it be?

Matthew Gervais

Junior

Kough Hall

“Imogen Heap.”

Daniel Wrapp

Sophomore

St. Edward’s Hall

“Ludacris.”

Patrick O’Hara

Sophomore

St. Edward’s Hall

“2Pac.”

Adrian Zaya

Visitor

“Coldplay.”

Nick Thorsrud

Freshman

Stanford Hall

“A combination of Queen and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.”

Kevin Siefert

Junior

Sorin College

“Mariah Carey.”

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Monday

Ethics Cafe

DeBartolo Hall

3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Learn conflict-resolution strategies. For graduate students.

Men’s Basketball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.

The Irish face off against the Red Storm.

Women’s Basketball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.

The Irish take on the Huskies.

Tuesday

Men’s Basketball

Joyce Center

7 p.m.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall

8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Student-led Catholic fellowship.

Wednesday

Physics Colloquium

Newlund Science Center

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Presentation by Dr. Fernando A. Montes.

Film: “Even the Rain”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

7:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

A Spanish director makes a film in Bolivia.

Thursday

Hospitality Lunch

Geddes Hall

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Catholic Peace Fellowship.

Zen Meditation

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

6:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Practice sitting and walking meditation.

Friday

Writing Workshop

Coleman-Morse Center

1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Discuss strategies for large writing projects.

Film: “The Master”

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

6:30 p.m.-6:50 p.m.

A Naval veteran returns from war.

Juniors Daniel Yi and senior Mike Broghammer face off in the Bengal Bouts final heavyweight match Friday night. Yi won the match with a knockout 17 seconds into the first round. The annual boxing tournament benefits Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.
Thesis project goes green

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

When senior graphic design major Megan Malley chose sustainability as the topic of her thesis project, she discovered more than 100 colleges across the country have banned the sale of plastic water bottles on campus.

“I was surprised that a university as socially and environmentally conscious as Notre Dame has not considered doing the same,” she said.

Today, Malley will showcase a portion of Notre Dame’s waste through an art installation on South Quad. She collected 1,000 plastic water bottles from around campus, and she will display the bottles to demonstrate the scale of waste generated by plastic bottle use.

Malley said she hopes displaying the statistic in a physical way will help people understand the environmental impact of the waste more clearly.

“Growing up in the Northwest, I was always taught to consider my carbon footprint, so my family recycled and composted everything we could,” Malley, a resident of Seattle, said.

Through her research, Malley discovered plastic water bottles are the fastest growing form of waste in the United States. She said she was incredulous such a large environmental impact results from a product whose manufacture is unnecessary in the first place.

The use of disposable water bottles is even more unnecessary at Notre Dame than most other locations, Malley said.

“Every building has at least one drinking fountain with clean and safe water, and over 32 have hydration stations that fill large bottles in seconds,” Megan Malley, senior

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Disease center seeks awareness

By CAROLINA WILSON
News Writer

World Rare Disease Day took place Thursday and the University recognized the international event Feb. 23 with lectures and discussion panels, but Notre Dame offers a number of opportunities for students to be involved with rare disease studies throughout the year.

Marisa Truong, program coordinator for the Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases (CRND), said the Feb. 23 event aimed to encourage others to become interested and involved in the rare disease community.

“The goal of the event was to engage our students, faculty, patient families and our local community in a group discussion in order to find ways we can all collaborate to become better advocates for the rare disease community,” Truong said.

The program consisted of four discussion panels, which focused on rare disease research, ethical dilemmas within rare disease work, patient family stories and student outreach through Rare Health Exchange, a collaborative that allows undergraduates to assist researchers by defining natural histories of the diseases.

In hopes to increase awareness of rare and neglected diseases, CRND offers an undergraduate course titled “Developing Health Networks in Rare and Neglected Diseases.”

Truong said the course has developed into a student collaborative with the Rare Health Exchange. Students are trained to assess rare disease medical records in order to help physicians and researchers develop natural history studies for them.

“These studies are extremely useful for improving disease management, accelerating the time of diagnosis, and new drug development,” Truong said.

Additionally, the Center hosts a Clinical Translational Seminar Series in which distinguished professionals who work with the rare disease community are invited to showcase the type of rare disease work interested students could become involved with.

Patients and families directly affected by such diseases are also given the opportunity to share their story and raise awareness for the cause, Truong said.

Additionally, students engage with patient families in order to help them submit medical records to us for assessment,” Truong said.

Truong said implementing rare disease education at the undergraduate university level is important. In this way, more of our communities are given an earlier exposure to the presence of rare diseases and can be informed of what they can do to help, she said.

“(Through undergraduate awareness programs) people are then exposed to a variety of ways they can continue to advocate for rare diseases and are made aware of the socioeconomic and cultural issues involved,” Truong said.

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watched on large video screens Pope Emeritus Benedict take a Mercedes to the back of the city, where he boarded a helicopter bound for his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo.

Corriston said she was “surprised at how emotional” former Pope Benedict’s departure was from the Vatican.

“We talked before how it was a joyous occasion because there would be a new pope, but it was actually kind of sad seeing him leave the Vatican,” she said. “I didn’t really expect it to be that moving.”

Those who have made the trek to the Vatican to say a final goodbye to former Pope Benedict are eagerly snapping up memorabilia commemorating his time as Pope and the upcoming Papal Conclave, such as special stamps.

“Everyone is trying to pick up the rosaries that [former Pope Benedict] has blessed before they sell out,” Corriston said.

Corriston described the media presence the past few days as “insane” in Rome. Members of the international press have interviewed both her and Nagle.

“They all want to interview us Americans,” Nagle said. “It’s just swamped everywhere, media crew everywhere.”

In the next few weeks the College of Cardinals will meet in a papal conclave to select the next leader of the Catholic Church. Nagle said she will be well prepared for the signature white smoke and bells that signify a selection has been made.

“I’m just going to be in my running clothes the whole week,” Nagle said. “As soon as I hear the bells, I am going to run, I am going to have my Notre Dame flag, and I am going to run down the streets with my Notre Dame flag. I think we can get there from wherever we are in the city pretty easy, but I am going to be fast.”

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running unopposed. It is very important that students’ voices are heard.”

The Student Government Association (SGA) sent an email Thursday to students opening up the election. Attached was a link to OrgSync, the College’s new communication system, where students were able to select the Sullivan-Martin ticket or choose to abstain.

Current student body president Maureen Parsons said 262 students voted in this year’s election, and 91 percent of the voters were in favor of the Sullivan-Martin ticket.

Martin, a biology and Spanish double major, said she is particularly excited about the level of voting participation from the student body.

“Obviously it wasn’t a huge surprise, but it was still really awesome that we had enough participation from the student body,” she said. “Even though we were the only ticket running, I had great feedback from other students saying that Kat and I were going to be great leaders next year. That’s why it will be important to choose leaders as soon as we can so we can establish what roles people will take with events and initiatives over the next year.”

Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Diversity Board (SDB), Residence Hall Association (RHA) and class board elections will be held March 7, Martin said.

“I am so excited to continue expanding SGA,” Martin said. “We have a really great backbone set in place, and now it comes time to add on. We can now begin to perfect and modify the structure.”

Sullivan, like Martin, said she is looking forward to working alongside her fellow belles to get the student body more involved in SGA.

“I would like to hit the ground running and delegate tasks from the beginning of our term as student body president and vice president.”

Kat Sullivan
junior

“Together, we can change the dynamic of the student body.”

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GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA WAS A 20TH CENTURY ITALIAN DOCTOR, WIFE, AND MOTHER. SHE IS BEST KNOWN FOR REFUSING TO HAVE AN ABORTION OR Hysterectomy WHEN DOCTORS DISCOVERED A FIBROMA TUMOR IN HER UTERUS WHILE SHE WAS PREGNANT WITH HER FOURTH CHILD. AS A DOCTOR, GIANNA KNEW THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FULLY TREATING THE TUMOR AND SHE CHOSE THE LIFE OF HER CHILD OVER HER OWN: DR. MOLLA DIED ONE WEEK AFTER HER DAUGHTER WAS BORN. GIANNA WAS BEATIFIED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II AND OFFICIALLY CANONIZED A SAINT ON MAY 16, 2004. SPEAKING AS A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN, SHE SAID:

““The doctor should not meddle. The right of the child is equal to the right of the mother’s life. The doctor can’t decide; it is a sin to kill in the womb.”

