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## Panel discusses college hook-up culture

*Fourth annual Edith Stein Project Conference stresses upholding dignity of all human beings*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Associate News Editor

Seven members of the Notre Dame community, including freshman Melissa Buddie, whose letter published in The Observer last fall inspired much debate about the college hook-up culture, spoke Friday about hooking-up and inner and external beauty.

The panel was part of the fourth annual Edith Stein Project Conference, which addressed the topic "Love: What Hurts and What Works: Engaging Self, Society and God." Senior Natassia Kwan, an Edith Stein Project Committee chair, said the pur-

pose of the panel, and the conference as a whole, was to emphasize the dignity of all people. The panel, she said, would discuss how beauty, both internal and external, play into the hook-up culture. Kwan described a hook-up as a "one-time physical encounter that can range from making out to having sex." People crowded into a room in McKenna Hall, sitting in the aisles and standing on the edges, to hear the panelists discuss the topic.

In her Nov. 19 Letter to the Editor, Buddie addressed the six guys "I've hooked up with this semester," questioning why they have ignored her following

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Edith Stein Conference panelists from left: Nathan Loyd, Mark Skylling, Jim Redden, Michael Bohnert, Caroline Murphey Lashutka, Katie Michel and Melissa Buddie. At podium, senior Natassia Kwan.

## Sophomore calls for Subway boycott

By SARAH MERVOSH  
News Writer

Sophomore John Traub is calling for a boycott of Subway sandwiches because the Subway in LaFortune does not offer the famous \$5 foot-long deal that is offered at other Subways across the nation.

"Basically every time I get Subway it's in the back of my mind that I wish we had \$5 footlongs and until a few weeks ago I figured there was no way to change that," Traub said.

Traub initially contacted Subway to find out why the deal was not in place, and the manager said that it would not be a good business decision to implement it, Traub said.

After receiving what Traub felt was an unsatisfactory response from the manager, he created a Facebook group, called "Fighting for Footlongs," to see if other students would be interested.

Sophomore James Hinckley, who is boycotting Subway along with Traub, said that within three hours of its creation, the group had a few hundred members, and within about a day, the group had more than a thousand members.

"I realized everyone felt the

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## Unopposed ticket runs for SMC student gov't

*Running mates hope to install printers in each dorm, improve dining hall through surveys*



JESS LEE/The Observer

Saint Mary's student body president candidate Jenny Hoffman, right, and vice president candidate Meg Griffin, left, run unopposed.

By LIZ HARTER  
Saint Mary's Editor

Student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Jenny Hoffman and Meg Griffin introduced themselves to Saint Mary's students in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall during a "Meet the Candidates" event last week.

Junior Jenny Hoffman, who is running as the president on her ticket, is currently the executive secretary for Board of Governance (BOG). Griffin, a sophomore, is the

sophomore class president. They are running unopposed.

Hoffman said the experience her ticket already has with student government is something to be taken into consideration.

"While it's not everything, experience speaks volumes," she said. "We appreciate this school for all that it's worth."

Hoffman said the two will use their experience to their advantage in their new positions.

"There are things you learn in student government that

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## Brazilian Carnival entertains students, community

By ELIZABETH O'DONNELL  
News Writer

Students, faculty and members of the South Bend community packed South Dining Hall Friday night for the 11th annual "Brazilian Carnival!"

"Carnaval!" is a take-off on the Brazilian Carnival festival, which occurs four days before Fat Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Senior Julia Sendor, the student assistant to the Events Coordinator at the Kellogg Institute, said they had been planning for this year's event since December.

"Since it is a yearly event, we draw on certain aspects of the celebration that we found were popular in previous years," she said.

One of the signature events of

the Carnival celebration in Brazil is the bloco parade, which features schools of samba dancers, dancing costumes, music and entertainment.

The parade's name comes from the tradition that groups of people form "blocos," which is Portuguese for block. These blocks each are dressed in costumes relating to a specific theme or idea.

The event organizers introduced the bloco parade to the on-campus celebration this year as a new activity at "Carnaval!" While there were no samba schools to participate in the parade, there were plenty of costumed participants.

The bloco parade served as a costume contest at "Carnaval!" All costumed guests at the event were invited to join in the

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Photo Courtesy of Wes Evard

The 11th annual Brazilian Carnival featured a "bloco parade" with costumed dancers Friday. Students, faculty and members of the South Bend community attended the show.

INSIDE COLUMN

Swimsuit regrets

Four or five times a week, I used to sit next to a future Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition model.

Freshman year and for parts of sophomore year during high school, I sat in homeroom next to a girl with long brown hair and very blue eyes. She was tall, her legs long. She powdered her face while the teacher read announcements out loud.

Back then, she wore a Catholic school uniform. Now, she is sprawled across the pages of Sports Illustrated and on the Internet, pictured wearing skimpy bathing suits, lying on warm beaches.

We lead very different lives. It's been a long time since I was outside (1) lying on the ground (2) not wearing pants and a coat (3) lying on the ground not wearing pants and a coat.

A friend of mine e-mailed me the link to our high school classmate's Sports Illustrated spread a few days ago. It was my first time looking at the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition. It was her first time appearing in it.

It was a little uncomfortable looking at the pictures. Last time I saw her in person, she had a lot more clothes on.

But this isn't the first time I've seen pictures of my famous classmate. On the second day I arrived in London to study abroad last year, I was walking down Oxford Street. It's a very busy street in London, with many retail stores. I looked up and saw her looking down at me, from a billboard high above the street. She was modeling clothes for a popular British store.

"I went to high school with that girl," I told the people I was walking with, pointing at the billboard. I'm sure they assumed it was the jetlag talking.

A few weeks later, I was walking around Harrods, a famous department store in London. I saw her face, looking back at me from ads surrounding a make-up stand.

Another time, I was home in Maryland, walking through a Rite Aid. I glanced at a rack of magazines, and there she was, on the cover of Vogue.

People have created Web sites about her, she has her own Wikipedia page and she is one of the world's 15 top-earning super models.

I know you should not make friends purely for what they can do for you, but looking back at my days in homeroom, I wonder why I didn't chat her up a little more.

Right now I'm sitting in the basement of South Dining Hall, pulling a shift at The Observer. I haven't been outside in hours but I know the temperature is below freezing. I could be on a beach somewhere, hanging out with my best friend, sipping a fruity drink.

Learn from my mistakes: Make friends with ridiculously good-looking people.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Kaitlynn Riely

Associate News Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK THE QUESTION OF THE DAY SHOULD BE?



Jason Ritzi

freshman

Dillon

"I would be too lazy to think of one."



Jess Reese

sophomore

Le Mans

"Do you think Barack is doing a good job as president so far?"



Sam Tulisiak

freshman

Le Mans

"Where's Waldo?"



Brianne Carroll

freshman

Le Mans

"How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

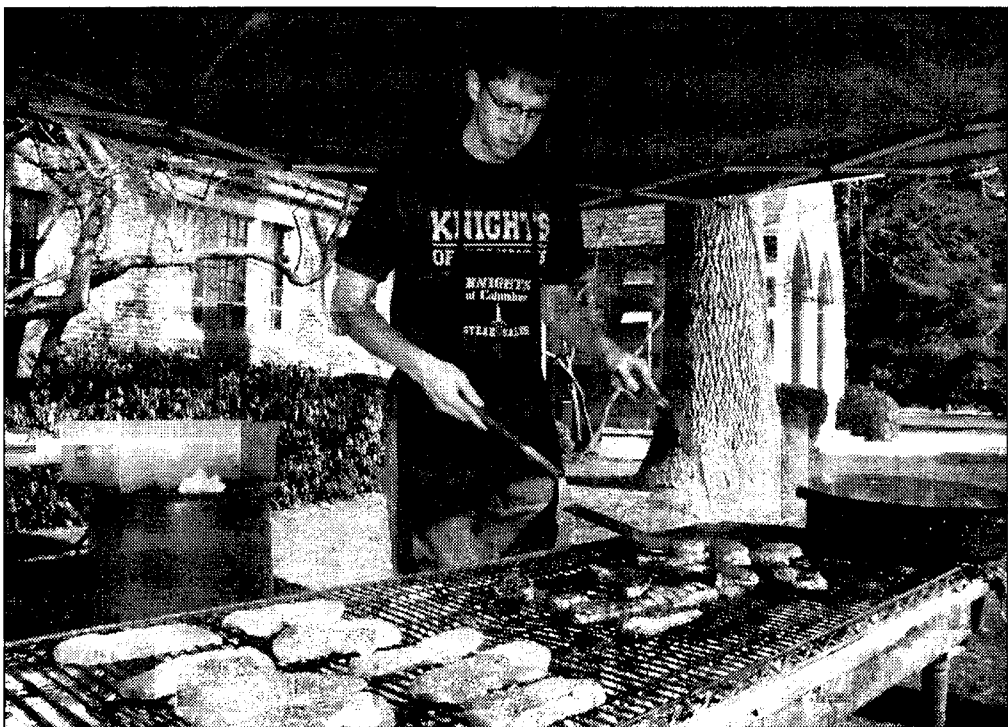


Krystal Holtcamp

freshman

McCandless

"How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?"



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Grand Knight Jim Redden cooks steaks for the Knights of Columbus' steak-grams. Notre Dame students could order steak-grams for Valentine's Day, and a Knight delivered them to their carnivorous friend or love interest.

IN BRIEF

The Third Annual Chesterton Rhetoric Competition takes place tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Union, the Center for Ethics and Culture and the Creative Writing Program.

"How the Health Are You?" a health fair open to students, will take place Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The event is free and attendees have the chance to win raffle prizes, including a free roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the United States.

Panelists, including students, professors and members of the South Bend community, will debate President Obama's impact on diversity Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The Class of 2012 presents "Frosh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event is free to participate, and \$5 for a T-shirt.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to [obsnews@nd.edu](mailto:obsnews@nd.edu).

OFFBEAT

Student spots error on state-wide test

WICHITA, Kan. – A high school student's keen eye has caught a state test error that managed to slip past teachers, test coordinators and other students for almost a year.

Geoffrey Stanford, 17, discovered during a Kansas writing test last week that an essay question concerning greenhouse gases incorrectly used the word "omission," prompting the Wichita East High School junior to point out the error.

"I thought, 'Surely they're not talking about leaving out carbon dioxide altogether.' It just didn't make sense," Stanford said. "It had to be a mistake."

The state Department of Education has e-mailed a corrected version of the essay question to test coordinators around the state, but the incident already has caused a lot of red faces at the department, which used a committee of more than 30 state teachers to develop the test almost two years ago.

Kissing record broken on Valentine's Day

MEXICO CITY – Mexico City puckered up to set a new record Saturday as nearly 40,000 people locked lips in the city center for the world's largest group kiss.

Carlos Martinez of Guinness World Records verified the record of 39,897 people who entered the gated kissing area of the city's Zocalo main square on Valentine's Day, besting Weston-super-Mare, an English town that set the previous kissing record in 2007.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
	31	21		26		42		38		26		29
				19		32		20		13		19

Atlanta 56 / 31 Boston 34 / 23 Chicago 34 / 27 Denver 56 / 25 Houston 68 / 61 Los Angeles 59 / 46 Minneapolis 33 / 20 New York 36 / 22 Philadelphia 40 / 24 Phoenix 70 / 51 Seattle 49 / 36 St. Louis 41 / 30 Tampa 71 / 47 Washington 38 / 27

CORRECTIONS

The Notre Dame Men's Tennis article that appeared in the Oct. 13 edition of The Observer was a reprint from the article that was run last year.

The Observer regrets the error, and the correct article has been posted on-line.

# Sophomores, parents enjoy weekend at SMC

By ALICIA SMITH  
News Writer

Parents of sophomore students at Saint Mary's spent the weekend participating with their daughters in numerous activities organized by Class of 2011 president Meg Griffin and other members of the Sophomore Board.

Sophomore Katie Brown, a member of the Sophomore Board, said the weekend went well.

"Everyone seemed to be having a great time," she said. "The silent auction on Friday was a hit. Saturday bingo was quite amusing for everyone.

The Mass was beautiful, and the dinner was delicious and so much fun."

Parents had to register for the weekend, and then were able to participate in all of the events.

"I don't believe there was a problem with registration," Brown said. "If there were any dilemmas at all, we, the Sophomore Board, did everything in our power to accommodate everyone."

Many parents decided to come to the event. Students and parents combined, an estimated 360 people were in attendance.

"There were quite a few parents on campus all weekend,"

Brown said. "I don't have an exact number, but I'd guess that at least one fourth of the parents were on campus all weekend."

Throughout the weekend, a series of events were put on for parents and daughters. On Friday, the event hosted a silent auction, and on Saturday there was bingo, a special Mass dedicated to the parents and students and a formal dinner as well.

*"My mom and uncle could only come on Saturday for Mass and dinner because of work, but they enjoyed meeting new people and seeing the campus again."*

**Katie Brown**  
sophomore

The weekend concluded with the formal dinner Saturday evening.

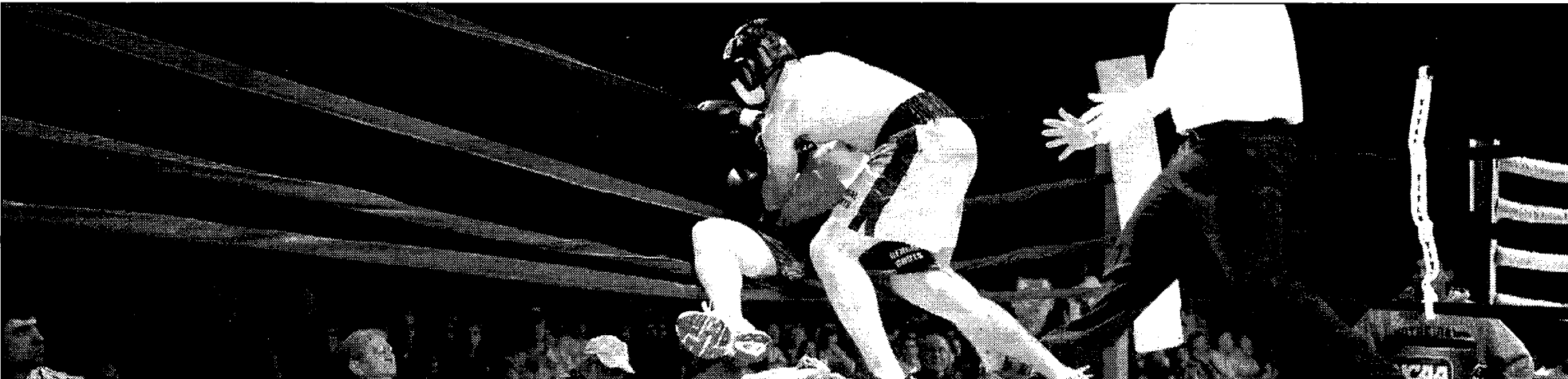
"The dinner was very busy, but it went well," Brown said. "Of course, with an big dinner event, such as a wedding or a family party, there is always something going on. But we kept things going and did whatever it took to make everyone enjoy the night."

Brown said her family had a good time.

"My family had a great time," Brown said. "My mom and my uncle could only come on Saturday for Mass and dinner because of work, but they enjoyed meeting new people and seeing the campus again."

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## UP AGAINST THE ROPES



Junior Andrew O'Donnell pins junior Nathan Rothenberger against the ropes Sunday at the Bengal Bouts preliminaries. Rothenberger defeated O'Donnell in a unanimous decision. Turn to page 24 for coverage of the fights.

# That's What He Said?

## Images of Modern Masculinity

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space to cuddle..."  
-Michael Scott

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Provided

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Hesburgh Library

**When:** Wednesday  
February 18 at 8pm

# The Office & Roles of men & women

## What does it mean to be a man?

### Featuring...

- Dr. Eileen Hunt Botting, Director of Gender Studies Program
- Dr. Agustin Fuentes, Professor of Anthropology
- Dr. M. Cathleen Kaveny, John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law
- Dr. John C. Cavadini, Chair of Theology Department
- Dr. Mark Guntz, Professor of Sociology

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## Panel

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their hook-up. The point of her letter, she wrote then, was to declare that she "won't hook-up with any more random boys."