Please join us for the monthly Respect Life Mass on March 4th at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Michael Wurz, C.S.C., doctoral student in Sacred Liturgy, Pontifical Institute of Saint’Anselmo, Rome.

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Montayne, a name derived from Walter’s first initial and middle name. The EP has 10 songs, all of which Walter said reflect his current state in life. A finance major, Walter said he is currently applying to business jobs but hopes to eventually pursue a full-time career in music. “I came up with the name ‘Tightrope’ a couple months ago because in a lot of ways, I feel like I’m being suspended on a tightrope between the different aspects of my life,” Walter said. “The music aspect, the academic aspects, getting a job, those these lifestyles don’t really mix together very well and I have to find a balance between them.” Walter said the most difficult part of putting the EP together was coming up with the time to write, record and mix his songs. “I had a pretty busy semester, and with the football season as it was, my focus wasn’t on getting this EP done until winter break, when I did the last songs and put it together,” Walter said. “The most rewarding part was the feedback I’ve been getting so far from people who hadn’t listened to my music before, people I don’t know who tell me they really liked it.” Because he is not currently affiliated with any label, Walter said he records and mixes everything on his own with his personal equipment. “As it is right now, I’m just making music by myself,” Walter said. “I have a mobile studio that I carry around in my backpack, so there are a few places where I go to record and I just pack up the backpack with the microphones and everything.” Walter said he would describe his lyrics as thoughtful and personal, but he doesn’t see any parallels of his sound in today’s hip-hop artists. “I really don’t know of any artists out there that sound like me, which I think is good, so I don’t think people really associate me with anyone who is already out there,” he said. “I take that as evidence that I’m unique.” Earlier this year, Walter produced “Onward to Victory,” a song celebrating Notre Dame football that he released shortly before the Irish faced the University of Michigan. The song has nearly 13,000 views on Walters’s YouTube channel. “He has opened for several acts at Legends, including Big Sean in April 2011 and Chris Webby in February 2012.” “At that point, Big Sean was just about to release his first album, so it was cool to be able to open for him before he was a superstar,” Walter said. “We hung out for a while and talked about music for several hours, and shortly after that he became really famous. I’m hoping to get some more opening spots, maybe this spring.” Walter said he is already preparing for his next project and has several new songs written but not recorded yet. “Ideally, I’d like to put out another EP or full-length mixtape this summer, after I graduate, if I could pull that off,” Walter said. While he is still finding the balance between academics and music, Walters said he is interested in opportunities to continue his music career after leaving Notre Dame. “I don’t care if 10 people download [the EP] or 10 million,” he said. “I just want those who do to listen and get a sense of what I’m going for with this project,” Walter said. “If you listen to the EP free on MIT, appeared frustrated she couldn’t complete her tryout. “I’ve always been an athlete, and I’ve always been a gamer,” she said while fighting back tears. “When I had the opportunity to be in the NFL, one of the world’s most competitive leagues, I absolutely had to take the chance.” While some fans on Twitter have praised her for breaking through in a male-dominated sport, others wondered if Silberman was given special consideration. Regardless, the NFL got plenty of publicity on a Sunday in March for one of its oddities. “Our job is to evaluate talent and not leave any stone unturned,” said Stephen Austin, the NFL’s director of regional combines. “We want young, athletic people who have played a sport, typically in college or military or small schools.” The regional combines debuted in 2011, and include players who weren’t among the 333 invited to the main combine in Indianapolis. The NFL is holding these sessions in 10 cities this off-season, with the most impressive players advancing to a super-regional in April in Dallas. Silberman paid a registration fee — about $275 — and just needed to show up Sunday and take her best shot at impressing scouts. “Until they get here, we don’t have any idea of what they’re really going to turn out to do and how they’re going to perform,” Austin said. When asked if he could evaluate Silberman’s performance, Austin said: “That evaluation is completely incomplete.” Silberman waited outside the facility around noon with all the other kickers, whose names were read off alphabetically as they entered the indoor practice field. Each participant was then given time to warm up before being broken into groups to attempt three kickoffs and then a set of five field goals, the first starting from 35 yards all the way up to 53 yards. The 5-foot-6 Silberman, with her long brown hair pulled into a ponytail, jogged up and down the sideline during warm-ups, trying to get loose as photographers and camera crews from the likes of E! Entertainment network followed her every move. By the time her group was called, nearly 3 hours after she arrived, Silberman — wearing a black T-shirt with her player tag No. 68 on the back and white socks pulled up to her knees — stretched her legs, did some push-ups and a few sit-ups. She then chatted with a bit of Sonny Powell, another former soccer player from Charlotte, as she waited for her turn to kick. “In talking to some of the other guys out here, I don’t think her being a girl had anything to do with it,” Powell said. “We’re all playing for a job here and everybody’s nerves were going crazy.” Silberman’s goal was to try a 60-yard field goal. That thought was squashed just minutes into her tryout. “You know, the distance wasn’t there, but hopefully the scouts will notice my technique,” she said. “It’s not always length.” Silberman, who spoke for just 3 minutes after the tryout, insisted she can “do more” and “it’s too bad that this happened.” She called the scene “surreal,” adding that she “did the right thing for my body” by not continuing and anticipates trying to kick again in the future — possibly at another regional combine next year. Silberman left the complex soon after that. “I would certainly be very, very excited and happy if I had the opportunity to try again,” she said, “but it’s not up to me. It’s up to the scouts.”
New Orleans issues water advisory for residents

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tags in New Orleans briefly went dry Sunday after a boiler’s heating flame went out of control in the immense steam generator that powers pumps for the city’s water treatment plant.

Marcia St. Martin, executive director of the city’s Sewerage and Water Board, said the outage lasted less than 20 minutes Sunday morning. Twitter came alive with residents bemoaning the loss about 9 a.m. Central time, and Mayor Mitch Landrieu tweeted to his followers that the city was looking into the matter.

The loss of pressure opened the way for possible contamination and water samples are being taken citywide, she said.

She said all sample collection should be complete by Sunday afternoon, and results should be available about 24 hours later. It takes that long to detect high levels of intestinal bacteria that could cause diarrhea.

Under normal circumstances, officials said, more than 300,000 residents on the Mississippi River’s east bank should boil water for drinking or cooking their food or anything else that might bring tap water into their bodies.

For most of us, baths are fine,” city health officer Karen DeSalvo said. The exceptions are people with low immune systems, open wounds, babies or small children. Infants and small children should be given sponge baths.

Most of New Orleans, including the French Quarter and Central Business District, is on the east bank. The treatment plant there provides about 135 million gallons of drinking water a day, compared with 11 million from the west bank treatment plant.

In October, city officials were criticized because they did not put out a notice that tap water might be contaminated until four hours after a brief shutdown at the east bank plant.

On Sunday, water pressure at the main gauge had never fallen below the state’s threshold of 15 pounds per square inch for boil advisories, but a precautionary notice was issued after hours of consultation with state Department of Health and Hospitals officials, city spokesman Ryan Berni wrote in an email.

A power problem in November 2010 also created similar conditions. Across the city Sunday, some residents and businesses prepared water supplies to use under the boil advisory. At Zeus’ Place, a pet boarding and daycare business near downtown, owner Michelle said she was using bottled water for the 80 dogs and 7 cats there.

“We were sitting on 20 gallons of water and I just got 21 more,” she said. “Which should last us through tomorrow afternoon — and hopefully we’ll know then whether or not the water boil order is still on.”

In December 2010, after a brief power failure that did not require a boil water advisory, officials said that had been the fourth failure since the facility opened in 1903. All four were after Hurricane Katrina.

About $131 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency has gone into work at the plant since Hurricane Katrina, St. Martin said.

She said the city is about to begin $141 million in post-Katrina reinforcement and water samples are being taken citywide, she said.

The FEMA work will include installing water towers that could keep pressure high in the transmission pipes in case of a power failure. The city currently has only two, one in the farthest reaches of its west bank area and the other in eastern New Orleans.

Crews demolish house above sinkhole

Associated Press

SEFFNER, Fla. — Crews on Sunday razed more than half of the Tampa-area home perched over a huge sinkhole that swallowed a man three days ago, managing to salvage some keepsakes for family members who lived there.