The letter drew many responses which, Buddie said Friday, were "at times hurtful and demoralizing."

In her talk Friday, she addressed her motivations for writing the letter and the outcome of her declaration.

When she arrived on campus in August, she met up with a fellow student she knew and had talked to over the summer. They kissed, she said, and it was the first time she had been intimate with someone outside a relationship.

But then he ignored her, she said.

"It is impossible for me to convey to you the magnitude of the effect this experience had on me," she said. Buddie said she became "obsessed with the idea that something was wrong" with her and lost sight of her inner beauty and her self-respect.

"I would look to guys at the party to help me feel beautiful again," she said. She never got the affirmation of her inner beauty that she was looking for, but after each hook-up she felt a momentary boost to her self-esteem, and fell "into a pattern of repeated hook-ups, at which point my self-respect began to disappear."

"I began to realize that none of the guys who I hooked up with, by the very nature of the hook-up culture, were concerned about my inner beauty," she said. "They either saw me as hot or as just an opportunity. Maybe they were looking for the same self-validation I was."

Buddie said she is thankful she did not reach the point where she was sleeping with men when she decided to write her Letter to the Editor.

It was hard to read the criticism of her in the paper, she said, but people she knew and didn't know gave her support.

"These people pointed out so many things about my inner beauty that I had never known before," she said. "Discovering these qualities, I was able to discover all the parts of my inner beauty and learn to cherish it."

Buddie said she knows the attention paid to her letter has taken away her anonymity at the University.

"I will never just be another student at Notre Dame," she said. "I will always be that girl from The Observer, but I'd rather be that girl who loves herself, who celebrates her inner beauty and who respects herself and others, than the girl that I was before."

Caroline Murphy Lashutka, a 2007 graduate of Notre Dame, also spoke, testifying about her personal experience battling an eating disorder. Like eating disorders, Lashutka said, the hook-up culture is the process of "splitting the person away from their body, engaging in a deeply-felt schism of the body."

Lashutka said she thinks the hook-up culture is created by a "desire to experience really genuinely good things," but

said it results in self-fragmentation.

"We are saying that, 'I am going to make out with you tonight, but I am not interested in having a relationship with you,'" Lashutka said.

Notre Dame seniors Nathan Loyd, Mark Skylling and Katie Michel, junior Jim Redden and sophomore Michael Bohnert offered their own views on the hook-up culture and the definitions of internal and external beauty.

Instant gratification has become a priority, Loyd said, so "external beauty rules our society." People do not want to have to take the time to learn about a person's inner beauty, he said.

"We tend only to want enough to pacify our carnal desires," he said, and it's a trend that hurts both genders. Those who engage in hooking-up may "justify it as a necessary release of pent-up sexual energy," Loyd said.

"We need to embrace our sexuality as a blessing and a gift," he said.

People need to re-examine definitions of beauty and attraction, Skylling said. The images in the media make it seem as though beauty is something to strive for.

"Beauty is something that every single one of us has inherently because we are children and we were created in God's image," he said.

Skylling said he sees the Notre Dame hook-up culture as stemming from a desire for affirmation.

"We want to be wanted," he said. "...It's a way to get that instant gratification that 'yes, I'm wanted. I'm desired.'"

Many people engage in hook-ups in an effort to start a relationship, Redden said.

"I think this approach is fundamentally flawed because it forms as a foundation of a relationship physical attraction, and this physical attraction is fleeting," he said. "What really needs to form the foundation for a lasting relationship is friendship."

Bohnert said college life, especially at a demanding school like Notre Dame, encourages hook-ups because time to foster relationships is limited. The hook-up can seem attractive because it's a one-time thing, with no strings attached.

Michel said she is infuriated by objectification of women, in society and on Notre Dame's campus.

"If I have to hear 'Notre Dame girls are ugly' one more time, or hear one more ignorant wise crack about our women's rowing team, I may explode, because I've heard it for four years," she said.

She said she is frustrating by disparaging remarks about women in the Keenan Revue and Observer comics.

"Notre Dame women are beautiful," she said. "They are beautiful because they are successful, faithful and smart."

The Edith Stein Project Conference, the largest student-run conference at Notre Dame, lasted two days and also explored topics including marriage preparation, domestic violence and contraception.

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freshman

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### Higgins Labor Studies Program Spring 2009 Schedule

- Feb 4 Labor Film: *Where Do You Stand?: Stories from an American Mill***  
Facilitator: Dan Graff, Associate Director, Higgins Labor Studies Program
- 9 Promoting Community Benefits with Responsible Tax Policy**  
Speaker: Marty Wolfson, Director, Higgins Labor Studies Program
- 16 Union Forum: *The Role of Unions in Today's Economy***  
Speakers: Gary Wuslich, Vice-President, Human Resources, AM General  
Bob Warnock, Jr., President, AFL-CIO Central Labor Council  
Bill Purcell, Associate Director, Center for Social Concerns  
7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center Auditorium (on Notre Dame Avenue)
- 23 Connecting US Labor & the World Social Forum Process: *The Work of Jobs with Justice***  
Speakers: Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, PhD student in sociology  
Ana Velitchkova, PhD student in sociology and peace studies  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., O'Shaughnessy 119
- Mar 2 U.S. Catholic Labor Priests**, Speaker: Fr. Pat Sullivan  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., O'Shaughnessy 119
- 16 Rethinking the Golden Age of Capitalism: *The 1959 St. Louis Newspaper Guild Strike***  
Speaker: Brian Sarnacki, senior History major  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Decio 131
- 24 McBride Lecture: *Protecting the Planet & Creating Jobs: A Win-Win Proposition***  
Speaker: David Foster, Executive Director of the Blue-Green Alliance  
7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- 30 Human Rights Lecture: *Working for Social Justice: From the Fields of Immokalee, Florida to the Fields of Sinaloa, Mexico***  
Speaker: Melody Gonzalez '05, National Campaign Coordinator, Fair Food Across Borders  
7:30 p.m., DeBartolo Classroom Building 131
- Apr 1 Labor Film: *Newsies***  
Facilitator: Marty Wolfson, Director of Higgins Labor Studies Program  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center Auditorium
- 20 The Struggle for Workers' Rights at the South Bend Housing Authority**  
Speaker: Gene Knapp, Teamsters Local 364  
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iraqi officials admit election fraud

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials acknowledged Sunday that there was some fraud in last month's provincial elections but not enough to force a new vote in any province.

Faraj al-Haidari, chairman of the election commission, said final results of the Jan. 31 voting would be certified and announced this week. Voters chose members of ruling provincial councils in an election seen as a dress rehearsal for parliamentary balloting by the end of the year.

The U.S. hailed the absence of major violence during the elections, expressing hope they would help cement security gains of the past year.

Despite the drop in violence, a U.S. soldier was killed Sunday by a roadside bomb in southern Iraq, the U.S. announced. At least three other people were killed by attacks Sunday in other parts of the country, according to police.

### Drones used to hunt Somali pirates

ABOARD THE USS MAHAN — American warships off the lawless Somali coast are using unmanned drones to hunt pirates threatening one of the world's most important shipping lanes.

Sailors aboard the USS Mahan told The Associated Press they have been using the spy flights daily to spot potential pirate mother ships.

For years, the U.S. has used drones to track potential terrorists among Somalia's warlords, but the Navy said more and more of the planes are now being used to fight piracy.

The drones can fly more than 3,000 feet (915 meters) above sea level and relay pictures detailed enough to recognize the flags flown on fishing boats that Somalis use to avoid detection.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Four killed in hospital shooting

BROCKPORT, N.Y. — A man was charged with murder after two people were shot dead outside a hospital and a couple were killed in their home hours later, authorities said.

Frank Garcia, 34, of Hamlin, was charged Saturday with two counts of first-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder in the shootings outside Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, Monroe County Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said.

He has not been charged in the deaths of the couple in a Canandaigua home, but prosecutors were seeking first-degree murder charges in those slayings.

### Debris falls from sky in Texas

DALLAS — The Federal Aviation Administration has received numerous reports of falling debris across Texas, which could be related to a recent satellite collision.

Some of the callers around midmorning Sunday reported what looked like a fireball in the sky.

FAA spokesman Roland Herwig says officials suspect the debris could be related to the collision, but that has not been confirmed.

The FAA notified pilots Saturday to be aware of possible debris after a collision Tuesday between U.S. and Russian communication satellites. The chief of Russia's

## LOCAL NEWS

### Maple syrup production slows

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana's recent stretch of mild winter weather has been a welcome break from the cold for most Hoosiers, but not for the state's maple syrup makers.

The warm conditions have slowed the flow of sap from maple trees tapped at two Vigo County park as part of a February ritual to collect sap to be cooked into maple syrup for an annual fundraising breakfast.

County parks superintendent Keith Ruble said he hopes cold weather returns soon so that his crews can extract more sap from trees at Fowler Park and nearby Prairie Creek Park.

## GOP leader calls for Burris to resign

*Burris faced with allegations of lying to committee investigating Blagojevich*

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Just as Illinois was moving past the agony and embarrassment of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's ousting, the fellow Democrat whom Blagojevich appointed to the U.S. Senate was hearing calls for his own resignation Sunday amid allegations he lied to legislators.

Freshman Sen. Roland Burris released an affidavit on Saturday that contradicts his statements last month to a House committee investigating Blagojevich's impeachment.

"I can't believe anything that comes out of Mr. Burris at this point," Rep. Jim Durkin, the impeachment committee's ranking Republican, said at a news conference Sunday. "I think it would be in the best interest of the state if he resigned because I don't think the state can stand this anymore."

But an adamant and sometimes emotional Burris told reporters in Chicago later Sunday that he hadn't done anything wrong and never misled anyone.

"I've always conducted myself with honor and integrity," he said. "At no time did I ever make any inconsistent statement."

Gov. Pat Quinn, who advanced to the governor's mansion after Blagojevich was ousted over corruption allegations last month, also called on Burris to explain the contradiction.

"My opinion is that he owes the people of Illinois a complete explanation," Quinn said, according to spokesman Bob Reed.

Durkin and House Republican Leader Tom Cross also want an investigation of Burris for possible perjury.

It's not clear what action state legislators could now



Senator Roland Burris, D-Ill., answers questions during a press conference in Chicago on Sunday about omissions he made to a state House committee.

take against Burris, said Dawn Clark Netsch, a Northwestern University law professor and former Illinois Comptroller.

"I'm not aware that anything quite like this has happened in any state before," she said.

Based on federal law, the state Senate could argue that Burris was a temporary appointment, then pass a bill calling for a special election to name a permanent senator, Netsch said.

But Quinn's hands may be tied.

"I don't see anything that the current governor could do, except to ask for legislation to ask for a special election," Netsch said.

Saturday's disclosure by

Burris reflects a major omission from his testimony in January when an Illinois House impeachment committee specifically asked if he had ever spoken to Robert Blagojevich or other aides to the now-deposed governor about the seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Saturday he was reviewing the disclosure, the latest twist for Democrats who only consented to seat Burris on the belief that there was no chance of "pay for play" politics surrounding his appointment.

But Burris explained Sunday that he voluntarily gave the committee a Feb.

4 affidavit disclosing the contact with Robert Blagojevich because questioning during his January testimony abruptly changed course and he never got a chance to answer a direct question about Blagojevich's brother.

The affidavit, released Saturday by Burris' office after it was first reported by the Chicago Sun-Times, said Robert Blagojevich called him three times — once in October and twice after the November election — to seek his fundraising assistance.

Robert Blagojevich's attorney has said his client believes one of the conversations was recorded by the FBI.

## JAPAN

## Japan's economy dropping at quick rate

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's economy contracted in the fourth quarter at the fastest pace in 35 years as a collapse in global demand battered the world's second-largest economy.

Japan's gross domestic product, or the total value of the nation's goods and services, dropped at an annual pace of 12.7 percent in the October-December period, the government said Monday.

That's the steepest drop for Japan since the oil shock of 1974. It far outpaces declines of 3.8 percent in the U.S. and 1.2 percent in the euro zone.

The contraction underscores the vulnerability of Asia's export-driven economies during global downturns and point toward more cuts in jobs, produc-

tion and profits in the coming months.

A survey of economists by the Kyodo news agency had projected an 11.6 percent fourth-quarter contraction.

Japan had its third straight quarter of decline. The GDP fell 1.8 percent in the July-September period.

Fourth-quarter GDP fell 3.3 percent from the previous three-month period, and for 2008, it contracted 0.7 percent — the first decline in nine years, according to the Cabinet Office.

With recovery nowhere in sight, Japan is now in the midst of its worst downturn since World War II, analysts say.

"Since October, economic indicators have deteriorated at a pace that defies any rule of thumb," Tetsufumi Yamakawa, chief Japan economist at Goldman Sachs, said in a recent report.

"There has been an unprecedented large decline in exports and production-related indicators in particular, not only in Japan but throughout Asia."

Japan's real exports plummeted a record 13.9 percent in the fourth quarter, the government said, as the deepening global slowdown choked off demand for the country's cars and gadgets. An appreciating yen also hurt the country's exporters, including Toyota Motor Corp. and Sony Corp.

Japanese electronics company Pioneer Corp. said last week it will cut 10,000 jobs globally, joining a growing list of the country's corporate giants scrambling to slash their payrolls. Sony Corp. is shedding 8,000 workers, while Nissan Motor Co. and NEC Corp. are each cutting 20,000.

# Ticket

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usually don't arise unless you're in a leadership position," she said.

The two think their platform, which includes furthering actions which current student body president Mickey Gruscinski and vice president Sarah Falvey have already taken, has feasible ideas that will help make Saint Mary's a better place.

The two have been campaigning in the Student Center and have a Facebook group devoted to their platform called "Don't Hassle the Hoff," a play on Hoffman's last name.

The pair want to install printers in every residence hall, improve the dining hall with student surveys, offer a Saint Mary's College history lecture series, continue the effort to extend the student center hours, which Gruscinski and Falvey began, and offer quarterly "open forum" Board of Governance meetings for students, according to flyers they passed out.

Both candidates also said that they will not take a stipend, or a payment for serving student government, even if the new Student Government Constitution would leave room for it.

"If one is offered it will not be taken," Hoffman said. "We've been through that before and, while it was wonderful to have student involvement and it was resolved well, we want to reassure everyone that it's not an issue."

The Constitution committee, which is lead by Falvey, is still

putting the finishing touches on the Constitution, which will then be presented to BOG and finally voted on by the students. Falvey told The Observer it will most likely be available to vote upon during Class Board elections during the last week of February.

At the "Meet the Candidates" event, elections commissioner Francesca Johnson asked the candidates, including juniors Mallory Price and Katie Lewis, who have since dropped out of the race for personal reasons, a number of questions ranging from how they would describe Saint Mary's to a prospective student to whether or not they think it is important to follow rules.

"Saint Mary's is so rare, not only in the fact that it is a women's college, but in the fact that it's a Catholic environment," Hoffman said, when asked what she would tell a prospective student. "It's a very well-rounded school and it's the incredible women [here] who make it so."

The vice presidential candidates answered the question regarding rules.

Griffin said she thinks rules are important and she hopes the new Constitution will have "some awesome rules we can follow."

Hoffman summed up the pair's platform by saying they want more student involvement and awareness on campus.

"It would be an honor for me to represent the College," Hoffman said.

Voting takes place today on PRISM until 11:59 p.m.

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Photo Courtesy of Wes Evard

Performers dance in front of the crowd Friday at South Dining Hall as part of the eleventh annual Brazilian Carnival celebration.

# Brazil

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parade. They were then judged in groups of two to see which pair had the best costume.

While the parade served as one facet of the evening, there were many other activities that went on throughout the event.

Chicago Samba, a band that plays shows in both Chicago and Saint Louis, played on stage for a couple of hours to the crowd that had gathered. There was a large dance area filled with people listening and dancing to the Brazilian music.

There was also a group of

dancers who came on stage to teach those at the event how to samba dance.