Jeremy Bush, 35, tried to save his brother, Jeff, when the earth opened up and swallowed him Thursday night. On Sunday morning, Bush and relatives prayed with a pastor as the home — where he lived with his girlfriend, Rachel Wicker; their daughter, Hannah, 2; and others — was demolished and waited for firefighters to salvage anything possible from inside.

Early Sunday morning, just before the demolition began, Bush and an unidentified woman knelt and prayed at the mailbox in front of the home, owned by Leland Wicker, Rachel’s grandfather, since the 1970s.

As Bush and the woman walked across the street to a neighbor’s lawn to watch the demolition, the operator of the heavy equipment worked gingerly, first taking off a front wall. Family belongings were scooped onto the lawn gently in hopes of salvaging parts of the family’s 40-year history in the home.

As of Sunday afternoon — when demolition had stopped for the day and only a few walls of the home remained — a Bible, family photos, a jewelry box and a pink teddy bear for Hannah were among the items saved. Firefighters also were able to pick out the purse of one of the women in the home.

Cheers went up from family, friends and neighbors each time something valuable was salvaged.

Wanda Carter, the daughter of Leland Wicker, cradled the large family Bible in her arms. She said her mother and father had stored baptism certificates, cards and photos from the family’s 40-year history in the home.

“We’re sorry. We’re sad. It’s been our home,” she said.

queens hospital

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II was hospitalized Sunday after an apparent stomach ache following the loss of her husband Prince Philip, 91, who had been in the hospital since December 2010, after a brief infection that has ailed her for days, a rare instance of ill health sideling the long-reigning monarch.

Elizabeth will have to cancel a visit to Rome and other engagements as she recovers, and outside experts said she may have to be rehydrated intravenously.

Buckingham Palace said the 86-year-old queen had experienced symptoms of gastroenteritis and was being examined at London’s King Edward VII Hospital — the first time in a decade that Elizabeth has been hospitalized.

“As a precaution, all official engagements for this week will regrettably be either postponed or cancelled,” the palace said in a statement. Elizabeth’s two-day trip to Rome had been planned to start Wednesday. A spokeswoman said the trip may be “re-instated” at a later date.

The symptoms of gastroenteritis — vomiting and diarrhea — usually pass after one or two days, although they can be more severe in older or otherwise vulnerable people. Dehydration is a common complication.

The illness was first announced Friday, and Elizabeth had to cancel a visit to Swansea, Wales, on Saturday to present a key national symbol — to soldiers of the Royal Welsh Regiment in honor of Wales’ national day, St. David’s Day. She instead spent the day trying to recover at Windsor Castle, but appears to have had trouble kicking the bug.

A doctor not involved in the queen’s treatment said that if medical officials determined that she is losing too much fluid, she would be rehydrated intravenously.

“Not everyone can keep up with oral hydration so it is pretty routine to go to hospital and have a drip and wait for the thing to pass and keep yourself hydrated,” said Dr. Christopher Hawkey of the University of Nottingham’s faculty of medicine and health sciences.

Britain’s National Health Service says that the two most common causes of gastroenteritis in adults are food poisoning and the norovirus, a common winter vomiting bug which typically affects between 600,000 and 1 million Britons each year. British health guidelines advise that people with the norovirus avoid work for at least two days.

“Try to avoid going out in winter because people are indoors and it spreads more easily,” Hawkey said.

Elizabeth has ruled since 1952 and is Britain’s second-longest serving monarch, beaten only by Queen Victoria in terms of number of years spent on the throne.

Elizabeth’s husband Prince Philip, 91, has had several hospitalizations over the past year and has rarely let sickness get in the way of her still-busy schedule.

About five months ago, she cancelled an engagement due to a bad back. The spokeswoman, who demanded anonymity because cause palace rules do not let her go on the record, said the last time Elizabeth was hospitalized was in 2003 for a knee operation.

The queen has undertaken a number of engagements over the past week. On Tuesday, she met the new archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at Buckingham Palace, and on Thursday she presented a host of British Olympians, including track and field star Jessica Ennis, with honors during an investiture ceremony.

Ingrid Seward, the editor of the Britain’s Majesty Magazine, said that the queen “probably agreed to be hospitalized in order to get better quickly.”

“She is not a young lady and I think she would be concerned about the appearance of the court and the image,” said Seward.

Everybody will want to be wishing her a speedy recovery,” she told Sky News television.

That includes British Prime Minister David Cameron, whose office said he passed on his best wishes to the queen.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**We’re a community**

Andrew Gastelum  
Editor-in-Chief

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*In some way, we are happy to listen. If you think we could improve in some way, we are happy to listen. If there is something we can do to better your understanding of an issue or make our coverage that much more effective, it is ever so welcome.*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Appreciating philosophy**

Socrates was killed on charges of corrupting the youth. Some philosophers are still viewed as dangerous — Peter Singer sometimes receives death threats — but nowadays they are more likely to be thought irrelevant. This is the judgment Christopher Damian passes in his recent column “Our introduction to ‘philosophy’” (Feb. 26).

His friends, he tells us, tend to wind up frustrated after their professors ask them “pointless questions” about how we can know seemingly obvious truths. I, for one, found these questions fascinating as an undergraduate, but of course people have different tastes. Even if we don’t find them intrinsically interesting, questions like these illuminate fundamental epistemological issues that bear on all fields of philosophy — including fields that Mr. Damian seems to regard more fondly, such as ethics and philosophy of religion (the fields I happen to work in.) I understand that the prima facie abstruse nature of questions like these might be frustrating, but philosophy is a rigorous academic discipline like any other and no class promises all and only thrills.

Introductory philosophy classes are intended to help acquaint students with a rich intellectual tradition, to help them reason critically and evaluate arguments and to encourage them to reexamine fundamental assumptions they may have previously taken for granted. Mr. Damian, as far as I can tell, would prefer that introduction to philosophy courses function more like souped-up Catechism classes. I would regard this as a great loss; we already have Catechism classes in the form of Catechism classes. To this end he suggests Notre Dame “has a grave responsibility to ensure that [graduate students who teach] embody and promote its unique mission.” He explicitly refuses to elaborate. As many graduate students make a living through such teaching, perhaps I can be forgiven for wanting details. Should I be fired for being an Episcopalian, or will only my non-religious colleagues be banned? How will orthodoxy be enforced? By making us sign a statement of faith? Submitting our syllabi to Father Jenkins? Whatever it takes, I guess, to keep us from corrupting the youth.

Well. Maybe things haven’t changed so much after all.

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**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Have no fear of perfection — you’ll never reach it.”

Salvador Dali  
Spanish painter

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Sanctions on North Korea must be uniform

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The problem is that, though most of the world’s powers are allied in efforts to ostracize the DPRK and its antics, China has continued an economic relationship with Pyongyang, despite the fact that it has voted in favor of implementing the last three sanctions. Any international trade with North Korea strengthens Kim Jong-un’s regime and his desperation for making a name for himself — not the impoverished North Korean population that has an abysmal GDP of $40 billion as of 2011, according to the CIA World Factbook.

North Korea has made it abundantly clear that sanctions, embargoes or any other international actions will not deter its plans of developing weapons of mass destruction. Even after the missile launch in December, the DPRK boasted their actions were poised to create a nuclear warhead capable of traveling as far as the U.S.

When a government as oppressive and ill-advised as North Korea continually ignores international stability the way it has since the end of the Korean War, there needs to be serious and relentless pressure placed on it until it complies. Ignoring the severity of the DPRK’s persistence toward nuclear weapons by only suggesting U.N. sanctions that it continues to ignore is shameful.

Though nobody wants the events of the Korean War to be repeated, the ineffectiveness of U.N. sanctions needs to be considered when thinking about future plans regarding North Korea.

If China is unwilling to participate in implementing the sanctions, perhaps it is worthy of consideration to implement sanctions upon bystander, but enabling, nations.

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When "The Bachelor" first premiered in 2002, the whole world was on the edge of their couches, watching what they thought to be a "real-life" fairy tale unfolding on television. It was a fantasy to watch some of the most elaborate "dates" ever imagined and see beautiful people fall in love right before our eyes.