Door prizes were awarded throughout the evening.

"Carnaval!" received a lot of press around the South Bend area, which helped lead to a substantial turnout of attendees. Sendor said that she was surprised at the volume of people the event received.

"We were hoping for five or six hundred people to attend the event, but I was surprised that so many did show up," she said. "We are keeping track by the number of beaded necklaces that we hand out as a means for keeping track of the number of people in atten-

dance."

A large percentage of the people in attendance were from the South Bend community. While there were many families in attendance, there were also a number of elderly people in attendance.

"This year we were hoping to have a higher turnout among the Notre Dame student population," Sendor said. "This event helps to bridge the gap between the campus community and the rest of South Bend, so it was important that we try to connect them the best we can."

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Students line up to order Subway sandwiches. The LaFortune Subway branch does not offer the \$5 footlong deal.

# Subway

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same way as me. They wanted \$5 footlongs," Traub said.

Hinckley said that because of the Flex Point system, "they can get a way with charging more per sandwich than people are aware of."

After seeing that other students were interested, Traub and Hinckley, along with sophomores Colin McNamara, Andrew Baekstrom and Dom Golab, submitted a letter to The Observer calling for the boycott of Subway.

Hinckley said he didn't see a significant jump in group membership after The Observer printed their Letter to the Editor, but the group currently has over 1,400 members.

Traub said he started discussions in the Facebook group about the possibility of creating T-shirts and pamphlets.

The next step, Traub said, is to meet with student government and work on focusing the boycott to a specific amount of time, like one week, so that it will be more effective.

Traub said he plans to meet with student body vice president Grant Schmidt in the next week to discuss options.

It is each student's individual choice whether or not to eat Subway, Traub said, but he personally "[doesn't] plan on buying it any time soon."

"It's tough at 8 o'clock when it's kind of too late to go to the dining hall and they're no other options really, but I've been getting by," Traub said.

Hinckley has also been surviving without eating Subway.

"I haven't been eating Subway for a long time because of the \$5 footlong deal," Hinckley said. "I'm having to eat more at the dining hall which I guess is punishment enough."

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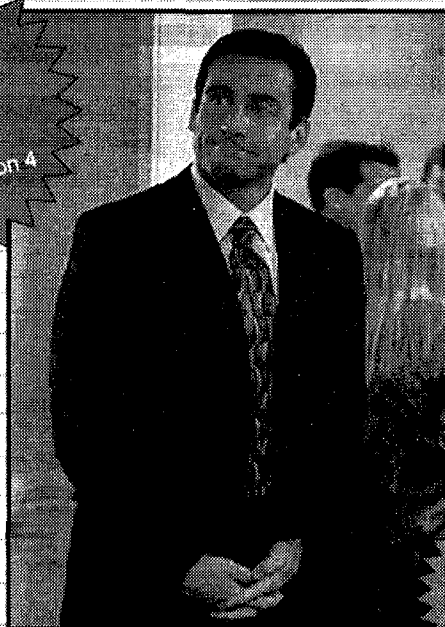
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## IN BRIEF

### Chrysler, GM labor talks slow

DETROIT — Concession talks between the United Auto Workers and the Detroit Three shifted into an odd phase Saturday as negotiations broke off with General Motors Corp., slowed at Chrysler LLC and picked up speed at Ford Motor Co., financially the healthiest of the three, according to people briefed on the bargaining.

The developments come as GM and Chrysler race toward a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to show the government how they will become viable and repay billions in loans that are keeping them alive during the worst auto sales slump in 26 years.

Ford, which borrowed billions from private sources before credit markets tightened, has said it can make it through 2009 without government help.

The Treasury Department has committed to giving GM a total of \$13.4 billion if the automaker's plan is approved. GM's plan, however, will raise the possibility that more government loans may be needed, as sales in overseas markets have deteriorated worse than expected, according to a person briefed on the plan.

### Evidence mounts in salmonella probe

ATLANTA — First, federal investigators said Stewart Parnell knowingly shipped salmonella-tainted foods even after internal tests showed they were contaminated. Then they revealed the evidence: e-mails Parnell sent to his employees urging them to ship out the products that authorities say ultimately sickened hundreds and may have caused the deaths of nine.

Federal authorities, who started an investigation last month, have remained tightlipped about possible charges against Parnell. So has the FBI, which raided the company's Georgia plant about a week ago.

But food safety attorneys say prosecutors have an array of options for what could be one of the Food and Drug Administration's most high-profile tainted food cases in decades.

"Any time you've got interstate commerce, those are the buzz words for federal prosecution," said Kent Alexander, a former U.S. attorney in Atlanta who is now general counsel at Emory University. "And prosecutors can be very creative in alleging schemes involving interstate commerce."

# Stimulus expected to restart mine cleanup

Efforts to clean up abandoned mines will get a boost when Obama signs bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Beal Mountain mine opened in 1988 near Butte, Mont., its owner promoted open-pit cyanide leaching for extracting gold from ore as modern and environmentally friendly.

Pegasus Gold Corp., a Canadian company, extracted nearly 460,000 ounces of gold over a decade before closing the mine and declaring bankruptcy in 1998.

It left behind a 70-acre, cyanide-contaminated leach pond with a leaky liner and tons of rubble that sends selenium-laced runoff into streams, threatening cutthroat trout and other fish. The \$6.2 million reclamation bond posted by the company doesn't come close to covering the full cost to clean up the mine, which could total nearly \$40 million.

"There is a real ticking time bomb up there," said Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter near the mine, which sits on U.S. Forest Service land.

Efforts to clean up one of the West's most enduring and dangerous legacies — tens of thousands of abandoned hardrock mines, many dating to the 19th century — should get a boost from the economic stimulus bill awaiting President Barack Obama's signature.

The final bill, approved by the House and Senate on Friday, contains more than \$1.5 billion for construction and maintenance projects in the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the Forest Service. That includes addressing pollution and safety hazards caused by abandoned mines on public lands.

The three agencies together spent about \$25 million on mine cleanup in the budget year that ended



Seth Johnson of Chloride, Ariz., explores one of many abandoned mine shafts along the Cherum Peak Trail in the Cerbat Mountains in Chloride, Arizona on Saturday.

last Sept. 30, according to the staff of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., one of the lawmakers who sought the money.

Projects ranging from repairing trails to replacing equipment also are eligible for the money, so there is no guarantee the money will be spent on mine cleanup. The bill says preference is supposed to go to projects that generate most jobs.

Advocates for cleaning up abandoned mines say the work is a strong job-generator.

"These much needed funds will create thousands of jobs, reduce

water pollution, eliminate public safety threats, and restore fish and wildlife habitat in rural communities across the country," said Lauren Pagel, policy director for Earthworks, an environmental group focused on mining issues.

The Government Accountability Office estimates there are at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mines in Alaska and 11 other western states, plus South Dakota. Open mine shafts and decaying structures pose safety hazards, contaminants are polluting streams and groundwater, and piles of tailings tinged

with arsenic have been left behind.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates it could cost as much as \$50 billion to clean up all the nation's abandoned hardrock mines.

Anti-tax groups questioned whether mine clean up merits funds at all, considering that the bill is intended to jump-start the economy. Cleanups are temporary and unlikely to have any lasting economic effect, said Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union, which advocates for less government spending.

# Economy tests historically black colleges

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Historically black colleges and universities, which for decades have been educating students who can't afford to go — or can't imagine going — elsewhere, have been particularly challenged by the nation's economic meltdown.

Enrollments at the schools have declined at the same time endowments have dropped and fundraising sources have dried up. The same is true at most universities, but often students at HBCUs need more aid to stay on course.

"What's most difficult for our institutions is that they are tuition-driven," said Michael Lomas, president of the United Negro College Fund. "They don't have large endowments, and even the ones who do, have seen a

large reduction in the value of those endowments."

Most colleges are dealing with economic problems. One recently released survey on 791 American public and private colleges reported that endowments fell 3 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30, and a smaller group estimated a 23 percent drop in the first five months of fiscal year 2009, which began in July. The numbers represent a decline nearly double that of any full-year return since such figures were first tracked in 1974.

Only three black colleges — Howard University in Washington, D.C., Spelman College in Atlanta and Hampton University in Virginia — had endowments among the top 300 included in the survey. Most lack the resources and strength in alumni giving

of their mainstream counterparts.

Most students at the colleges combine grants and loans to fund their educations, Lomas said. Just a small percentage get help from their parents, and others work retail or fast food jobs to make tuition.

An Associated Press analysis showed that 62 percent of students at 83 four-year HBCUs receive Pell Grants. More than 90 percent of those recipients come from families earning less than \$40,000 a year.

Lomas expects HBCUs to survive, but they may have to make some painful choices to do it.

"These are institutions that have made it through the Great Depression and other cyclical downturns," he said. "What we're doing is counseling schools to tighten their belts as much as possible."

# Hospitals look to boost nurse retention rates

*Stresses of job lead to high turnover in U.S.*

Associated Press

MIAMI — Newly minted nurse Katie O'Bryan was determined to stay at her first job at least a year, even if she did leave the hospital every day wanting to quit.

She lasted nine months. The stress of trying to keep her patients from getting much worse as they waited, sometimes for 12 hours, in an overwhelmed Dallas emergency room was just too much. The breaking point came after paramedics brought in a child who'd had seizures. She was told he was stable and to check him in a few minutes, but O'Bryan decided not to wait. She found he had stopped breathing and was turning blue.

"If I hadn't gone right away, he probably would have died," O'Bryan said. "I couldn't do it anymore."

Many novice nurses like O'Bryan are thrown into hospitals with little direct supervision, quickly forced to juggle multiple patients and make critical decisions for the first time in their careers. About 1 in 5 newly licensed nurses quits within a year, according to one national study.

That turnover rate is a major contributor to the nation's growing shortage of nurses. But there are expanding efforts to give new nursing grads better support. Many hospitals are trying to create safety nets with residency training programs.

"It really was, 'Throw them out there and let them learn,'" said University of Portland nursing professor Diane Vines. The university now helps run a yearlong program for new nurses.

"This time around, we're a little more humane in our treatment of first-year grads, knowing they might not stay if we don't do better," she said.

The national nursing shortage could reach 500,000 by 2025, as many nurses retire and the demand for nurses balloons with the aging of baby boomers, according to Peter Buerhaus of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The nursing professor is author of a book about the future of the nursing work force.

Nursing schools have been unable to churn out graduates fast enough to keep up with the demand, which is why hospitals are trying harder to retain them.

Medical school grads get on-the-job training during formal residencies ranging from three to seven years. Many newly licensed nurses do not have a similar protected period as they build their skills and get used to a demanding environment.

Some hospitals have set up their own programs to help new nurses make the transition. Often, they assign novices to more experienced nurses, whom they shadow for a few weeks or months while they learn the ropes. That's what O'Bryan's hospital did, but for her, it wasn't enough.

So more hospitals are investing in longer, more thorough residencies. These can cost roughly \$5,000 per resident. But the cost of recruiting and

training a replacement for a nurse who washed out is about \$50,000, personnel experts estimate.

One national program is the Versant RN Residency, which was developed at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and since 2004 has spread to 70 other hospitals nationwide. One of those, Baptist Health South Florida in the Miami area, reports cutting its turnover rate from 22 percent to 10 percent in the 18 months since it started its program.

The Versant plan pairs new nurses with more experienced nurses and they share patients. At first, the veterans do the bulk of the work as the rookies watch; by the end of the 18-week training program, those roles are reversed.

The new nurses must complete a 60-item checklist. They must learn how to put in an IV line and urinary catheter; interpret different heart rhythms and know how to treat them; monitor patients on suicide watch and do hourly checkups on very critically ill patients; know how to do a head-to-toe physical assessment on a patient, as well as how to inform families about the condition of their loved one.

For Yaima Milian, who's currently in the program at Baptist, this is markedly different from the preparation she got at her first hospital in New Jersey. She left after a six-week orientation because she didn't feel ready to work solo.

While Milian was paired with a more experienced nurse at the New Jersey hospital, they didn't see patients together; they split the workload. Her first week on the job, Milian was charged with caring for several patients with complicated issues — those on ventilators and with chest tubes — and she felt thoroughly unprepared.

"It just didn't feel right, it felt very unsafe," Milian said.

Besides the residency's professional guidance, which includes classroom instruction, new nurses also get personal support from mentors — people they can call after a bad day or to get career advice. The new nurses also gather with their peers for regular debriefing, or "venting" sessions.

"Here you have this group that is pretty much experiencing the same things you're experiencing," Milian said, "and it makes you feel better."

To be sure, not all the nurses who leave do so because of a rocky transition. But for nurses who do leave because of stress, these programs seem to help.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the University HealthSystem Consortium teamed up in 2002 to create a residency primarily for hospitals affiliated with universities. Fifty-two sites now participate in that yearlong program and the average turnover rate for new nurses was about 6 percent in 2007.

"We believe all new graduates should be given this kind of support system," said Polly Bednash, the nursing association's executive director. "We are facing downstream a horrendous nursing shortage as a large number of nurses retire from the field... So you need to keep the people you get and keep them supported."

# Obama plans auto recovery strategy

*President will appoint senior officials to oversee restructuring*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to appoint senior administration officials — rather than a single "car czar," as had been discussed — to oversee a restructuring of the auto industry.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and National Economic Council Director Lawrence Summers will oversee the across-the-government panel, a senior administration official said Sunday on the condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

"The president understands the importance of this issue and also understands that the auto industry affects and is affected by a broad range of economic policies," the official said.

As the teams move forward, Obama "wants to make sure that we're getting the expertise and input of agencies across the government," the official said.

Obama and his aides face difficult choices on the fate of the U.S. auto industry, weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jumpstart the economy.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are racing against a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government. The plans are to be followed by weeks of intense negotiations ahead of a March 31 deadline for the final versions of the reports.

GM and Chrysler are living off a combined \$13.4 billion

in government loans. If they don't receive concessions by March 31, they face the prospect of having the loans pulled, followed by bankruptcy proceedings.

Any bankruptcy would be particularly painful, with some economists predicting the country could lose 2 million to 3 million jobs this year and the unemployment rate, now 7.6 percent, could swell past 9 percent by the spring of 2010.

In television interviews Sunday, White House senior adviser David Axelrod didn't respond directly when asked if the U.S. economy could withstand a GM bankruptcy. Nor did he directly address a question about whether the Obama administration would let GM go into bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to prejudge anything. I think that there is going to have to be a restructuring of those companies. I'm not going to get into the mode of how that happens. We'll wait and see what they have to say on Tuesday," he told "Fox News Sunday."

Executives at the two automakers have said bankruptcy is not an option

because consumers would not buy cars from a company that might go out of business.

"How that restructuring comes is something that has to be determined," Axelrod said. "But it's going to be something that's going to require sacrifice not just from the auto workers but also from creditors, from shareholders and the executives who run the company. And everyone's going to have to get together here to build companies that can compete in the future."

Enter the President's Task Force on Autos. That group will use officials from the departments of Treasury, Labor, Transportation, Commerce and Energy. Members of the National Economic Council, the White House Office of Energy and Environment, the Council of Economic Advisers and the Environmental Protection Agency will also be involved, according to the administration official.

Obama also plans to name restructuring expert Ron Bloom a senior adviser to Geithner.

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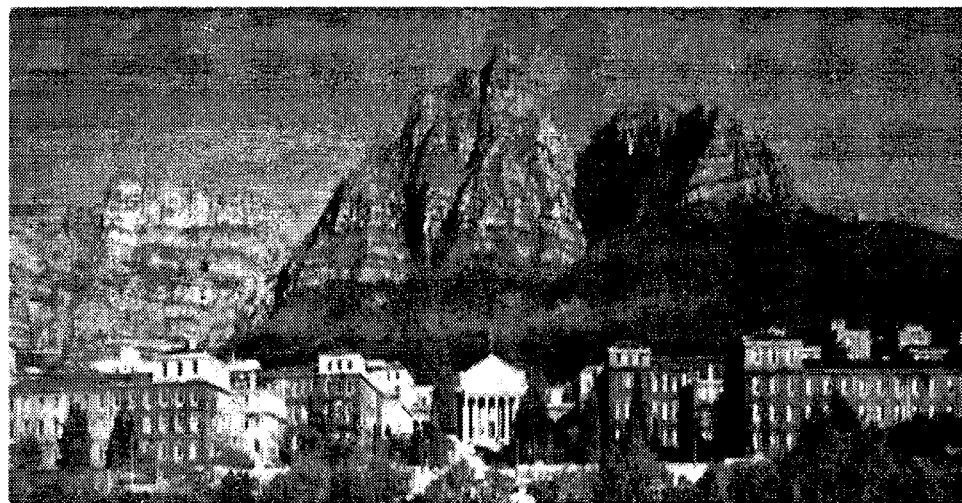
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# Washington painting gets touchup, frame

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The iconic painting that depicts George Washington crossing the Delaware River is getting even more dazzling. The plain frame that held the room-size painting is being replaced with an ornate recreation of its original.

A recently discovered photograph showing Emanuel Leutze's "Washington Crossing the Delaware" with an elaborate border during an 1864 exhibition inspired the Metropolitan Museum of Art to replace the plain frame.

The masterwork's current frame "minimized it," said Carrie Rebora Barratt, the Met's curator of American paintings and sculpture, although it's difficult to imagine how the painting, more than 21 feet by 12 feet, could be missed.

Leutze painted the masterpiece in 1851, depicting Washington and his companions crossing an ice-strewn Delaware River from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. Washington crossed the river on Dec. 25, 1776, in a surprise attack during the Revolutionary War.

Eli Wilner, whose company has made frames for the Met, was hired to recreate the original golden frame — an intricate and large project that takes up more than 250 square feet at Wilner's workshop in Queens.

Leutze had specifically

ordered the original, which bore shields at each corner and was topped with an eagle crest and a ribbon that marked lines from George Washington's eulogy: "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen."

In the world of frame-making, "this is by far the largest complex project that anyone's ever undertaken in America," Wilner said.

About 30 employees have been involved since the process began in November 2007. Wilner said an Ecuadorean carver, Felix Teran, spent nearly eight months creating the pieces for the crest.

Work continues on the new frame, as employees painstakingly apply clay to the shields or thousands of thin gold leaves to gild the wood.

Wilner and the Met wouldn't disclose the cost of the frame, but Wilner said anyone who wanted to repeat the effort could expect to pay around \$800,000.

He expected to finish by the end of the March, but the frame would stay with the company for about two years while the Met renovates the American wing, where the painting has hung for decades.

As work is done to the gallery space, the painting has been moved to another section in its second-floor home because it's too big to fit into an elevator. Rolling it up — as it was transported to the museum more than a century ago — would cause damage.

# Sin City worries about its image

Companies cancel Las Vegas meetings for fear of appearing frivolous

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sin City is worried that its well-honed style is crimping its business.

Born of carefully crafted slogans — "What happens here stays here" — and smiling, sequined showgirls, the image of a 24-hour adult Disneyland with free-flowing booze and casino chips is making the tourist destination seem radioactive to companies keen on not appearing frivolous as they seek government bailouts.

In the past two weeks, at least four major companies canceled meetings worth hundreds of thousands of dollars — not because of costs but because of appearances. Even President Barack Obama questioned the propriety of flying off to Las Vegas if taxpayers were helping foot the bill.

Tourism officials, already nervous after watching meeting and convention attendance decline 5 percent in 2008, are challenging the impression that business meetings are wasteful — especially those conducted under the neon lights of Las Vegas.

"It's necessary, for us to thrive in this community, that folks come here and realize that this is not some stepchild," Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said. "This is a very important place for people to conduct very important business."

Goodman — who often appears at functions with a showgirl at each arm — sent a letter this week to Obama objecting to his remarks.

"You can't get corporate jets, you can't go take a trip to Las Vegas or go down to the Super Bowl on the taxpayer's dime," Obama said during a town hall

meeting in Indiana.

Obama's comment came after Wells Fargo & Co. canceled a conference at two high-end Las Vegas hotels in response to a barrage of criticism from Capitol Hill after The Associated Press reported on the company's previous luxury-laden trips for its top employees.

The company, which received a \$25 billion bailout, cried foul in a full-page New York Times ad and said media reports about bailed-out companies have been "deliberately misleading." The bank said it would cancel all its recognition events this year.

Wells Fargo is not alone. Since the fall, companies that have taken \$277 billion in federal assistance through the Troubled Asset Relief Program have faced increased scrutiny for travel practices by lawmakers and an angry public.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. moved a three-day conference from the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino to San Francisco, incurring a \$600,000 cancellation penalty to skip town. U.S. Bancorp, which received \$6.6 billion, dropped plans to reward top managers with a trip to Naples, Fla. Morgan Stanley, which has received \$10 billion in bailout funds, canceled a trip for top employees to Monte Carlo.

Roger Dow, president of the Travel Industry Association, called the growing attention "paralyzing" for corporate meetings and events, which represent 15 percent of all travel spending nationwide.

"We have to stop this from being epidemic," said Dow.

Dow said Wells Fargo should not have canceled.

"Personally, I wish that ad had said, 'It was a perfect business

expense to get the money back to the American taxpayer faster, and this is one of the tools that we use and we will defend them and show anybody that is curious why they are effective and why they have a great bottom-line result for this organization,'" Dow said.

Michael Massari, vice president of meeting sales and operations for Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., in Las Vegas, said some companies shouldn't have planned trips in the first place.

"If there are meetings that you're having that are lavish and are boondoggles or that are no longer productive because of the expense, that have diminishing returns, then good companies should stop doing those things," he said.

Massari, however, said the vast majority of meetings — in Las Vegas and elsewhere — are well thought-out.

Those who promote Las Vegas, the nation's top business travel destination, are quick to list reasons why it's a good place to book meetings. Easy airline access. 140,000 hotel rooms. Low rates. Plentiful convention facilities. A wide range of dining and entertainment options.

Las Vegas hosted more than 22,000 meetings, conventions and trade shows last year, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, which markets the city to leisure and business travelers.

For years that promotion has unabashedly included gambling and nightlife. On the convention authority's Web site, a section for meeting planners features photographs of showgirls, the Las Vegas Strip and a roulette wheel.

# Producers reeling from outbreak

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — With hundreds of thousands of Americans out of work and the economy in a nosedive, the U.S. peanut industry expected sales to soar this year.

Americans tend to turn to peanut products to stretch their food dollars in tough times, avoiding more expensive protein sources such as steak and ground beef.

Enter an ongoing salmonella outbreak that has sickened some 600 people in 43 states and been linked to nine deaths, and those rosy predictions after a record growing season have been dashed.

"They've tainted our entire industry," said Shelly Nutt, executive director of the peanut producers board in Texas, the nation's second largest growing state behind Georgia. "Public perception is killing us."

More than 2,000 products have been recalled — one of the largest in U.S. history. And the damage was done by a small player in the industry — Virginia-based Peanut Corp. of America. Two of the company's plants — in Blakely, Ga., and in Plainview, Texas — have been shuttered after salmonella contamination was found.

The company, which has filed

for bankruptcy, handles no more than 2.5 percent of all peanuts processed, yet sales of jarred peanut butter plummeted 22 percent nationwide for the four weeks ending Jan. 24 compared with the same period last year, Nutt said. February's numbers will likely worsen significantly, she said.

The devastating news came after peanut growers nationwide last year produced a record crop — 2.6 million tons. So many peanuts created a surplus, leading some producers to consider not planting them this year.

Texas produced 430,000 tons while Georgia had 1.2 million tons. All those peanuts are a big part of each state's economies, worth up to \$1 billion in Texas and \$2.5 billion in Georgia.

Patrick Archer, president of the American Peanut Council, an umbrella organization representing the industry's three major segments — growers, shellers and manufacturers — said he was aghast at the negligence he says was shown by Peanut Corp. President Stewart G. Parnell, who investigators have alleged knowingly distributed tainted products.

Parnell "failed Americans and failed again by refusing to show remorse and or accountability for those uncon-

scionable" actions, Archer said. Peanut Corp. denies any wrongdoing.

American food manufacturers use almost 2 billion pounds of peanuts a year in a range of products. More than 1 billion pounds go into peanut butter.

Recalls now include cookies, crackers, cereal, candy, ice cream, pet treats and much more and the government has started a criminal investigation.

Regaining consumer confidence is paramount, and food manufacturers may be hesitant to purchase large quantities of peanuts, given the plummeting demand following the outbreak, West Texas peanut farmer Ted Higginbottom said.

"It is unfortunate peanut farmers can do everything right to produce a healthy and safe product to feed both their families and the nation, and then have to carry the burden for something they could not control," he said.

The outbreak was traced to Peanut Corp.'s Blakely, Ga., plant, where inspectors found roaches, mold and a leaking roof. A Food and Drug Administration inspection report found that the company shipped peanut products that tested positive for salmonella on 12 occasions from the plant from 2007-2008.

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## Notre Rome

I visited a friend in Rome this past weekend. To clarify, I am studying abroad in Innsbruck this year, so it wasn't a Chicago-Rome weekend connection or anything. But as we toured the beautiful city, I was astonished by what struck me the most.

They are copying us.

It was like walking through an Italian Notre Dame. First, my friend Kyle showed me the stadium (top priority, just like at Notre Dame). We didn't manage to get tickets for anything, but we figured it would still be nice to see. But as I stared up at the huge brick, mortar and stone that uninterruptedly encapsulated the arena within, I was reminded peculiarly of Notre Dame Stadium. No touchdown Jesus staring from behind the — wait, actually, no goal posts either. To think, a stadium with no football!

As we toured it, though, I did feel a little consolation in learning that it only holds 50,000 people, palling in comparison to Notre Dame's circa

80,000. And you should see the upkeep here! Field rotted through, bleachers completely gone, I don't know how people can stand it. Or stand on it, for that matter.

Next, Kyle took us to the hill. Admittedly, we do not have one of those in South Bend. But on top of it was this huge complex with a gym and track and pool and living quarters — all in the same building! At Notre Dame we at least spread that out, separate residential from recreational. We don't have palm trees, but one thing ostensibly missing from Rome? Ducks. Not that they are related to palm trees, but I'm just saying, we have ducks.

After that, Kyle took us to the "Forum." Not to rub it in, Rome, but we have one of those, too ...

From the pedestrian-only (sound familiar?) Forum, we headed to the Vatican. This was actually the next day, after having had enough of Rome's unoriginality and needing an overnight break. It had nothing to do with being tired or needing sleep. Of course not; not in the eternal city.

I entered hopefully: Maybe the Roman Catholic Church could do better within the borders of its self-regulated nation. The first thing I notice? Priests. Everywhere. And nuns. I didn't have to think too hard to remember where I've seen that before.

Walking through the doors, I was, as most people who have visited can also attest to, instantly met with a sense of awe by the grandeur and sheer size of St. Peter's Basilica.

And even this did not last. This was getting tiring. As we walked in further, I saw, above the altar, an enormous dome with — get this — blue and gold painted the whole way around! Oh, the humanity! They took the main ideas from our two most treasured buildings and combined them into one!

I was confused. How could Rome be that unoriginal? Do they not realize that these are our traditions? How embarrassing! Maybe sometime the Romans will make it to Notre Dame and see how widespread our culture is, to reach them in Rome all the way from northern Indiana. I hope that they're proud of it. Two thousand years of rigid tradition is great, if you know for sure that's what you want.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Respect for flag

Last night I had the unfortunate task of trekking across South Quad a few minutes before 9 p.m. My Notre Dame fleece was little protection against the monsoon-like conditions, which I (as a southern California native) still can't comprehend. But what really bothered me was that the flag on South Quad remained at full mast in the sideways rain, battered like a ship from its moorings in a tempest. This is against all rules of etiquette regarding the Star-Spangled Banner. I hope that in the future whoever is in charge of the

flag pole, whether it is General Services or Groundskeeping or what, will take better care to preserve the integrity of the flag as a symbol and the individual flag which suffers damage in poor weather conditions.

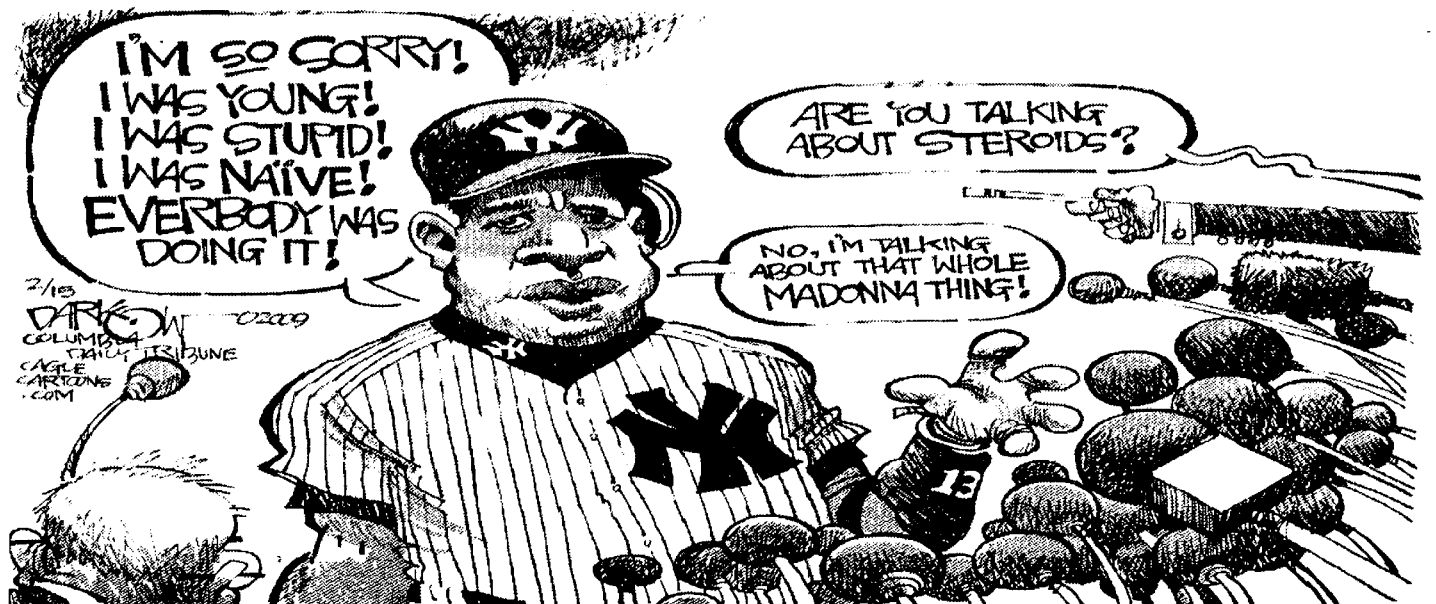
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Feb. 4

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"If man is to survive, he will have learned to take a delight in the essential differences between men and between cultures. He will learn that differences in ideas and attitudes are a delight, part of life's exciting variety, not something to fear."*

Gene Roddenberry  
screenwriter/producer

## How Notre Dame sneakily killed off the Queer Film Festival

Three years ago, when pinned down by the media, Father John Jenkins told the New York Times, Associated Press and Fox News Channel that — gulp, yeah, okay — the Queer Film Festival could continue.

The festival usually occurs this month around Valentine's Day. Where is it?

Well, not only will there be no gay film festival this year, it's probably kaput for good. After failing to snuff out the festival in its early years by force of will, Notre Dame recently succeeded in killing it off quietly, slowly and deviously behind the scenes. The result: a gay bashing successfully-pulled off by one of the most notoriously anti-gay universities in America.

The Notre Dame Queer Film Festival was launched in 2004 by the gay student group OutreachND, the Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College, the Gender Studies Program, the Counseling Center and the Departments of English, History, Anthropology and Film, Television and Theater.