After 17 seasons of the hit show, however, we've all become a little (read: completely) suspicious about how authentic the show truly is. We've begun to see the formulas play over and over again in the most stereotypical fashion as Chris Harrison dramatically announces "the final rose," as if everyone in the entire room didn't already know that.

An enterprising group of comedians took this familiar formula and turned it into an offbeat web series that mocks the conventions of the romance-reality genre. "Burning Love" is produced for Yahoo! by Ben Stiller, among others. The series' short-form is perfect for people who choose to be entertained on their computers. Each episode is between eight to 13 minutes but packed with absurd sketch comedy antics.

The first season starred Ken Marino (of "Party Down" and "Children's Hospital") as Mark Orlando, the hunky fireman bachelorette. Instead of the expected rose ceremony, episodes of "Burning Love" culminate in a hose ceremony, paying homage to Mark's career.

Michael Ian Black stars as the ultra seriou s host, asking Mark pressing questions about the bizarre situations he finds himself in with the bachelorettes. The list of actresses who make appearances as bachelorettes is unparalleled. Because the format of the show is so short it gives the actresses an opportunity to do something funny in a short span of time that doesn't interfere with their other numerous commitments.

Perhaps the biggest coup for the show was getting Jennifer Aniston to make an appearance in the first season as Dana, a contestant who didn't want her physical appearance to affect Mark's perception of her personality so she chooses to arrive to the mansion wearing a penguin suit. She is not rewarded for her risk and does not receive a hose.

Kristen Bell (of "House of Lies" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall") makes an appearance on the show as an ultra-conservative Christian. Malin Akerman (of "27 Dresses" and "Children's Hospital") appears as a contestant who was homeless before she arrived to the mansion so she is constantly amazed by the privileges she is given, like her own bathroom and clothing.

When Season one ended and Mark made his final decision, the series didn't end. Raphael stars in her own season as a Bachelorette with plenty of men vying for her attention.

Season two of "Burning Love" features another impressive lineup of bachelors.

Paul Scheer ("The League") appears as Robby Z, a "party motivator." Adam Scott (of "Party Down" and "Parks and Recreation") stars as Damien, Mark's former psychologist turned contestant. Adam Brody ("The OC") stars as a handsome contestant searching for a Jewish girl. Rob Huebel (of "Children's Hospital" and "Best Week Ever") stars as a prince in a plastic crown.

Nick Kroll ("The League") also makes a brief appearance on the show as a trashed babysitter who becomes belligerent and gets kicked out of the mansion. Other bachelors include Jerry O'Connell, Michael Cera and Colin Hanks.

Season one of "Burning Love" is currently airing on E!, and Season two is airing on Yahoo!

The show almost seems like something the actors just threw together for fun and one of the best parts is that you get the sense that they all signed on to this project just to work together.

In making a mockery of reality television, they've hit on something really incredible themselves.
By EMMA TERHAAR
Scene Writer

Yesterday, I was waiting in the Subway line at LaFon and overheard a girl saying the most outrageous things. She was talking to her friend about Lent and calling it a season of penance and preparation, which wasn’t particularly strange. But then she said something about Jesus spending 40 days in the desert being tempted by Satan and how modern Catholics are mirroring his struggle.

Who is this crazy girl? Doesn’t she know anything about the true message of Lent? Jesus just wanted us to be sexy!

Yes, Lent is a time of penance and preparation — penance for all the candy we ate and the winter fat folds we let fall down upon us, preparation for hitting the beaches over spring break and eventually summer. More importantly, preparation for the Facebook albums that will document these events.

This naive girl reflects what I think might be a large body of ignorance on our campus. Lent is not some long mental and spiritual journey. Come on, people. Why would that involve sacrificing dessert?

I repeat: God wanted us to be hot. That’s why he asked us to give up a specific unhealthy food item or category, curtail some unsightly habit or work out more often.

The Heavenly Father perfectly designed a holiday season that began just as New Year’s resolutions start to die down, fro-yo machines are being worn out from overuse and girls are shifting from wearing leggings on their lazy days to wearing full-on sweatpants.

Just as society was getting gross, He forced a season of public penance in an effort to make Catholics and Catholicism a more attractive religion. Not only did His plan boost the number of Catholic converts enticed to the religion by the prevalence of washboard abs created by voluntarily dessert-sacrificing people, but He also increased the number of Catholics — overall rise in member attractiveness leads to a higher procreation rate.

Lent is of course much more than that now.

We kick off the season with a whole week of partying around Mardi Gras, which maximizes opportunities for inter-Catholic courtship.

This last day before Lent means gathering together and forcing as many pancakes or donuts down our throats as is humanly possible, prepping ourselves for the upcoming extended diet.

I believe there is a passage in the Bible in which Jesus suggested that before taking any course of action or making an improvement in one’s life, it is necessary to do the complete opposite thing in excess the night before until one gets sick from it.

During Lent itself, there are weekly challenges cutting out fatty meats and excessive snacking, which tests who the real, hard-core body enthusiasts are. On these days, non-meat-eaters are rewarded with copious amounts of cheese and bread.

The cheese and bread are shared joyously amongst male and female Catholics of the mating age. Some institutions have been known to sponsor special fitness and body awareness weeks for young adult Catholics, using free T-shirts, snacks and fitness classes to spread and reinforce the message of our need to be fit and beautiful to fulfill what Jesus wants for us.

The Lenten season ends with the grand finale at Easter, the ultimate celebration of the sacrifices we’ve all been doing. Celebrants can hunt for someone else’s eggs and frolic about with large rabbit men.

As we each continue our struggle through the Lenten season, let’s remember: We’re one Body in Christ, so let’s make it a tight body!

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Williams sisters change the game

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Sports Writer

I’m breaking the rules here: I’m not going to name one defining athlete of the 21st century (so far). That’s because it seems just wrong to discuss Serena Williams without Venus — her older sister, greatest opponent, and most notable fan.

You could make an argument for their sporting dominance based on major wins alone. Serena has won 15 singles Grand Slam titles and 28 Grand Slam tournaments; Venus has claimed seven. They have 13 Grand Slam doubles titles as a team, each with two mixed doubles titles to go along with four Olympic gold medals.

The Williams’ longevity in a sport that makes old ladies of 25 year-olds. Venus first topped the women’s rankings in February of 2002, and Serena took the No. 1 spot in July of that year. An astonishing 11 years later, they remain the best women’s player in the world, while Venus is still a respectable No. 20. During the French Open, they were the top two singles players in the world as well as the No. 1 doubles team. Not even the Manning brothers can claim that sort of familial dominance at the quarterback position.

If you’re still not convinced, you could look at what the Williams sisters have come to represent in terms of athletic opportunities for women and racial minorities. The pair spent their formative years in Compton, Calif., and many Americans, at least, found their public court introduction to tennis to be a welcome difference in a sea of tennis-academy products. They showed the world they didn’t have to be from the tennis courts of Eastern Europe to thrive in one of the world’s most genteel sports.

At the same time, the sisters’ somewhat controversial father and coach, Richard Williams, proves the overly-genteel country club or eastern products. They showed the world a welcome difference in a sea of tennis-academy prod-ucts. They showed the world in a world where a woman has won the pole at the Daytona 500 and a dunk in a girls’ basketball game no longer warrants headlines. The Williams sisters were at the forefront of this change. They hit for power — Venus has served at 130 miles per hour, which ties her for the fastest serve ever hit by a woman. Serena isn’t far behind with a 129 mph serve of her own. We wonder how to use it too. Just last year, she broke the Wimbledon tournament record by hitting 102 aces during her two-week tournament (For those of you who like to keep track of these sorts of things, that’s more than any man hit.).

That intensity isn’t just physical — Serena’s outbursts are almost worthy of John McEnroe or the Hoko tennis rules have been through it all: racially charged incidents, fines, huge amounts of TV commercials, weird injuries and illnesses. They branded themselves before NFL, quarters thought to do so, designing their own tennis outfits and paying more attention to fashion and other side projects than some tennis authorities would’ve liked. But they’ve outlasted their contemporaries and are now terrorizing a new generation of wannabes. They could’ve retired long ago, knowing they were two of the best to ever play the game. There’s really only one reason why they’re still out there competing: They love the game as much as we’ve loved watching them play it.