Over the next few years, as an academic event, the Queer Film Festival was a smash success, staging, for example, the Indiana premiere of "Brokeback Mountain" and drawing such notable filmmakers to campus as John Cameron Mitchell ("Hedwig and the Angry Inch"), Notre Dame alum Don Roos ("The

Opposite of Sex," "Boys on the Side," "Single White Female"), Brian Dannelly ("Saved") and four-time Tony Award winner Terrence McNally ("Love! Valor! Compassion!").

It was a miracle, frankly, that the Queer Film Festival was permitted to exist at such a conservative Catholic school, but it got launched in the waning days of the presidency of Monk Malloy, who was too battle-weary to put up a fight. Over previous years, Malloy had mounted a zealous crusade against homosexuality — at one point even throwing the gay-student group off campus — that not only failed, but resulted in his public humiliation when the Faculty and Student Senates passed resolutions denouncing his actions. Throughout the drama, the gay students were valiantly backed up by public protest events involving faculty and hundreds of straight students.

When Jenkins became president, it was obvious that he wanted to kill off the festival. He said in a speech to students and faculty: "Precisely because academic freedom is such a sacred value, we must be clear about its appropriate limits. I do not believe that freedom of expression has absolute priority in every circumstance."

On the eve of the Queer Film Festival opening in 2006, reporters from the New York Times, Associated Press and Fox News Channel landed on campus to see what Jenkins would do.

Before Jenkins could do anything, he

got upstaged and overruled. The New York Times reporter got to Father Theodore Hesburgh, who endorsed the fest, as he had years earlier when he'd met privately with the festival organizers and literally gave us his blessing.

"I think the real test of a great university is that you are fair to the opposition and that you get their point of view out there," Hesburgh told the Times. "You engage them. You want to get students' minds working. You don't want mindless Catholics. You want intelligent, successful Catholics."

How could Jenkins — so new on the job — contradict Hesburgh, Notre Dame's saintly champion of civil rights? He couldn't. So when Jenkins was asked by journalists if he'll permit the gay film festival to continue in the future, he said — with obvious reluctance — yes.

Then the slow, quiet strangulation began to occur behind the scenes. One year later, Notre Dame actually refused to permit the event to use the word "festival" in its title because, foes said, it suggests that the school "celebrates homosexuality." So the event struggled on under the clunky title "Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectatorships."

In 2007, Notre Dame dealt the final death blow. Not only was the gay and lesbian film festival no longer permitted to use the word "festival," it was forbidden to use the words "gay," "lesbian" or "queer" in its title!

That nearly killed it, of course. How could it go on without being able to identify itself? Somehow it managed, though. One last time. The event proceeded with no prominent filmmakers in attendance and under the ridiculous name, "Classics: Reimagining Sexuality and the Self in Recent American Cinema."

The result was such a ho-hum disaster that no plans were made to stage it again this year.

But why hasn't anyone noticed? And why haven't Notre Dame leaders been denounced for the shocking way they killed off the fest? Why hasn't the Faculty or Student Senate issued new resolutions denouncing the university for this?

Well, let me speak up loudly on the matter: Shame, shame on old Notre Dame.

At a time when most major Catholic universities are embracing and supporting their gay students, many even including a nondiscrimination clause against sexual orientation in their school policies, Notre Dame has again proven to be a most unchristian institution that officially practices prejudice.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Financial strain may hurt academic reputation

I was glad to see Father Jenkins' statement that Notre Dame's financial situation is manageable for the present time. However, I believe he is missing out on the other half of this issue with the current economic downturn. I am concerned with a drop in Notre Dame's academic reputation because a lot of accepted kids are not going to be able to afford Notre Dame this year. The "EFC" is still going to be too risky for families worrying if the parents will have a job. You can see that by the recent statement of the University of Michigan's President "welcoming back" private university (she used Dartmouth as an example) transfers back to Michigan if they had been accepted previously. This is a good example of poaching by the top state schools, thus increasing their academic status.

I think Father Jenkins needs to lead an effort by Notre Dame to help families manage this uncertainty, or Notre Dame will see increased loss of the upper middle class kids that have been accepted (and have been told to pay the \$50K/yr) and have been told by their parents they cannot attend Notre Dame because of their parents' job uncertainty. Notre Dame's drive toward a preeminent research university will be undercut if the admissions' yield rate goes substantially down for the Class of 2013 and they accept less qualified students.

Paul Kane  
alum  
class of 1980  
Feb. 12

## Embrace the mud

I was appalled and ashamed of my dear friend, Steve DeLaurentis, when I found he wrote the Feb. 11 Viewpoint letter, "Please save me from the mud." In the letter, he notes all the great upsides of warm weather, only to viciously attack one of the results of that weather: the mud. However, his arguments are not only false, but deeply offensive. First and foremost, who is Steve to criticize the brilliant planning of pathway paving at Notre Dame? Little does he realize that by creating paths "poured in nonsensical patterns," the incredible planners at Notre Dame try to make sure that we students, hurrying as fast as possible in the sub-zero temperatures, take time to enjoy the wintry, freezing surroundings. By cutting across quads, Steve and his dastardly comrades bypass this plan and actually sully our beautiful lawns.

Secondly, and possibly more importantly, why do you critique mud, one of the great substances of Earth? Sure, it may dirty your sneakers, but its benefits are so much greater. Without mud, our friends below the border in Mexico could never have fashioned their adobe buildings. Furthermore, without mud, there could be no mud wrestling, a fun and athletic form of exercise in which many a female friend loves to participate.

So, Steve, I urge you: Forget your shoes and learn to love the mud.

Colin Keeler  
freshman  
Stanford Hall  
Feb. 12

## Teach for a number of reasons

As a former Teach For America corps member, I felt compelled to respond to Brad Blomstrom's Viewpoint piece, "Teach for amateurs" (Feb. 11). Following my graduation from Notre Dame in 2004, I joined Teach For America and taught kindergarten, first grade and special education inclusion in Houston, Texas for two years. As a first year teacher, my kindergarten and first grade students made significant academic gains in the classroom by achieving a year and a half of growth in reading and math in just nine months. As a second year teacher, my kindergarten students placed fifth in the district on the Stanford 10 Achievement Test and had learned an average of 95 sight words. After two years of teaching in Houston, I moved back to South Bend and taught Kindergarten for two more years at Coquillard Primary School. I am currently at Harvard Graduate School of Education pursuing my Masters in Education and I hope to return to the classroom. Nearly five years later, I remain dedicated to Teach

For America's mission of providing educational opportunity for all.

Perhaps the most significant and exciting aspect of Teach For America is that the impact I was able to make is far from unique to my classroom. Independent research has consistently shown the effectiveness of corps members in our nation's highest-need schools. For example, in 2008, a study published by the Urban Institute found that high school students taught by Teach For America teachers outperform their peers, even those taught by fully certified teachers, and the positive difference of having a Teach For America teacher was three times greater than having a teacher with three or more years experience. To me, that data serves as a testament to the effectiveness of our selection model and the training which corps members receive, as well as a powerful reminder of the growth in achievement that is made possible by top recent college graduates in classrooms across the country. Spending the past four

years in the classroom with students, who never thought they could attend college, let alone an institution like Notre Dame, has driven me to dedicate my life to influencing public education in our nation for the better, well beyond my two-year commitment. My experience has profoundly changed me, as it does my fellow Teach For America alums. That's why 67 percent of former corps members remain in the field of education, while 93 percent of Teach For America alums remain in positions that directly impact low-income communities in some way. There are a number of reasons why I teach for America — Sebastian, Mary, and Jay/Den are just a few — but none of them remotely resemble Blomstrom's suggested motives.

Lucy Patranella Dubon  
alum  
class of 2004  
Feb. 11



# Sheik returns with Whisper House

By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Editor

Even if Duncan Sheik is barely breathing, his newest album, "Whisper House," shows that he's still in musical control.

Sheik is a singer-songwriter best known for his 1996 hit single "Barely Breathing," which almost won him a Grammy for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance in 1998. In the 13 years since that debut, Sheik's career has taken some surprising turns. "Whisper House" is the artist's latest foray into film and theater — the album's 11 tracks are selections from an upcoming stage musical of the same title.

"Whisper House" opens with "Better to Be Dead" the most clearly narrative track on the album. "And though I'm sad to say it/ she would be better off dead," Sheik sings of one character. He and supporting vocalist Holly Brook alternately describe different characters who, for lack of a better phrase, would be better off dead.

The track's slow, heavy tone adds to its storytelling sensibilities. As Sheik sings at one point, "Life is naught but pain/ It's better to be dead/ Release your heavy heart/ Rest your weary head."

Sheik then eases into "We're Here to Tell You," whose creepy tone and waning vocals create the aura of ghostliness that returns throughout the work. "We're here to tell you/ ghosts are here for good," he sings. "If this doesn't terrify you, it should." Sheik's voice has a subtle, almost casual quality to it that cab risk boring his listeners, but he toes that line well on "We're Here to Tell You" and elsewhere on "Whisper House."

Brook's vocals are prominent on the album's third track, "And Now We Sing." The track helps to establish one of the

album's enduring traits — its sparse, simplistic use of instrumentation. While much of "Whisper House" is based in Sheik's acoustic guitar, the mellow guitar work is often accented by the trumpet, the bells and the occasional oboe. Two of these appear in "And Now We Sing," with the oboe wafting through the background of the track. It is the final note of the trumpet, however, that lends an air of loneliness and solitude to the song.

One of the album's quirkier tracks is "The Tale of Solomon Snell," the story "of an unfortunate man." Sheik's lyrical stylings are at their peak here. His Solomon Snell is no match for his biblical namesake, choosing safety rather than risk. "No matter what you do," Sheik sings, "you'll never be safe." The track's use of bells adds a whimsical touch to a melancholy track, and the song toys with an almost folk-like feel.

Like others on "Whisper House," "The Tale of Solomon Snell" also makes use of sparse orchestral elements, and the song is one of several that are vaguely reminiscent of Sufjan Stevens. The male-female vocals are soft and harmonic, but Sheik's rich, distinctive voice anchors the track.

One of the album's more upbeat pieces is "Play Your Part," a lighthearted ditty that most clearly echoes Sheik's past work. Other highlights include "How It Feels," a slow, dreamlike track that makes effective use of Brooks' talent, and "Take a Bow," one of the more energetic selections from "Whisper House."

The final song, "The Ghost in You," is a peaceful closing to the album, combining piano elements with soft and swirling vocals. The track is a bonus for the album's iTunes release.

Sheik, a native of New Jersey and South Carolina, first hit it big with his 1996 self-titled release. Other studio albums include 2001's "Phantom Moon," 2002's "Daylight," and 2006's "White Limousine."

Sheik's foray into stage musicals is the latest branch of his career. He spent more than seven years working closely with poet and writer Steven Sater on "Spring Awakening," a musical adaptation of an infamous 1891 German play. "Spring Awakening" went on to win eight Tony awards after its Broadway debut in 2007, infused by Sheik's alt-rock and folk score.

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## Whisper House Duncan Sheik

Label: RCA Victor

Recommended Tracks: "Play Your Part," "Earthbound Starlight," "The Ghost In You" and "And Now We Sing."





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By ANALISE LIPARI

Scene Editor

The spring schedule at the Morris Performing Arts Center is currently well underway.

With musicians, orchestras and touring stage plays on the roster, the venue will no doubt be hosting a slew of members of the South Bend and Notre Dame communities.

On Feb. 27, singer and musician Bonnie Raitt will perform at the Morris. Best known to college-age audience members for her track, "Something to Talk About," Raitt's blues stylings have won her nine Grammy awards over the course of her career.

The daughter of Broadway star John Raitt, Raitt's past releases include 1989's "Nick of Time," 1991's "Luck of the Draw," 2002's "Silver Lining" and 2005's "Souls Alike." She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000.

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra will be performing on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Morris, presenting their new program, "Tales of the Classical Guitar." The concert is set to feature classical guitarist Robert Belin, who has toured through Europe and the United States. "Tales of the Classical Guitar" will include renditions of Maurice Ravel's "Mother goose Suite," Zoltan Kodaly's "Hary Janos Suite" and Joaquin Rodrigo's "concierto de Aranjuez."

In keeping with their series of touring Broadway shows, the Morris is following up January's showing of "Spamalot" with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on March 13 and 14. "Spelling Bee" won two Tony awards in 2006 for its original Broadway production.

This one act musical comedy centers on a fictional spelling bee at the fic-

tional Putnam Valley Middle School. The show is unique in its improvisational techniques, which include asking three or four audience members to also participate in that night's spelling bee.

Students should also note that tickets are currently on sale at the Morris Web site for the Umphrey's McGee concert on April 18. The band last came to the South Bend area in September of 2008, playing a sold-out show at St. Patrick's Park in Mishawaka.

A group of Notre Dame alumni themselves, Umphrey's is looking to capitalize on their grow-

ing student audience at this upcoming performance.

Their jam-band style appeals well to college students' tastes. The group opened for Dave Matthews Band in 2007, and the influence is visible in their tastes and performing style, which often allows for improvisation from night to night. Brendan Bayliss, a member of Umphrey's McGee, described their sound in a Sept. 4 interview with the Observer as "self-indulgent orchestral rock."

"We're kind of all over the map," he said. "So we're a little progressive in that way. It depends on what night you see us, really, and what environ-

ment we're in.

"We have musical ADD — we're never really in the same spot."

The band will take to the stage of the Morris in April, returning once more to the home of their alma mater.

The band has also played concerts in South Bend on the opening football weekend of each Fighting Irish football season.

Students interested in purchasing tickets to any of these events can visit the Morris Performing Arts Center Web site at [www.morriscenter.org](http://www.morriscenter.org).

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Umphrey's McGee, a band with roots at Notre Dame, will come to the Morris Performing Arts Center on April 18. Tickets are currently on sale for the show.

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## BENGAL BOUTS

# Golab wins unanimous decision against Perry

*Hagmann wears out Vignali over three rounds in win; Jackson stays aggressive all fight to defeat Carrier*

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Sports Writers

## 175-pound division

### Dominic Golab def. Jonathon Parry

After the two boxers exchanged numerous even blows of all sorts before the first bell, Golab evaded Parry's punches in the second two rounds while delivering many of his own. By the end of the third round, Parry was thoroughly gassed, leaving himself defenseless to Golab's closing blows, thus granting Golab a win unanimously.

### Joe Hagmann def. Peter Vignali

Sporting knee-high socks, Hagmann simply wore Vignali out over three rounds. During the opening round, Vignali had Hagmann pinned against the ropes, but once Hagmann escaped he was able to tag Vignali in the head just before the bell. Following this blow, the fight continued in Hagmann's favor throughout, as he bloodied Vignali's nose in the final round en route to a unanimous decision.

### Pat Jackson def. Patrick Carrier

Jackson opened the first round aggressively with repeated right-left combinations. In the second round Carrier landed multiple strong right hooks to Jackson's head in a row.

As the third round began, Carrier dominated the first encounter of the round, but before long he was too exhausted to defend himself from Jackson's rapid jabs, tilting the fight to a unanimous decision for Jackson.

### Mike Lee def. Adam Zaabel

Lee tried to go on the offensive early with an arsenal of right hooks and body shots but Zaabel was able to successfully parry most of Lee's offensive and land a few left jabs of his own. However, Lee took control at the start of the second round with a devastating combo. By the third round, Zaabel was trying unsuccessfully to evade Lee's restless assault who won in a unanimous decision.

### Jim Hasson def. Ryan Simmons

Hasson started out the contest with several combos and jabs while Simmons tried to counter with a series of jabs as well. Hasson started and finished the second round with a series of combos to the head of Simmons who countered Hasson with a powerful left hook.

Simmons tried to counter

Hasson, but was worn out by Hasson's earlier efforts. Hasson prevailed with a unanimous decision.

### Bill Straccia def. Gavin Payne

Straccia used a powerful right hook to knock Payne off his feet early in the first round. Early in the second round, Payne used a right hook of his own to try and level the playing field between the two, but Straccia landed several powerful head blows that kept the momentum in his favor. In the third round, Straccia used a series of combos to force Payne to be defensive and ultimately allowing Straccia to earn a unanimous victory.

### Mike Doran def. Brian Tower

Doran went on the offensive early while Tower used defense to parry most of Doran's attack. The two continued their stalemate into the second round with Doran landing several jabs to Tower's head while Tower landed several right hooks. The bout swung into Doran's favor in the third round where he attacked Tower with several spurts of quick jabs. Doran won in a unanimous decision.

### Joseph Meares def. Ethan McWilliams

It took three rounds and two bloody noses for the judges to name junior Joseph Meares the winner by split decision. Despite being knocked down twice by law student Ethan McWilliams, Meares seemed to have a slight edge for the last two rounds of the fight, ending the last round with a nice combination of hooks that probably lingered in the judges' minds when they made their decisions.

## 185-pound division

### Leo J. Rubikowski def. Jason Healy

Healy fought tough throughout all three rounds, getting in his share of punches, but Rubikowski proved to be too quick and strong. The tall southpaw won by unanimous decision.

### Dan Murphy def. Peter Teneriello

Both boxers came out with a lightning pace, and the tempo stayed fast for all three rounds despite the numerous breaks to stop Teneriello's bleeding. Murphy, however, was too much for Teneriello, and won by unanimous decision.

### Raphael Diaz def. David Fosselman

The match was fought fairly evenly through the first round but Diaz claimed the advantage in the second. Fosselman gave his best



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Danny Chapman, right, and Patrick Martin exchange punches during Martin's win during the preliminary round of Bengal Bouts Sunday night.

effort to even things up in the third but Diaz had enough left in the tank and ended up winning this exciting contest by unanimous decision.

### Jordan Smith def. Doug Presutti

Smith had the advantage from start to finish, and would not let up on Presutti. Smith fought aggressively and dominantly, and was rewarded with a unanimous first-round victory.

### Ted Grosseteuer def. Jonathan Baker (185)

It was apparent early that graduate student Jonathan Baker's strategy was to work the body, causing senior Ted Grosseteuer to fight more defensively in the first round.

A bloody nose stopped the fight in the third and after what was one of the day's more even matches the judges declared Grosseteuer the winner by split decision.

### Chris Hapak def. Chris Lacosta

Graduate student Chris Hapak opened up freshman Chris Lacosta early and never seemed to let up. Lacosta got worked into the corners throughout the early rounds, where he fell victim to several punishing blows and quick combos.

After being knocked down in the second round, however, Lacosta got up and started landing punches of his own. Hapak won by unanimous decision, but credit should be given to Lacosta for what would've enduring a tough fight for any freshman.

### Brian O'Connor def. Jay Smith

This was probably the closest fight of the weight class. These were two boxers with two very different strategies, but it still provided the audience with an entertaining matchup. For every head shot that O'Connor landed Smith responded with a jab to the body. In the end O'Connor won by split decision.

### John Tchoula def. Yong Xiang Zheng

It's strange how quickly the tides can turn. Yong Xiang Zheng started off in great form, landing two quick, powerful jabs to sophomore John Tchoula's head. It only took another 20 seconds, however, for Tchoula to win the fight at the referee's discretion. After landing a powerful uppercut, Tchoula waited as Zheng was given the 10-count and decided that the fight could not go on.

## 200-pound division

### Kiel Hockett def. David Thaxton

Both fighters came out aggressively, but Hockett gained the advantage after the first two rounds. By the third, however, both fighters became fatigued and Thaxton managed to land a few more punches. It was enough only to achieve a split decision, as Hockett ended up victorious.

### Bart Dear def. Giacomo Minafra

The last match of the evening proved to be one of the most exciting, as both fighters came out at a vicious pace. Minafra

refused to stop and take a breath throughout the entire first round. His tenacity gave him an advantage early but forced him to back off and protect himself in the later rounds as he became fatigued. By split decision, Bart Dear managed a come-from-behind victory.

### Matt Bono def. Jason Heaser

Neither fighter seemed to have any advantage at the end of this fight. While Bono landed more punches Heaser landed harder ones. The intensity never slack during this fight and it was one of the few fights where the decision could've gone either way. In the end, however, senior Matt Bono got the nod over grad student Jason Heaser.

### Matt Gray vs. Sean Callinan

These were two of the most aggressive fighters of the day. There was never a period longer than the three seconds where the two weren't throwing punches. It wasn't until the second round where Matt Gray seemed to pull away as the favorite after landing several clean headshots. The match ended after Gray landed another clean combo, and he won by unanimous decision.

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2	Pittsburgh	10-2
3	Marquette	10-2
4	Louisville	10-2
5	Villanova	8-4
6	Providence	8-5
7	Syracuse	7-6
8	Cincinnati	7-6
9	West Virginia	6-6
9	NOTRE DAME	5-7
11	Seton Hall	5-7
12	Georgetown	4-8
13	South Florida	3-9
14	St. John's	3-10
15	Rutgers	1-11
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14	Cincinnati	3-8
15	Providence	3-8
16	Seton Hall	3-9

## Women's MIAA Basketball Standings

	team	record
1	Hope	13-1
2	SAINT MARY'S	12-3
3	Trine	9-6
4	Calvin	8-6
5	Albion	7-7
6	Adrian	6-8
7	Alma	6-8
8	Olivet	3-11
9	Kalamazoo	0-14

## PGA



Actor Bill Murray plays a shot off the fairway at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am as storm clouds gather in the background. The final round was postponed to Monday due to rain washing out play for Sunday.

## Pro-Am final round postponed

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Raging wind that toppled a 40-foot pine and rain that formed puddles on the green forced the PGA Tour to postpone the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, giving it a Monday finish for the first time since 2000.

Tee times were pushed back six hours Sunday until another band of rain arrived on the Monterey Peninsula.

No one teed off, and there is no guarantee that the final round will be played Monday, when the forecast is for more rain

and wind.

Dustin Johnson had a four-shot lead as he tries to join Anthony Kim as the only players under 25 with multiple PGA Tour victories. A victory would give the 24-year-old Johnson a spot in the Accenture Match Play Championship at the end of the month and the first two majors of the year, including the Masters.

"I'm ready to play," Johnson said. "Obviously, I'll be real ready to play tomorrow after sitting around for a little over a day, waiting to see what's going to happen."

The last Monday finish at Pebble Beach came in

2000, when Tiger Woods rallied to win from five shots behind, including a seven-shot deficit with seven holes to play. One year earlier, the late Payne Stewart had a one-shot lead through 54 holes when Sunday was washed out, and the tournament was cut short to 54 holes because of a storm system that stretched to Japan.

Mike Weir was four shots behind, in the final group at Pebble for the second time in four years, and wasn't ready to go anywhere.

"I want to play. I'm glad they made this decision," he said. "Today, tomor-

row, doesn't matter. I'm here to try to win this tournament."

A forecast of wind and rain made it even more enticing for Weir, who might need some help from Johnson.

"It will be tough on everybody," Weir said. "It will be fun to see what happens. There might be some ugly golf out there, but it will be fun to see who can handle it."

Mark Russell, the PGA Tour tournament director at Pebble, said if half of the field completes the fourth round on Monday, the tour is required to complete all 72 holes no matter how long it takes.

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## IN BRIEF

### Curry's X-rays negative, day-to-day with sprain

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Davidson star guard Stephen Curry's injured left ankle is not broken, and the nation's leading scorer will be listed as day-to-day.

Curry met with doctors on Sunday, a scheduled off day from practice, and underwent X-rays that were negative. Coach Bob McKillop said Curry will sit out Monday's practice, but no determination has been made for Wednesday's game against Southern Conference foe The Citadel.

The Wildcats (22-4, 15-1) host No. 15 Butler on Saturday in a Bracketbusters game.

"Stephen is very resilient, and he has already gotten terrific care from our medical team," McKillop said. "We will monitor his progress on a day-to-day basis."

Curry did not speak to reporters Sunday, and the school provided no further details on the severity of the sprain.

### Bills' Lynch arrested on weapons charges

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch was arrested in Southern California on a weapons charge, police said Sunday.

Police said Lynch was arrested Wednesday night after officers approached him and two other men sitting in a 2006 Mercedes-Benz in this Los Angeles suburb and found a loaded firearm.

Lynch was arrested after officers determined the gun belonged to him. He was released that night on \$35,000 bail.

Culver City police did not immediately return a phone message seeking information about why officers approached Lynch and his companions.

Lynch's lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, said his client was not involved in a traffic incident. Schwartzbach said the player was in California to visit friends.

A Bills spokesman had no comment.

### Kenseth wins rain shortened Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Matt Kenseth drove from the back of the field to take the Daytona 500 lead minutes before the sky opened up, handing the former series champion his first victory in NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

Coming off one of the worst seasons of his career, Kenseth's bad luck followed him into Daytona International Speedway. He wrecked his primary car, had to go to a backup and started Sunday's race in last place.

But as rain closed in on the season-opening event, the field turned it up a notch — anticipating the race would not go the distance. Kenseth used a huge push from Kevin Harvick to pass Elliott Sadler with 54 laps to go. Caution came out moments later for an accident started by Paul Menard, and the rain that had been threatening all day finally arrived.

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## No. 22 Illini hold off Hoosiers' second half scoring rally

Virginia ends losing streak, takes down No. 12 Clemson; Loyola-Chicago defeats No. 12 Butler in teams' second meeting

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent halftime explaining what it would take to knock out Indiana.

The words didn't exactly resonate inside the locker room.

After the 22nd-ranked Fighting Illini shot 63 percent in the first half and built a 21-point lead, Illinois spent the second half fending off Indiana's feisty rally and held on for a 65-52 victory Sunday.

"No matter what you say at halftime, they're not going to have the same edge," Weber said.

"That's where you've got to be smart. You don't hit the grand slam when no one's on base."

Weber enjoyed watching the first half when Illinois (21-5, 9-4 Big Ten) was incredibly efficient.

His team was focused, defended and repeatedly found open shooters.

The Illini turned that combination into a 17-of-27 shooting performance that included 14 assists, something Weber would have trouble replicating at practice.

But with a 17-point halftime lead and things coming so easily, his players fell into the trap. Instead of sharing the ball and playing its usual style, Illinois desperately wanted to deliver the blow that would finally make the Hoosiers (6-18, 1-11) relent.

It never happened on a day Indiana was trying to avoid setting one school record, 18 losses in a season, and tying another with 11 league losses. And it nearly cost the Illini, who have won three straight and 10 of 14 in the series.

"They changed defenses a little bit, didn't guard Chester (Frazier) and Chester got a little shook," Weber said. "Maybe you lose that mental edge a little bit."

Indiana had all kinds of problems in the first half,

most notably with Illinois' post players, Mike Davis and Mike Tisdale. Both finished with 16 points, and Davis added 10 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season.

The Hoosiers were more short-handed than usual.

Leading scorer Devan Dumes missed his second straight game since being suspended by coach Tom Crean a week ago for throwing flagrant elbows at Michigan State. Crean has been consulting with athletic director Fred Glass and conference commissioner Jim Delany to determine the

length of Dumes' punishment. Dumes missed Tuesday's game at Minnesota but Crean would not say whether Dumes will play Thursday against Wisconsin.

Illinois took advantage quickly.

It scored seven straight points to build a 17-7 lead, which the Illini extended to as much as 36-15 with 2:06 to go in the half.

For a while, it looked like Illinois was headed to a rout in this passionate border state rivalry that had all the trimmings Sunday.

Fans chanted "Shut Up Weber" several times during Indiana's comeback. Illinois guard Calvin Brock drew a technical foul after celebrating a one-handed dunk of a rebound in the second half.

But Indiana kept fighting.

"The bottom line is that these guys knew we had not competed up at Illinois, and certainly the first half was showing signs of that," Crean said. "I'd like to see how we play when we don't give a team that kind of lead to fall back on."

So after going 6-of-22 from the field in the first half, Indiana played its game.

Matt Roth, who had 13 points, and Story, who had

nine, started making shots and drawing fouls as the Hoosiers steadily chipped away at the lead.

The Hoosiers used an 11-4 spurt to get within 46-34 with 13:31 to go and when Kyle Taber, Indiana's only senior, posted up for a layup with 7:38 left, Indiana trailed 54-46. Seventy seconds later, Malik Story grabbed a defensive rebound, dribbled past four Illinois defenders and put in a layup to make it 54-48.

Frazier answered with a 3-point for Illinois and the Illini outscored Indiana 11-4 in the final five minutes to finally seal it.

"The second half, we kind of relaxed, we didn't take a lot of shots we usually take," Davis said. "But like I said, we took their punch and we won the game."

## Virginia 85, Clemson 81

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — On the day Virginia honored its biggest star of the past decade, Sylvan Landesberg showed he's ready to assume the position as the next one.

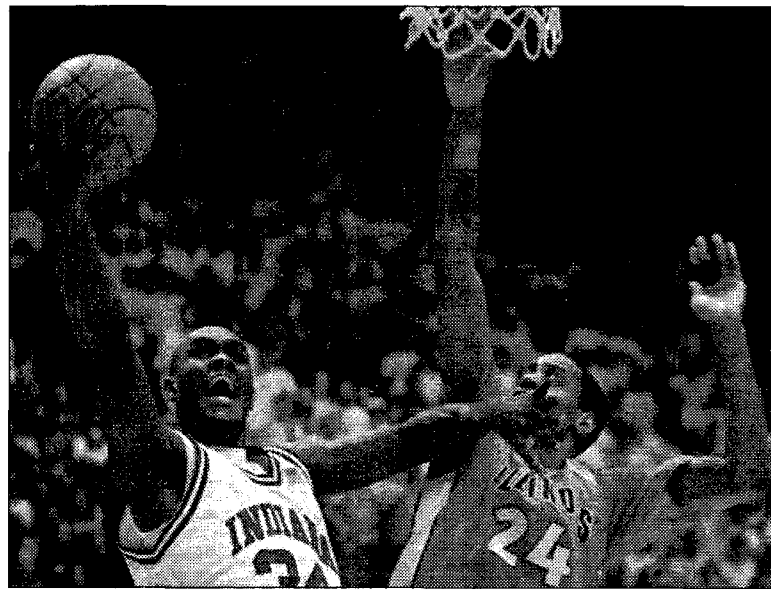
The freshman guard tied the game on a driving basket with 13.4 seconds left in regulation and added six of his 23 points in overtime Sunday as Virginia beat No. 12 Clemson 85-81, ending an eight-game losing streak on the day Sean Singletary's No. 44 jersey was hung from the rafters.

Fittingly, Landesberg played all 45 minutes, becoming the first Virginia player to play an entire game since Singletary did in a 65-60 victory over Virginia Tech in 2005.

"This win, it's going to help us a lot," said Landesberg, who had four rebounds, three assists and three steals. "We needed just one win to push us ahead, and this was it."

And they got it mostly because of the New York City high school star.

"He's proven this early in his career that he's not only a really good player but he's a big money player," said Virginia coach Dave Leitao, who got on the public address microphone on his way off the



Indiana forward Malik Story, left, goes to take a shot against Illinois forward Mike Davis in the second half on Sunday.

court to thank the crowd for contributing to the victory with its energy and support.

It was the first victory for Virginia (8-13, 2-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) since it beat Brown on Jan. 6, and ended its longest losing streak since it lost eight in a row in 1997-98.

"We desperately needed that," said Sammy Zeglinski, who hit all six of his field goal attempts, including three 3-pointers, and finished with 15 points and six assists.

"It was real emotional and from here on out, we know we can win these games," he said.

Key for the Cavaliers, Zeglinski said, was the early going in the second half, when Clemson erased a 33-25 deficit by scoring the first 14 points of the second half.

"They punched us and we just came back swinging," Zeglinski said.

Terrence Oglesby had 17 points, including five 3-pointers, for the Tigers (20-4, 6-4), but his leaning attempt with about 8 seconds left was well off the mark. When Jamil Tucker grabbed the rebound and was fouled under the basket, his free throw all but clinched the victory.

Mike Scott added 18 points, 15 after halftime, and Jeff Jones scored 12 for Virginia.

The Tigers got 16 points from Trevor Booker and 15 from K.C. Rivers, but they could not sustain the efficiency they brought out of the locker room at halftime.