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By ISAAC LORTON
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The No. 22 Irish won three of their four games this weekend at the USA Baseball-Irish Classic in Cary, N.C., including a 9-4 rout of Massachusetts, a 12th inning winner for a 3-2 victory against Tennessee and a 3-0 shutout of No. 25 Virginia Tech.

In the last match-up Sunday, Notre Dame (9-2) conceded a 4-3 loss to Rhode Island.

Coach Mike Aoki said he was pleased with the performance displayed over the weekend.

“Overall, it was a good weekend,” Aoki said. “We faced some outstanding arms and some great teams. We got some timely hits, and we played well. Dropping the game against Rhode Island put a tough spin on the weekend. When you are playing four games in a weekend, it’s hard to win them all, but, overall, it was a good weekend.”

The Irish are off to their best start since 1960. Notre Dame is playing team ball, Aoki said, and key players are stepping up when needed.

Aoki said one key player for the Irish is senior right-hander Adam Norton, who pitched a complete game and the Hoko tournament (11-2) on Saturday. In his third career complete game, Norton (3-0) threw 108 pitches (76 strikes), struck out five and walked one. It was the first time a Notre Dame pitcher has thrown a complete-game shutout against a top-25 team. Norton and pitcher Danny Tamayo did against Mississippi State on May 28, 2000.

“Norton’s performance was phenomenal,” assistant coach Greg Johnson said. “Virginia Tech is one of the better offensive teams we will play this year. There’s little margin of error out there against a team like that, and he pitched great.”

All Notre Dame needed was a little bit of offense, and junior first baseman Dan Slania provided it, driving in all three of Notre Dame’s runs. Mancini hit a two-run homer down the right-field line in the fourth inning and added an extra insurance run in the bottom of the eighth with an RBI single.

But the Irish offense was three hits, Mancini hit a three-run homer and junior catcher Forrest Johnson had a three-run triple. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Matt Ternowchek (1-0) pitched five scoreless innings in relief with eight strikeouts to pick up his first win of the season.

On Sunday, Rhode Island (2-9) took advantage of an Irish error in the top of the ninth and beat the Irish 4-3. Notre Dame took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Rams scored three in the top of the third to make it 3-1. The Irish tied the game up at three in the bottom half of the inning, and the game remained tied until the ninth. Rams senior first baseman Pat Fortinace made the first on an error when Irish freshman first baseman Dan Slania (4-7) due to a shoulder injury.

Despite the loss, Aoki said he is happy with how the Irish have started their season.

“We have played a challenging schedule up to this point, and it is good to see we are where we are,” Aoki said. “We are very good team playing well. We need to worry about what we do and not everything else — play as close to or at our potential and we will be great.”

The Irish will travel to Los Angeles to compete in the Dowdertown Classic, which begins Friday.

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Irish split pair of matches

By VICKY IACOBSEN Sports Writer

After a 5-2 win over DePaul at home on Saturday, a tired Irish squad was overpowered by Duke at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, losing 9-3 on Sunday afternoon.

The No. 18 Irish (9-4) clinched victory before No. 66 Depaul at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, winning 9-3 on Sunday afternoon. They didn't have too much trouble with the doubles point – the No. 38 duo of juniors Julie Sabacinski and Britney Sanders beat junior Kelsey Lawson and freshman Ana Vladutu, 8-2. Junior Jennifer Kellner and senior Chrisie McGaffigan secured the first point of the day, defeating freshmen Matea Cutura and sophomore Fargasa, 8-5. Freshman Quinn Gleason and sophomore Katherine White were leading freshmen Zaina Suli and Jarret Fisher, 7-6, but the contest was stopped when McGaffigan and Kellner won, making the outcome of the No. 3 doubles irrelevant.

But White made sure her singles match counted: she made quick work of Suli, winning 6-1, 6-2. Gleason and McGaffigan were the next to finish, beating Vladutu, 6-2, 6-3, and Lawson 6-1, 7-6 (7-5), respectively, and guaranteeing the Irish win.

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The Irish recovered quickly from the two-point disadvantage, as junior Greg Andrews and sophomore Wyatt McCoy responded with victories at No. 1 and No. 5 singles. Senior Michael Moore added a 6-2, 6-4 victory at No. 6 singles to give the Irish a 3-2 lead.

“Everyone else really had to pick up the slack quickly and at that point, I’m very proud of some of the ways guys played,” Bayliss said. “I thought Michael Moore did a great job of doing what he needed to do, nothing spectacular, but being aggressive and at the same time, playing under control.”

The win gives Notre Dame its second true road victory of the second true road victory of the season. The Irish are 4-5 this spring season against teams in the top-50, with three of these losses coming against teams ranked in the top 10.

“Obviously, due to the sched - ule we play, every win is a good win,” Bayliss said. “Winning this match, coming back from a 2-0 deficit, winning all five of the re - maining matches — four of them in straight sets — certainly gives us plenty of momentum and the feeling that we are prepared to play a good match against Illinois.”

The Irish face No. 17 Illinois on Tuesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 6 p.m.

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Irish take Big East crown

By MARY GREEN
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Notre Dame capped off the fourth day of the 2013 Big East Championships with a conference championship win and with a meet-record 901 points at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis.

The victory marks the second year in a row and the sixth time overall that the team has earned the conference title. Second-place Louisville finished with 855.5 points, falling 3.5 behind the Irish.

Irish head coach Tim Welsh said this year’s team has distin- guished itself from last year’s championship squad with its speed and extra year of training. “This is the fastest team we’ve ever had,” he said. “It’s also more experienced … and that made a big difference.”

On Friday, the team placed a combined 1-2-3 in all five events of each of the seven finals events. Sophomore Matthew DeBlasio opened the night with a third-place finish in the 400-yard individual medley in a time of 3:50.95, falling short of a team record by one-hundredth of a second. Senior Bill Bass and sophomore Jonathan Williamson were the next Irish swimmers to take their spots on the podium, as they touched the wall second and third respectively in the 100-yard butterfly.

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING | BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team places second

Observer Staff Report

Racking up 10 event wins, four meet records and six school records in a dominating week, the Irish finished second in the Big East Championships at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis on Sunday, falling only to Louisville.

This was the first time the Irish have finished second in the Big East Championships. Notre Dame finished with 772 points, finishing behind the Cardinals and their 895 points.

Despite the second place finish, the Irish ended the long week of competition with several awards. Diving coach Calming Xie earned the title of Big East Women’s Diving Coach of the Year, while head coach Brian Barnes claimed Big East Women’s Swimming Coach of the Year.

Senior diver Jenny Chiang, who earned her fourth-straight title in the 3-meter dive, was named Most Outstanding Diver and sophomore Emma Reaney snatched the award for Most Outstanding Swimmer.

In addition to the awards, the Irish also claimed 10 meet wins throughout the meet. Reaney set new meet records in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke, as well as an individual victory in the 200-yard breaststroke. Her times in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke events earned her an NCAA “A” qualifying time.

Notre Dame also earned NCAA “B” qualifying cuts in six events, including the 800-yard freestyle relay, the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The Irish have four students with NCAA “A” qualifying cuts for the national championships.

In all, 12 Notre Dame swimmers and divers earned a total of 35 Big East Honors.

The Irish diving squad will next compete in the NCAA Zone Diving Qualifier on March 14, while qualified swimmers will compete in the NCAA championships starting March 21.

Squad overcomes slow start to win

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

After a flat start Saturday, No. 7/9 Notre Dame once again dominated the second half to remain un- beaten following a victory over Duquesne.

Trailing 4-0 just minutes into the game and down 5-3 at the half, the Irish outscored the Dukes 7-3 in the final 30 minutes to earn a 10-6 vict- ory at Rooney Field in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

The victory marks the third con-secutive game the Irish (3-0-1) have held their opponent to three or fewer goals in the second half and the second time this season they have overcome a halftime deficit. “I think it starts with having the ability to respond in situations and make adjustments,” Irish coach Mike Halfpenny said.

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For his top-six finishes in all four events, Kreft earned the title of Big East Co-Diver of the Year with Louisville freshman Sean Pinner. Welsh earned the title of Big East Coach of the Year, but he was quick to give recogni- tion to the team’s entire coaching staff.

“This is the fastest team we’ve ever had,” he said. “It’s also more experienced … and that made a big difference.”