"If you're not dead-on sharp, you've got a chance, on someone else's home

court, you've got a chance for something like this to happen," Tigers coach Oliver Purnell said. "Any time you go to overtime, it's anybody's ballgame, particularly if you're on the road."

After Oglesby's fifth 3-pointer gave the Tigers the lead in overtime, Tucker scored inside, Zeglinski followed a steal by Scott with a layup and Landesberg followed a Clemson miss with another driving basket, giving the Cavaliers an 80-77 lead with 2:53 to play.

When Booker made it a one-point game with two free throws, Landesberg scored on Virginia's next two possessions, and the Tigers got no closer than three points thereafter.

In regulation, Landesberg scored on a drive with 13.4 seconds left to draw the Cavaliers even at 74, and Clemson missed three times — twice from in close — in the closing seconds.

After trailing almost throughout the first half, Clemson opened the second half on a 14-0 run to take a 39-33 lead. Oglesby hit two 3-pointers and Rivers had another as the Tigers' long-range game arrived after they missed 10 of 11 3-point shots before halftime.

But instead of fading, as it has repeatedly this season, Virginia responded. Scott scored six points in a 13-3 run that put the Cavaliers ahead 46-42. They led by as many as five, but the Tigers rallied to tie it numerous times, then went ahead 73-72 on Rivers' 10-footer with 1:20 left. His free throw with 29.4 seconds left doubled the lead before Landesberg tied it.



Virginia Forward Tunji Soroye, back, fouls Clemson guard Demontiz Stitt, front, as he shoots in the second half of Sunday's game in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish win in season opener

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame started its season off with a bang this weekend, defeating Duquesne 22-7 in the Irish season opener.

Ten different Notre Dame players found the net in the blowout win over the Dukes.

"I thought the game went great," Notre Dame assistant coach Meredith Simon said. "We were really happy with how our team worked and how they came out right from the start."

The Irish set a school record with 49 total shots on goal, 24 in the first half and 25 in the second. The Dukes managed only 18.

Leading the Irish were junior attacker Gina Scioscia and sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, a preseason all-Big East team selection. Scioscia came out with seven points from her four goals and three assists. Blaney finished with four goals, including the first goal of the

game 1:51 into play.

Notre Dame extended their lead to 3-0 less than six minutes into the game with goals from sophomore midfielders Jackie Doherty and Kailene Abt.

Duquesne netted their first goal 7:10 into the half, but the momentum would be short lived. The Irish scoring drive continued with five straight goals, putting them 8-1 with little over twelve minutes to go in the half. Scioscia and Blaney each had two more goals, and a pair from team captain Jillian Byers put Notre Dame 14-5 over Duquesne at halftime.

The Dukes were unable to stop the Irish as they continued their scoring run in the second half, netting another seven consecutive goals. Blaney again opened the scoring for the half, 3:26 in.

Duquesne replied with two back-to-back goals at 23:18 and 26:09 into the half, but weren't able to close in on Notre Dame's lead. Byers netted her third goal of the game 26:31 into the half to end the game's scoring

and round out the Irish victory to 22-7.

Other Notre Dame players contributing goals to the Irish victory were Ansley Stewart with three goals and an assist, Kaitlin Keena, Maggie Tamasis, Meredith Locasto and Shannon Burke, also a preseason all-Big East team selection.

"They played well, they played united. They moved the ball well, created a lot of fast break goals, which we were looking to do and we came out strong," Simon said.

Duquesne's Meghan Frederick led the Dukes' scoring with three goals and an assist, followed by Katie Rekart, Shannon Hadaway, Sarah Carson and Ashley Wood, who each scored one goal.

Notre Dame opens home play Feb. 20 as they take on the four-time defending national champion Northwestern at 7 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

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## SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles chance at MIAA crown gone with loss

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Coming into Saturday's game vs. Albion, Saint Mary's chance of winning the MIAA regular season championship was slim. After being handed a 92-63 defeat at the hands of Albion, those chances even smaller.

Shortly following the Belles' (14-9, 12-3) loss, rival Hope defeated Adrian 102-53, climbing to a 13-1 record in the conference. As a result, Hope also holds a one and a half game lead over Saint Mary's as the Belles go into their final game of the season next Saturday against Kalamazoo.

Despite the fact that the game was tight for the first couple minutes, Saint Mary's found themselves down 42-22 at the half after allowing Albion to put together a 20-2 run in a five minute span.

Erin Newsom once again lead the team in scoring with fifteen

points and was one rebound shy of a double-double.

The story of this weekend's game, however, was poor shooting. The Belles could hardly buy a shot Saturday, shooting an abysmal 20.3 percent from the floor in the first half and marginal 37.8 percent in the second. Other Belles to reach double figures were Jessica Centa, with a season-high 13 points, and Liz Wade and Katie Rashid each contributed 11 points.

From this point forward, the best Saint Mary's can hope for is a shot at conference co-champion. For this to occur they will need to beat Kalamazoo on Saturday and Hope will need to lose its last two games. While the Belles should not have a hard time defeating a winless Kalamazoo team, the odds of nationally ranked Hope losing both of its last two games are slim to none.

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Team wins fourth straight victory over Spartans

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish were able to earn their fourth consecutive victory and improve their overall record to 5-4 Sunday, defeating Michigan State by a score of 6-1.

The No. 37 team of senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis easily earned a victory over Austin Brooks and John Stratton by a score of 8-2.

"Tyler and Brett have become a pretty good tandem because of their different styles of play," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Brett has the stronger returns and big-

ger serve, but Tyler is a more instinctive volleyer and covers the net like a blanket. Each has the ability to compensate for the other's weaknesses and the chemistry between them is growing with each match."

At No. 2 doubles sophomore Stephen Havens and freshman Casey Watt fell to John Allare and Jason Norville 8-4.

"Casey's strengths are his speed, ability to make shots and a very real loathing of losing," Bayliss said. "He is learning to do some things that were previously uncomfortable for him, like closing out points at the net and taking more balls on the rise. He now understands that many of the things that he got away

with in junior tennis are no longer viable at this level and has made some good adjustments in his game style. We are just beginning to get glimpses of what he might become."

Freshman Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson were able to salvage the doubles point, winning 8-4.

No. 20 Helgeson was able to put Allare away at No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-2.

Watt defeated Scott Rasmussen in straight set with a 6-3, 6-2 victory. Watt has earned four consecutive singles wins to improve his record to 6-3.

No. 108 Dan Stahl was able to clinch the match for the

Irish with a victory over Brooks 6-2, 6-3.

"Dan has surprised everyone with his ability to move from No. 6 a year ago to No. 3 now," Bayliss said. "The biggest reasons for this are his superb work ethic and competitiveness. He has some great strengths ... the ability to take time away from an opponent and rock solid ground strokes. He has taken what used to be weaknesses and made them into strengths, like his serve and net game. He can counter much better now than last year and has radically improved his slice backhand. The player from Duke that he defeated Sunday, Dylan Arnold, was playing in

the US Open Juniors at the same time Dan was trying to do well sectionally. That is an indication of just how far he has come."

Fitzgerald defeated Norville at No. 6 singles by a score of 6-3, 6-4.

Freshman Sam Keeton lost his first match of the season at No. 5 singles, falling 7-5, 6-3 to Sam Hulewicz.

Havens was able to earn a victory at No. 2 singles over Forber to round out the day.

The Irish will next take on Northwestern Thursday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. First serve is set for 4 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# ND topples two top-5 teams, falls to No. 1 Northwestern

## Squad defeats Stanford for first time ever

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In the span of three days this weekend, No. 14 Notre Dame played three of the top five teams in the country.

The Irish defeated No. 5 Stanford in the first round of the ITA Indoor National Championships on Friday, and then proceeded to knock off No. 4 Baylor in the quarterfinals on Saturday. Awaiting the Irish on Sunday was top-ranked Northwestern in the semifinals, and that is where the Notre Dame run came to an end.

On Friday, Notre Dame lost the doubles point, and before long, the team was down 3-1,

facing elimination at any point. Fortunately, the second half of the team's singles players rose to the challenge, bringing the Irish back from behind to a 4-3 victory.

"It was pretty exciting for all of us," senior Kelcy Tefft said. "Notre Dame has never beaten Stanford, so it was a very good time for that first."

The Irish could not rejoice in the upset for long, as No. 4 Baylor had beaten No. 11 North Carolina, and was waiting for Notre Dame. But, Notre Dame was waiting for Baylor as well.

"We were really excited

after that win [over Stanford], and we believed we could knock off the No. 4 team [Baylor] as well," Tefft said.

The team did just that, in much less dramatic fashion than the day prior, but dramatic nonetheless, as it was again, only a one-point victory, 4-3. The Irish won the doubles point, despite the first loss of the season by the No. 1 duo of Tefft and freshmen Kristy Frilling.

Once the six singles matches split, the Irish were victorious.

"Overall, we were really confident going into these

matches," Tefft admitted. "Even though we weren't supposed to win, we do think we can do it, and we have the players to do it."

Such confidence was going to be a necessity if Notre Dame was to upset top-ranked Northwestern, but, in the end, the confidence was not enough.

"They [Northwestern] have basically the exact same team they had last year when we lost 4-3 to them," Tefft said. "I feel like our team this year is stronger than last year's, but we didn't play our best today. We had a few matches that just didn't turn out very well, and people didn't play their best."

The 4-1 defeat ended the team's indoor season one day earlier than it would have preferred, but the weekend was still considered a grand

success. Even the loss itself provides motivation and goals to set.

"We are just going to learn from it for when we play them again in the beginning of April," Tefft said as she thought ahead.

Of the weekend as a whole, Tefft feels the team will take away both positive thoughts as well as the knowledge of what needs to be improved.

"We are pleased with this weekend," she said. "But all of us lost matches, whether it be singles or doubles. We were challenged much more this weekend than we have been so far this season. Now we need to individually work on the things we saw this weekend that need to be improved upon."

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# Bouts

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called the fight with 45 seconds left in the third in favor of Hof.

## Kyle Blanco def. Collin Feduska

Blanco set the tone of the match early, delivering a punishing combo of left and right hooks to the body. Feduska maintained his composure, and the two traded blows throughout the second. Blanco controlled the third round as well-timed flurries of jabs landed him the split-decision victory.

## 140-pound division

### Andrew "The King of Sting" Dupont def. TJ Smith

Neither fighter emerged with an advantage after the first round, but Dupont controlled the tempo following the start of the second.

Dupont's great form, quickness, and powerful jabs proved to be too much for the aggressive Smith. A dominant third round gave Dupont the unanimous victory.

### Scott "Crowbar" Lahr def. Ron Chris

Lahr's lanky frame and long arms gave him the advantage over the stocky Chris as he out-jabbed his opponent in all three rounds. Lahr's effective combos and aggressive style enabled him to outlast Chris for the unanimous victory, who nearly matched Lahr punch for punch.

### Daniel Panzl def. Andrew Zicarelli

Zicarelli knocked his opponent to the ropes early in the first before moving him to the corner to deliver a series of punishing body blows.

After being bashed around in the second, Zicarelli appeared to control the fight by keeping Panzl on the ropes as the two traded hooks and uppercuts. But tough defense from Panzl prevailed as he took the split decision.

### Kieran Bulger def. Nick Goode

The first round saw Bulger come out swinging, keeping his opponent on the ropes as the two traded body jabs back and forth.

Neither fighter had an edge in the second, as the two danced around the center of the ring. Both boxers stepped up the intensity in the third, but Bulger managed to knock Goode down late and held on to take the unanimous decision.

### Nick Bortolotti def. Brian Heath

Each fighter came out with intensity — Heath favoring his opponent's body, while Bortolotti went for the head.

The second round was equally vicious, as Bortolotti landed several blows to his opponent's jaw while Heath pummeled Bortolotti's sides. In the third, Bortolotti's head shots wore his opponent down, and he walked off with the victory.

## 145-pound division

### Mathew "Lunchbox" Elster def. John "The Baptist" Sarna

In a very evenly fought match, Elster connected punches with greater frequency than Sarna for the split-decision victory.

Sarna fought hard throughout the entire match, but showed fatigue as the match wore on. Elster's quick jabs and punishing hooks proved to be the deciding factor.

### Albert Toscano vs. Jeff Caffee

In a dominant performance Toscano outmatched his opponent in all three rounds to earn

the unanimous victory. The pit-bull-like Toscano nearly flew out of the ring as he pursued Caffee, who outmaneuvered the overaggressive fighter. Nevertheless, tight combos and great footwork gave Toscano the edge.

### James "Francis" Woods def. John "The Caucasian Asian" Crabtree

In one of the best matches of the evening, Woods and Crabtree matched each other punch for punch in all three rounds. Crabtree's vicious hooks and impressive form were equaled by James' aggressive jabs, causing a Crabtree bloody nose. In a surprising outcome, Woods was given the split-decision victory.

### Mike Magill def. Sean Pennino

The pace started slowly in the 1st, building up to a flurry of jab and hook combos traded back and forth. Magill set the tone early in the 2nd with a series of left and right hooks, but Pennino responded in kind.

Magill took the third and the bout in a split decision with a steady flow of right jabs to his opponent's face.

### Stephen Mattingly def. Andrew Ea

Ea's left matched Mattingly's right hooks in a speedy first round. Mattingly was backed to the ropes for most of the second but managed to land a few body jabs as the fighters both began to tire.

Mattingly began the third with a whirlwind of jabs that left Ea's face bloodied. Ea returned to the bout in a whirlwind, but Mattingly capitalized on his opponent's facial injuries and hammered out the final seconds to take the split decision.

### Ryan "Will Power" Slaney def. Jose "Reign of Pain" Carranza

After a close first round, Slaney dominated the final two rounds on his way to the unanimous victory.

The junior from Carroll Hall was aggressive throughout the match, and was consistently on the offensive, forcing Carranza, a sophomore from St. Edwards Hall, to give ground. Slaney's aggressive fighting-style paved his way to the victory.

## 147-pound division

### Ted Heilbron def. Chris Friese

Heilbron weathered a barrage of punches from Friese, using excellent stamina to outwork the off-campus sophomore. Friese came out punching the first round, but after a very even second round in which Heilbron had a slight edge, the Dillon Hall sophomore won the third round to earn the victory.

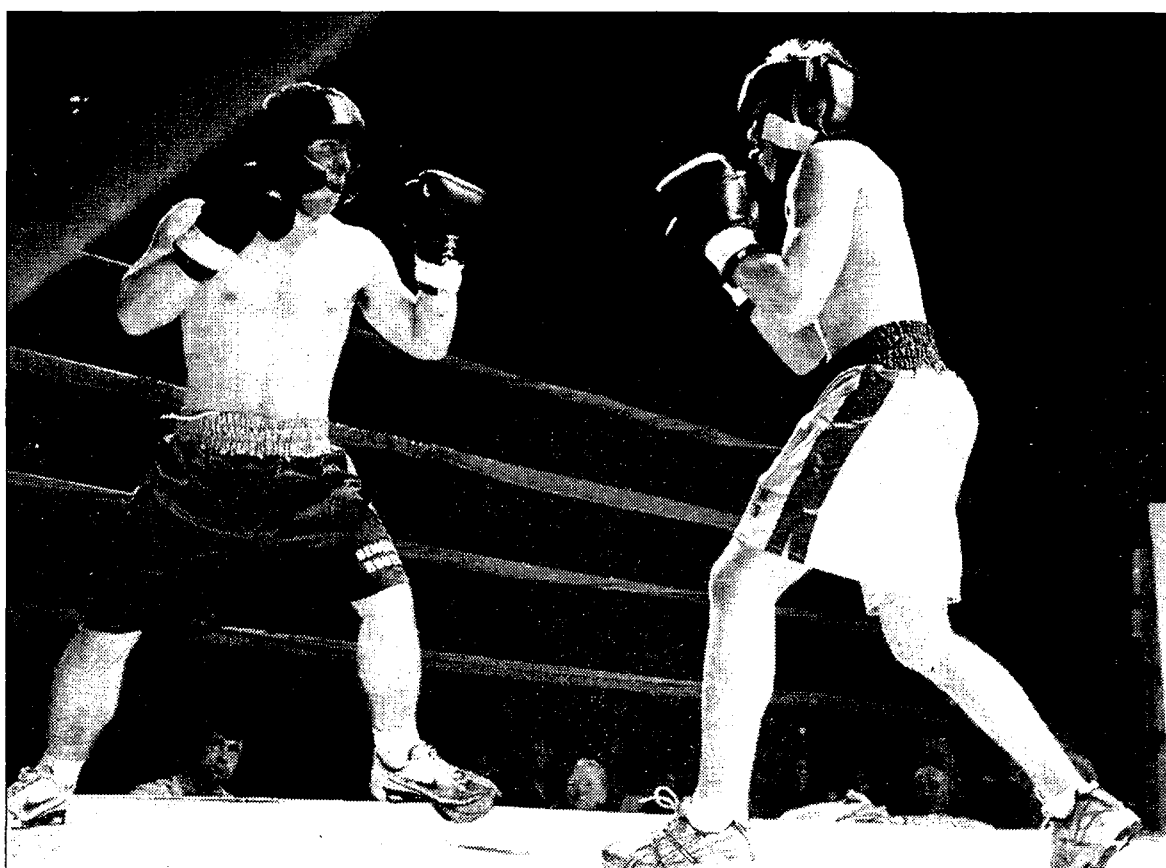
### Brian "BK Special" Koepsel def. Dan Coyne

In a very close match, Koepsel, a sophomore from Carroll Hall, sealed his victory in the third round in a very close match. Both fighters came out fast in the first round, and the second round was even as well.