On Friday, sophomore diver Michael Kreft earned 338.20 points in the 3-meter dive, miss- ing first place by one-tenth of a point.

On Friday’s final event, the 400-yard medley relay, the Notre Dame team of Ayhan, Johnson, Bass and Stephens finished sec- ond behind Louisville’s squad but captured enough points for the Irish to close the night with a 181-point advantage over the Cardinals.

On the meet’s last day, Stephens claimed gold in the 200-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:55.21, beating the old meet- record by almost two seconds of 1:57.03. Miller also earned a spot on the podium with his first place in the 200-yard butterfly.

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Five wins in 12 minutes to help seal the Irish victory.

“Margaret continues to lead our team with her hands, and she did quite a bit of quiet work out there,” said Xie. “I think they were able to display that against Duquesne yesterday.”

Although the Dukes cut Notre Dame’s lead to one at the 12:10 mark of the game, Morris also said the performance put them in control of the game.

“While I’m a coach that definitely likes to allow our girls to work through their situations, it just wasn’t happening yesterday, so I had to use an early timeout three minutes into the game, which isn’t really something you want to do as a coach. But, from there, the game really swung.”

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Irish dominate in final tune-up before UConn

By SAMANTHA ZUZA

Although Notre Dame senior guard Skylar Diggins has had an impressive college career, she might now be playing her best basketball yet.

Diggins led the No. 2 Irish to a 92-57 victory over Providence on Saturday at Mullaney Gymnasium in Providence, R.I. During the game, she tallied 28 points, four rebounds, six assists and two steals.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Diggins has been giving an extra effort as her collegiate career comes to a close, and her numbers have benefited the Irish (27-1, 15-0 Big East).

“Knowing that you’re a senior and knowing your career is coming to an end is motivation,” McGraw said. “[Diggins] is playing with a heightened sense of urgency, and she’s playing some of her best basketball.”

Mcgraw said. “we need them to be ready. Their defense was outstanding. Everyone came in ready in the absence of Jewell Loyd.”

Notre Dame’s defense held Providence (7-21, 2-13 Big East) to only 57 points. Senior guard Symone Roberts scored 22 points to lead the Friars, while sophomore guard Tori Rule added 13 and senior forward Brianna Edwards put up 10. The Providence bench only accounted for a single point, while Notre Dame’s bench combined to total 19 points.

Despite the production off the bench, McGraw said she would not like to see Loyd back soon, “I think it’s great to know someone title outright. A loss means we don’t think it was an actual concussion, just some symptoms,” McGraw said. “She’s day to day. We’ll have to wait and see if we’ll have her on Monday.”

Notre Dame defeated Connecticut (27-2, 14-1) 73-72 earlier this season. The Irish were underdogs in that game against the then-No. 1 Huskies. Since then, Notre Dame has continued to surprise its doubters.

“I think it’s great to know we overachieved this year,” McGraw said. “No one expected us to be undefeated, and no one expected us to be No. 1 [in the Big East].”

With a win in the rematch against Connecticut, the Irish will win the Big East regular-season title outright. A loss means the team will share the title with the Huskies.

McGraw said she is looking for great performances and thinks anyone on her team can make that happen.

“Going into the last game [against Connecticut], we were the underdogs, and we battled,” McGraw said. “It wasn’t any one person. Diggins had her big moments, McBride shot well and [freshman guard Michaela] Malyre came off the bench.”

Diggins drained consecutive 3-pointers to keep Notre Dame in the game down the stretch, and the Irish secured the victory when Connecticut sophomore forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis missed a wide-open 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Mosqueda-Lewis will once again pose a serious threat to the Irish defense, McGraw said.

“She’s the best shooter in the country,” McGraw said. “She’s phenomenal, having a great year. Stopping her is key to stopping them. She’s got her go-to player and coming off a career-high [in points] against South Florida.”

Notre Dame and Connecticut will tipoff for their rematch at 7 p.m. tonight in Purcell Pavilion.

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Team shatters several records at Invitational

By GREG HADLEY

School, meet and Loftus records all fell this weekend at the Alex Wilson Invitational at Loftus Sports Center, as several Irish athletes booked their tickets to Fayetteville, Ark., for next weekend’s NCAA Indoor Championships.

Squaring off against elite competition from all over the country, the Irish had a very successful weekend, holding their own against traditional powerhouses Texas A&M and Oregon, Florida, the men’s defending national champions. Overall, the Irish broke five school records over the course of the weekend.

For the men, sophomore sprinter Chris Giesting had an outstanding meet, breaking the school record in the 400-meter event. His time of 46.05 qualified him to compete in Fayetteville as well, where he will run alongside junior hurdler Patrick Fenney, the previous record-holder in the event.

“Patrick and Chris have a friendly rivalry,” freshman decathlete Brent Swanberg said. “It’s really great to watch them go back and forth, trying to beat the other’s time.”

On the women’s side, senior middle distance runner Rebecca Tracy had the race of her life in the women’s mile, breaking the school, track and meet records with a time of 4:43.53. In doing so, she also catapulted into the top 36 times in her event nationally, qualifying her for the indoor championships.

Sophomore hurdler Jade Barber followed up her domination at the Big East championships by breaking the school and meet record in the 60-meter hurdle event and helping her 4-by-400-meter relay team to a fourth place finish.

Swanberg said strong individual showings were partially due to the atmosphere of desperation, as athletes tried to secure nationally qualifying times.

Four men broke the four-minute mark in the mile, led by sophomore distance runner Austin Mould of Wisconsin, who broke the meet record. The meet records in the men’s and women’s distance medley relays were broken by Penn State and Michigan, respectively.

The men’s distance medley relay was especially remarkable, as the top 12 teams posted the 12-fastest times in the country this season, qualifying them all for the NCAA championships.

“Some teams didn’t run the distance medley, so this is one of the biggest chances to qualify,” Swanberg said. “It’s too bad that we weren’t able to enter a team and defend our title from last year.”

The Irish next compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., which begin Friday.

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first round came to a close.

In the second round, Frego was not able to mount much of an attack again, as Lally sent a flurry of punches to his opponent’s body to force him back. The O’Neill resident fought his way out of the corner again by sending two direct shots to Lally’s head.

Lally came back with his earlier aggression but found himself under his combinations before landing another headshot to close the round.

The final round began evenly until a strong jab from Lally gave Frego a bloody lip, leading to an injury timeout. Both boxers came back with the same intensity as which they began the fight, but Lally gained strength as time progressed and landed several shots to Frego’s torso to close the fight, earning the victory by unanimous decision.

144-pound: Ben “Danger Zone” Eichler def. Kevin “Gil’Er” Dunne

Junior Ben Eichler collected another win in the 144-pounder with an unanimous-decision victory over senior Kevin Dunne and ensured he did not go home empty-handed as he made it to the finals for the second straight year.

Dunne elected to begin in a defensive position with his gloved right arm underneath his head. When he did move his arms, he threw deliberate punches that landed on his opponent’s stomach.

Eichler responded with a series of jabs and uppercuts to Dunne’s torso, continuing his torrent with a strong right hook to his head. The opening round ended evenly, as the two exchanged punches to close out the round.

In the middle round, Eichler continued his combination with a hit to Dunne’s head, followed by a jab to his stomach that sent him staggering. Eichler sent a flurry of punches to Dunne’s body before Dunne used a clinch. The pattern repeated, with Dunne as the aggressor.

The final round began with a string of jabs from Dunne, who ducked under Eichler’s return before landing several more shots to his body and head, but Eichler still held the advantage. Eichler started to load in for both fighters after two-plus taxing rounds, but Eichler pushed through the tiredness with his blows.

“At a struggle, but it helped to know I was winning at that point to just ride it out,” he said.

The victims of their fights, with Eichler landing high and Dunne landing low right before Eichler landed two final body shots, added up to a fight. Eichler won by unanimous decision.

The victor said he wanted to take in the finals experience as well as the atmosphere as much as possible and not worry too much about the win, just try to enjoy the experience and put on a good show,” he said.

148-pound: Devin “Opel” Duffy def. Sean “Skinny Hips” hipskind

In a matchup of two sophomores, Dillon resident Duffy bested Keenan’s Hipskind to claim the championship in a Referee Stopped Contest.

Both fighters came out with energetic demeanors, quick on their feet and with their hands. Hipskind possessed a height advantage over the shorter Duffy, who chose to come out offensively to downplay his opponent’s length as much as he could.

“I wanted to be as aggressive as possible,” he said. “I knew Sean had a height and reach advantage, so I wanted to get inside him and wear him down.”

Duffy, a first-year Bengal bouts competitor, used this aggressive approach to corner Hipskind early on, leading to the first of three clinches of the fight. The pair fed each other simultaneous headshots, until Hipskind appeared to have found an exposed part of Duffy’s stomach.

As the first round concluded, the two traded more punches to the head, with Hipskind opting for hooks and Duffy electing to use jabs. Duffy’s approach continued into the second round, as he took high shots while Hipskind went low to reach his opponent’s midsection. After a long period of give and take, Duffy trapped Hipskind against the ropes and hit him with two strong uppercuts to the torso. Duffy continued to dominate Hipskind twice more in the round, serving him with powerful headshots each time, but Hipskind was not able to escape the punches that landed. After he received a bloody nose, the referee stopped the contest and awarded the title to Duffy.

With both fighters giving all they could offensively, the winner said he knew it would be a long and tough bout.

“My mindset was ‘be ready to go to war.’” Duffy said. “I’ve got to know Sean through the Bengal Bout programs, and we’ve become friends throughout the season. We had spared twice before the tournament started, and both times there were some big punches, bloody noses and black eyes from both sides. I knew this time would be no different.”


In the fourth bout of the evening, sophomore Garrett McOsker took the 155-pound crown from senior Joey Kim.

Both fighters showed their prior finals experience by standing in strong defensive stances and firing with strong, calculated punches. Last year, McOsker was the 154-pound class runner-up, while Kim claimed the 158-pound title.

In this fight, Kim held the height advantage, though McOsker’s strength matched the pair up evenly. McOsker used his lower center of gravity to duck from punches and stay steady when the taller Kim made contact.

“I was constantly changing my distance, changing my rhythm,” McOsker said.

The even fight continued into the second round, with both making contact to the other’s head. McOsker utilized a one-two combination to combat Kim’s jabs to the head. One of these punches sent McOsker back a few steps, but he quickly recovered to land his own headshots and hold his advantage as the second-round bell dinged.

In the third, Kim alternated high and low punches to try to turn the momentum in his direction. McOsker made contact with Kim’s head, but Kim responded with a forceful cut to McOsker’s stomach.

After a clinch, Kim blocked several of McOsker’s jabs before launching a series of his own punches. The bout quietly came to a close with both boxers in the defensive stance, and McOsker captured the title by unanimous decision.

“It’s been a wonderful year, and it’s been my dream to win,” McOsker said. “Especially after getting so close last year in a fight that was similar because it was so highly contested with two aggressive fighters, but to be able to win this time was incredible,” McOsker said.

162-pound: Danny “Natty” Leicht def. Chris “The Crank” Delillo

Senior captain Danny Leicht averaged his semifinals loss last year when he claimed a win this year over fellow senior Chris Delillo.

The bout began, but the two boxers displayed similar stances, staying low and in protective positions. Each used quick footwork to avoid the other’s early punches, setting the defensive tone of the first round. Delillo landed an early shot to the head of Leicht, and Leicht countered with a two-count before clinching in the middle of the ring. Leicht made contact with Delillo’s head on a couple of occasions before the end-of-round bell rang.

The fighters came out strong in the second round with more offensive mindsets, as Delillo fired a series of headshots, and Leicht responded with a quick one-two combination. Ulrich then went on the offensive by landing his left hand several times to Sheas head, though Sheas head was strong and countered with a few head shots of his own before the first round concluded.

The second began with a more cautious and calculated approach from Shea than in the first round. Ulrich came out swinging, playing the role of the aggressor. Shea gained strength and opened his stance more as the round progressed before Ulrich connected on a series of headshots. Shea

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Alberdi def. Brian “Smiles” Salvi

In their fight, both law student Brian Alberdi and senior Ryan Alberdi danced around in the first round and answered slowly to determine their center.

Salvi utilized a leveled technique, alternating body shots with head shots. Senior Ryan Alberdi blocked the shots and moved fluidly around the ring. He repeatedly darted in with his jab, but Salvi’s right hook forced Alberdi’s left from the outside, which Alberdi said he needed to do.

“I knew my left was a very good weapon,” Alberdi said. “It’s a hit hard, he’s quick. My game plan was to keep my hands up and get inside so that he couldn’t use his reach.”

Alberdi harried Salvi into the ropes to start the second round, but Salvi turned things around and forced his opponent away with a jab. Alberdi answered with a sweeping left hook. Salvi re-passed to his up-down approach with success, but Alberdi hit him with a straight left and right hook combination. To start the third round, Alberdi boxed Salvi into the corner, which he said played into his strategy.

“That’s exactly what I wanted to do,” Alberdi said. “Get him in the corner, so he couldn’t throw his power punches.”

Salvi continued using his reach to land effective jabs, but he held back with his left. Alberdi let his hands fly for two series of left-right hooks. Salvi countered with a jab and powerful right hook, but was too late for him to steal the win. Alberdi won by unanimous decision.

144-pound: Bobby “Soffte” Manfreda def. Ricky “Scooter” Neville

The first round opened with a series of caustic one-two exchanges, but senior Bobby Manfreda landed a left hook that broke up the tentative exchange. Neville answered with a right hook, but it was too late for him to steal the win. Manfreda won by unanimous decision.

Both boxers let their hands fly more in the second round and used effective jab-right hook combinations. Neville turned to a quick one-two-three strategy, darting in for the jab-right jab or jab-right-hook, then dashing out. Manfreda dominated by the bay with one-two combinations of his own.

Manfreda landed several hooks and Salat used make use of his straight right, but it was Ellixson who won by unanimous decision.

Heavyweight: Dan Yi def. Mike Broghammer

In the opening moments of the first round, senior Mike Broghammer used his height to his advantage, throwing a straight right to start the bout. Ellixson followed with a series of hooks. Ellixson responded with a well-timed one-two combination and used his quick footwork to move away.

“Yeah, it’s really, really tall,” Yi said. “[My strategy] was to wait for him to reach in, if he does, keep my distance and wait for my opportunity to attack. And that’s what happened.”

When Broghammer came on strong in the third round, Yi used a series of hooks to take the upper hand, offering a relentless, well-paced attack. Yi scored a series of one-two combinations. Manfreda showed considerable endurance in the later rounds, which he said helped him come out on top.

“I felt throughout the fight stamina-wise, I was able to keep moving, keep punching, which definitely helped me in the later rounds,” Yi said.

Manfreda waited for opportuni- ties to throw well-timed combinations in the final round and his strategy sealed his victory by unanimous decision.

Manfreda was especially proud of his father when he competed in the Bengal Bouts in 1982. “There’s a little bit of family bragging, definitely,” he said. “I kind of had to win.”

205-pound: Brian “Long Arms of the Law” Ellixson def. Brian “Caeasar” Salat

Law student Brian Ellixson was hard-charging with his one-two combo. After Brian Salat was captured with a flurry of hooks that put Oloriz on the ropes, but Oloriz fought his way out of the corner. Oloriz turned around and forced Broghammer onto the ropes moments later. Choé threw a final set of hooks to close the fight and Oloriz scored two one-two combinations.

“[My strategy] was to wait for him to throw the right hand, I think, and he was down and not getting up,” Yi said. “It happened super quick. Heared back and saw him coming in, I double checked with my coach, and then he was down and not getting up.”

Yi won by referee stopped con- test 17 seconds into the first round.

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Softball: Diamond 9 Citrus Classic

Irisn run wins streak to eight

By Megan Finneran
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This weekend the Irish captured their eighth consecutive win, completing a weekend sweep for the second time this season. Notre Dame (25-5) secured four wins between Saturday and Sunday in Kissimmee, Fla., at the Diamond 9 Classic.

The squad took an early start to the weekend Saturday, knocking out Boston College 14-3 in five innings and Georgia Tech 6-2. Sunday they continued strong performances, shutting out LIU Brooklyn 5-0 and beating Maryland 5-3. Senior catcher Amy Buntin and sophomore infielder Jenna Simon led the offensive, as Buntin had a home run and four RBI and Simon contributed four hits and two runs scored. Strong performances on the mound from senior Brittany O’Donnell and junior Laura Winter held a strong defense.

“They swept in a row is huge for us, especially going into spring break next week where we are scheduled to play Kansas and Florida State,” senior infielder Kathryn Lux said. “This has given us the momentum we need to keep this streak going.”

A grand slam from sophomore outfielder Emilie Koerner gave the Irish an early lead against Boston College (4-5), fueling the Irish of- fense. Lux started the action in the bottom of the second, hitting an RBI single to send junior outfielder Lauren Sturh home and give the Irish a 1-0 lead. A string of walks and errors allowed sophomore catcher Cassidy Whidden and Lux to score, putting Notre Dame up 3-0. Senior outfielder Kelsey Thornton loaded the bases when a pitch hit her, mak- ing room for Koerner’s grand slam.

“We had a lot of big hits over the course of the weekend, which really kept the momentum going in our favor,” Lux said. “Our pitchers did an extremely consistent this weekend.”

The Irish next travel to Phoenix for the Arizona Diamond Invitational March 9-10.

Megan Finneran contributed to this report.

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Allowing four hits, Georgia Tech took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning, but Sturh quickly answered with a home run to tie the game. A difficult catch by Koerner in the top of the fifth gave the Irish a surge of momentum, which they built on in the bottom of the inning when junior infielder Chloe Saganovich drove Simon and freshman infield- er Carly Piccinich home to take a 3-1 lead. Another home run by Sturh in the bottom of the sixth pushed the lead to 4-1 and a two-run homer by Whidden rounded out the scoring at 6-1.

O’Donnell navigated the Irish through the game against LIU (2-7), striking out eight batters. Offensively, Notre Dame took con- trol in the top of the first when an RBI from sophomore catcher Katelyn Haus brought senior outfielder Kelsey Thornton from third to home to take an early lead.

Our hitting and pitching was a definite key for us this weekend,” Lux said. “Our pitchers did an excellent job of keeping us in ball games, and our hitters were effective.”

In the top of the sixth Simon and Buntin jumstartd the offense once again when Buntin’s fly ball sent Simon home from third to put the Irish at 2-0. A series of walks gave Saganovich the third Irish run. Buntin closed out the morning with a home run, pushing the score to 5-0.

Whidden led Notre Dame against Maryland (4-30), hitting a three-run home run in the top of the sixth after a twelve-pitch battle with Terrapin freshman pitcher Jenna Nation. The home run gave the Irish the 5-3 lead, and would prove to be the final run of the game. Winter won her fourth consecutive game on the mound, putting away the last six batters to close out the game to close out the weekend.

“The difference for us is just playing together as a team, and getting the game planned the way it was needed,” Lux said. “No matter who is out on the field, we all have confidence in each other.”

The Irish next travel to Phoenix for the ASU Diamond Invitational March 9-10.
Irish sweep to clinch 2nd

No. 12 Notre Dame took care of business in its attempt to win the CCHA regular-season championship by sweeping visiting Bowling Green on Friday and Saturday in the final regular-season conference games of the season.

However, Miami’s victory over Ohio State on Saturday clinched the regular-season title for the RedHawks, and the Irish finished in second place.

The Irish (21-12-3, 17-8-3-2 CCHA) entered the weekend in third place in the conference. Thanks to a 4-3 victory Friday and a 4-1 win Saturday over the Falcons (13-18-5, 10-15-3-1) and Western Michigan’s loss Saturday to Michigan State, Notre Dame jumped the Broncos in the standings but could not catch Miami.

The pair of wins stretched Notre Dame’s conference winning streak to five games, and the Irish have lost just once in their last nine contests.

“Obviously, first [place] would have been preferable, but for what happened to us in January, for us to rebound the way we have here in the last month is really good, because at least we go into the playoffs going in the right direction,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Notre Dame scored 5:31 into the game Saturday when sophomore forward Mario Lucia put away a shot near the top of the crease past a scrambling Hammond.

“(Gerths has) been playing extremely well here for the last few months,” Jackson said. “I think he’s really elevated his game, which has made us a better team obviously. It gives us a little bit more scoring depth on our lines.”

Junior center and captain Anders Lee added his team-leading 18th goal of the season early in the third period, and senior forward Nick Larson sealed the game for the Irish with 2:23 remaining.

All four seniors — Larson, forward Kevin Nugent, defenseman Sam Calabrese and goaltender Mike Johnson — started Saturday for the Irish. Johnson finished with 26 saves in just his seventh appearance of the season.

“The team played awesome in front of me all game, so it made my job a lot easier,” Johnson said. “They’re a tough team to play against. They get to the net and get pucks to the net, so our guys were able to clear the rebounds and keep their chances to a minimum, which really helped me out, and it was really nice to get the win tonight.”

Like Saturday, the Irish had a 4-1 lead Friday, but the Falcons cut the deficit to 4-3 with two goals 1:01 apart late in the second period. Junior goaltender Steven Summerhayes was able to shut the door in the third period, and Notre Dame held on for the win.

Junior center T.J. Tynan and Lucia each scored pow- er play goals in the second period, ending a 0-for-17 skid that spanned more than four games.

“Our power play struggled a little bit, so espe- cially getting my goal and then Lucia’s goal is always a good thing,” Tynan said after Friday’s game. “We got some good bounces tonight.”

With a top-four finish in the conference, Notre Dame clinched a first-round bye in the CCHA tournament and home ice advantage in the second round. The Irish will host a best-of-three series against the second-lowest seed that advances past the first round — either Michigan, Lake Superior State, Bowling Green or Northern Michigan — which Jackson said will be a difficult test.

“Our second round op- ponent is going to be an extremely good team regardless of who it is and it’ll be challenging,” Jackson said. “I think our whole conference is that way, but we’ll have a tough second round and our goal is to get to Joe Louis [Arena for the CCHA semifinals and championship]. We reached our first objective, which was to finish in the top four of the league, and now our next objective is to get to Detroit.”

Notre Dame is next in ac- tion when it hosts the first game of the second round of the CCHA tournament on March 15.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Going out with a bang

Twelve champions crowned on tournament’s biggest stage

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In its last two games before Saturday, No. 21 Notre Dame had given up an average of 41.5 points per game, breaking its record for fewest points allowed against Big East competition.

Against No. 22 Marquette on Saturday, the Irish gave up 41 in the first half alone before falling 72-64 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

With the victory, Marquette—16-0 at home this season—extended its home winning streak to 25 games and clinched a double-bye in next week’s Big East tournament. The Golden Eagles (21-7, 12-4 Big East) haven’t lost at home since 2011.

Irish forward Jack Cooley (30 minutes per game, 13.9 points per game) scored zero points in 15 minutes of playing time, suffering from a flu virus that kept him out of action leading up to the match-up with the Golden Eagles.

“The rhythm changed,” Irish coach Mike Brey said during his postgame press conference. “It changed. [Cooley’s] our warrior. Against [Marquette senior center Chris] Otule and [junior forward Davante] Gardner, you want to have Jack Cooley. You want to have that guy. He scammed Wednesday, and he didn’t do anything Thursday or Friday. He was in the health center Thursday night.”

“[…] In hindsight, I probably shouldn’t have started him and when your main guy says he’s a go, you have to give him a chance to sweat it out.”

Notre Dame (22-7, 10-6) has lost three of its last four on the road and continued to struggle with a slow start. Marquette jumped out to a 12-3 lead on 5-for-5 shooting and didn’t miss a shot until four and a half minutes into the game. The Golden Eagles started the game on an 18-6 run.

“I give them a lot of credit,” Brey said. “When they get two buckets in the paint to start, it just sets a heck of a tone. And it seemed like it was so hard for us to score, we get worn out early and just try to make it a run.”

Marquette shot 64 percent in the first half compared to Notre Dame’s 37 percent, which lead to a 16-point Golden Eagles lead with 4:26 to go in the first half.

“The last couple of times on the road, people have scored right away, off the tip on their first possession,” junior guard Eric Atkins said. “We have to do better at that. Mentally, it kind of hurts you a bit being on the road and being scored on early. It’s one thing that carried over to the offensive side of the ball.”

With Cooley’s absence, MARQUETTE PAGE 18