Koepsel kept up the intensity, though, and the referee was forced to pause the fight three times in the final round due to bleeding by Coyne, a junior in St. Edwards Hall. Koepsel clearly dominated the third on his way to a unanimous victory.

### Michael "Blitzkrieg" Bruns def. Eric "The Columbian Killa" Monzon

In a dominating performance, Bruns, a sophomore from Stanford Hall, completely manhandled Monzon on his way to a unanimous victory. Bruns attacked from the opening bell, throwing blows that Monzon, a



Junior Dan Coyne, left, squares off against sophomore Brian Koepsel in their 147-pound division preliminary fight Tuesday night.

freshman from Siegfried Hall, could not handle. Bruns was clearly the better boxer from start to finish, keeping Monzon on the defensive throughout the match.

### Brian Desplinter def. Timothy Gannatti

Despite a fall in the second round, Desplinter controlled the pace of the match on his way to the victory.

After a sloppy start for both boxers, Desplinter gained his composure and started a flurry of jabs which carried through to the end of the match.

The Alumni Hall senior sealed his victory in the third round by forcing Gannatti, a freshman from Stanford Hall, into the corner of the ring and barraging him with blows until the end of the fight.

### Joey Leary def. Shane Owens

Owens came out of the gates strong, but Leary outlasted his opponent for the unanimous victory.

Despite Leary's smaller size, his wide hooks and powerful uppercuts forced Owens onto the ropes in the second round. Owens connected more punches as the match wore on, but Leary prevailed in the end.

### Andrew Kristiansen def. Mark Lyda

Kristiansen immediately connected with a powerful jab and broke his opponent's nose.

The referee called the match with 15 seconds left in the first round.

### Patrick Kibbe def. Brandt Riedman

Riedman's defense held his opponent at bay early, but Kibbe's combos and impressive form gave him the advantage. The second round was dominated by Kibbe, who gave Riedman a bloody nose.

Riedman came back to land a few jabs and hooks, but Kibbe held on for the unanimous victory.

### Kevin Ortenzio def. Conor Douglass

The stocky Ortenzio effectively mixed jabs and hooks to corner Douglass in the first round. Douglass bounced back to land some punches, but Ortenzio quickly regained control of the tempo.

Effective use of a "jab, jab, and duke" combo gave Ortenzio the unanimous victory.

## 150-pound division

### Jamie "Sweet Rays of Sunshine" Koepsel def. John Brown

Koepsel kept his opponent up against the ropes throughout the match on his way to a unanimous victory.

After dominating in the first two rounds, the sophomore from Keenan Hall forced the referee to pause the match in the 3rd. Brown, a O'Neill Hall freshman, could do little to stop the volley of blows coming from Koepsel, who dominated the match from start to finish.

### Matt "Pos" Posluszny def. Greg Cunningham

Posluszny, an off-campus senior, used his height and reach advantage to defeat the freshman Cunningham in a match that was much closer than expected.

Cunningham, though much shorter than his more experienced opponent, held his own through the first two rounds, before Posluszny finished strongly in the last round to go on to the unanimous victory.

Posluszny was the clear winner, but was not able to dominate Cunningham in any of the rounds.

### Inoh Choe def. Reed McDonagh

For the duration of the first round, both sophomore Inoh Choe of St. Ed's and senior Reed McDonagh of Siegfried proved evenly matched, each throwing hits and blocking well.

An intense series of combination throws from Choe tipped the match largely in his favor before the end of the second round. After cleaning up a nosebleed, McDonagh looked dazed through much of the third round, but maintained coordination and stability to finish the fight. Choe defeated McDonagh with a unanimous decision.

### Tomas Castillo def. Michael Hubert

Tomas Castillo, senior from Siegfried threw the first intense punch of the match with a right hook across Michael Hubert's chin.

As the fight continued, Castillo grew dizzy and was unable to keep his throws directly on target. However, the third round yielded to two new fighters fresh from the break, and each demonstrated excellent balance and footwork. In the end, Tomas Castillo was proclaimed the unanimous victor.

### Connor Keenan def. Patrick Song

From the first seconds of the first round, Connor Keenan, a Siegfried sophomore, showed superior agility, which proved to be a large advantage over his opponent, Knott Hall freshman Patrick Song. In the second round, Song brought a new approach to his fight, getting low punches to Keenan's stomach to counteract his agility. In the third round, Song loses coordination and fell to the floor for a few moments. Though he was able to get up and finish, Connor Keenan defeated Song in a unanimous decision by the judges.

### Mark Bennett def. Matthew Brown

From the beginning of the match, off-campus senior Mark Bennett took command. With three detrimental right hooks, he brought his opponent, Knott hall freshman Matthew Brown, to the ropes. Brown fell to the ground. After regaining his balance, Brown is knocked down to the ground a second time. The referee stopped the match halfway through the first round in Mark Bennett's favor.

### Adam Cowden def. Colin Diamond

In the first round, Adam Cowden, a freshman from Stanford Hall, threw the first high-impact hit of the match, and got his opponent, senior Colin Diamond, pinned in the corner. During the second round, Cowden chased Diamond to the corner and pinned him against the ropes, but Diamond still showed a large amount of tenacity. Though Cowden got a little tired for the duration of fight in the third match, he caught Diamond with a right jab just as the bell signaled the end of the fight. In a unanimous decision by the judges, Cowden defeated Diamond.

## 155-pound division

### Dan Rodgers def. Kevin Henry

Rodgers asserted himself early, forcing the referee to pause the fight in the first round on his way to the unanimous victory. Henry, a sophomore from St. Edwards Hall, had difficulty landing punches, as Rodgers was able to block almost every punch that came his way. The referee paused the fight twice more in the final round before Rodgers, a

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senior in Siegfried, was declared the victor in a unanimous decision.

## Nathan Rothenberger def. Andrew O'Donnell

After both fighters landed good punches in the first round, Rothenberger, an off-campus junior, went on a run in the second which continued for the rest of the fight. Rothenberger capped off his performance with a nice combination of punches after forcing O'Donnell, a Knott Hall junior, into the corner of the ring, which led him to the unanimous victory.

## Joey Brown def. Chris Gorham

Joey Brown a senior from off-campus spent the whole first round showing his innate ability to quickly send his opponent, Sorin freshman Chris Gorham, a series of quick jabs he was unable to keep up with. In the second round, after dealing with continued jabs from Brown, Gorham received a profusely bleeding facial injury. Gorham threw a successful power punch, but found himself dizzy, against the ropes, then on the floor. Brown finished the third round out strong and was awarded the win by a unanimous judges decision.

## Alex Gonzales def. Andrew Fessler

From the beginning of the first round and throughout the whole match, off-campus senior, Alex Gonzales showed excellent blocking abilities that lead to his eventual victory against opponent, O'Neill freshman Andrew Fessler. Gonzales got Fessler against the ropes in the second, but was enough off his target to do any real damage to Fessler. In the third round, Gonzales threw a series of combos, and showed Fessler the ropes one more time as the remaining seconds fell off the clock. With a unanimous decision, Alex Gonzales was declared the winner.

## John Maier def. Andrew "The Juggernaut" Ofsonka

Using his long reach and superior height, Maier, a junior from Keough Hall, was victorious by technical knockout. After knocking down Ofsonka, a freshman in Keenan Hall, twice in the first round, then once more fifteen

seconds in to the second round, the referee was forced to stop the match. Ofsonka could do little to keep Maier from imposing his will, but fought valiantly for as long as he was able.

## Kevin Goodwin def. Corey Scott

In a split decision which was one of the closest and most evenly matched fights of the night, Goodwin, a junior from Alumni Hall, used his aggressiveness to come out on top. Throughout the three-round fight, Scott, a Knott Hall freshman, seemed to be landing quality punches, but because Goodwin put him on the defensive in the final two rounds, Scott was unable to connect on enough punches to secure a victory.

## Patrick Collins def. Daniel McGill

## Steve Simeonidis def. Andrew Nester

### 160-pound division

## David Costanzo def. Kevin Kray

Kray's long reach proved ineffective against Costanzo's strong hooks. In the second round, Costanzo poured on a 15-second onslaught of right and left hooks that left Kray behind for the rest of the fight. Costanzo finished Kray by placing him on the ropes for the last part of the third round, insuring the victory by unanimous decision.

## Jordan Bucci def. David Seiber

Bucci won a one sided bout over Seiber by landing a flurry of combos early. Seiber tried to respond in the second round by landing some body blows, but this left him open to more hits. Bucci finished off the third round with another flurry of combos to win with a unanimous decision.

## Nate Juarez def. Tom Dybicz

A junior from O'Neill, Nate Juarez started off considerably stronger than his opponent, Tom Dybicz, junior from Carroll hall. Juarez threw a few combo punches late in the first round to show Dybicz it will take a major shift in strategy to come out of this fight a winner.

Juarez came out even stronger in the second round, and Dybicz grew more dazed. In the third round, Juarez got a series of combinations and a right hook that quickly cut across Dybicz's chin. Dybicz spent the first half of the third round pinned in a corner. The referee stopped the fight

with forty seconds left in the third round in favor of Nate Juarez.

## Caleb Laux def. Robert Tursi

Robert Tursi, a senior living off-campus, approached the fight by aiming for the stomach of his opponent, Caleb Laux, a senior from Morrissey Hall. Tursi made progress with left-handed throws, getting Laux a little more aggravated. Laux stepped back into the ring for the second round with a new sense of competition, and a right hook that Tursi could not read.

The boxers played a game of back and forth jabbing in an even round. In the third, Tursi losing his balance, fell to the floor. Laux came back with added confidence, chased Tursi into a corner and landed combo power punches. Caleb Laux won with a unanimous judges decision.

## Mark Witte def. Jon Leiner

Mark Witte, a senior from Dillon, started off the first round with successive right hooks for his opponent, Jon Leiner, an off-campus graduate student. Leiner gained some credibility in the ring as he almost pinned Witte against the ropes, but the lanky Witte bounced out before any damage could be done. In the second,

Witte brought a quick right jab that severely hindered to Leiner's ability to defend himself. Witte threw a series of right hooks to finish the round. The tall south-paw continued his dominance during the third round mainly through the use of his famous right jab. An intense upper cut against Leiner's suppressed chin and a series of power punches from Witte conclude the match. From a unanimous judges decision, Mark Witte won.

## Jim "Rainbow Sprinkles" Devereaux def. Connor "The Convict" Simpson

Devereaux dominated the match from start to finish, forcing the referee to pause the fight briefly in the second round on his way to victory. Simpson, a freshman from O'Neill Hall, was unable to stop the senior for Keough Hall from peppering him with blows.

The referee was forced to stop the match briefly in the third round as well, counting for Simpson after a particularly powerful punch from Devereaux, a capstone on Devereaux's impressive performance.

## Patrick "The Piston" Martin def. Danny "The Danimal" Chapman

Martin was victorious in a relatively even match in which he began to take charge only in the second half of the fight. Through the first round and a half, both Martin, an off-campus senior, and Chapman, a freshman from Stanford Hall, traded blows, each making good contact with the other.

However, starting the in the middle of the second round, and continuing throughout the rest of the match, Martin began cornering Chapman on the ropes, and dominated the rest of the fight.

## Adam Steinbach def. Billy Wardlaw

In a close match, it was the quality punches landed by Steinbach which sprung him to victory. Both Steinbach, a junior from Knott Hall, and Wardlaw, a freshman in O'Neill Hall, landed good punches in the first two rounds.

It was not until the third round that Steinbach began to land a significant amount of punches more than Wardlaw. Though Wardlaw was aggressive throughout, it was not enough for him to take victory of the more

technical Steinbach.

### 165-pound division

## Daniel Brennan def. Cameron Vitter

In a very good fight, Brennan simply landed a higher percentage of his punches than Vitter did. Both fighters started and remained aggressive throughout the fight. Brennan's shots to Vitter's head left Vitter in worse shape than his blows to Brennan's body did. Brennan earned a unanimous decision.

## Brian Salvi def. Brian Schafer

In a sloppy fight, Salvi simply outfought Schafer, despite Schafer's best efforts to stop all of Salvi's onslaughts. Both fighters began aggressively, and remained so until Schafer ran out of energy, at which point Salvi inflicted most of his damage, earning a victory by unanimous decision.

## Barrick Bollman def. John Tierney

From the opening bell to the closing bell, Bollman punched for points more so than for pain, yet this strategy accomplished both. Avoiding Tierney's long reach, Bollman would issue a series of body shots and then back off once again, never letting Tierney get too close. In the end, Bollman won via unanimous decision.

## Alex Duffy def. Mike Abercrombie

Duffy opened the fight with a series of head shots that forced the referee to check in with Abercrombie. Once the fight resumed, Duffy picked up where he left off until, in the third round, the referee stopped the fight on Abercrombie's behalf, granting Duffy the triumph.

## Jack Peterson def. Graham Sullivan

Peterson started out the match with a series of blows to Sullivan's head, pushing Sullivan to the ropes. The second round became a more even match with both boxers using the right hook effectively. Peterson took control in the third round, opening with a barrage of landed punches to win in a unanimous decision.

## Matt Hopke def. Jeremiah Kelly

Hopke started out strong against Kelly, putting Kelly on the defensive with a series of left hooks. Relying on his left hook in the second round, Hopke continued to serve out punishment while Kelly tried to answer with a right jab of his own. Kelly had no answer for Hopke's barrage as he went on to win in a unanimous decision.

## Paul Amiri def. Chris Poszluzny

Amiri started out strong, assaulting Puzluzny with a series of body blows while Puzluzny tried to counter with several right jabs. Puzluzny looked as if he was taking back control early in the second round with a series of left jabs, only to have Amiri finish strong landing several blows to Puzluzny's head. Amiri jumped out early in the third round with a flurry of left jabs before becoming defensive in the final moments to secure a unanimous victory.

### 170-pound division

## Michael Urciuoli def. Greg Bennet

Despite a convincing fight by Bennet, strong starts to the first and third rounds by Urciuoli proved to be the winning margin. In the first round, Urciuoli cornered Bennet and punched relentlessly until the referee separated the two. In the third round, Bennet again opened sur-

prisingly aggressively, but couldn't finish the job, and Urciuoli won in a split decision.

## Matt Paletta def. Nathan Hammes

Paletta and Hammes fought an even first round, and then in the second, Hammes seemed to be taking control with multiple strong left-handed punches. Paletta appeared to barely be competitive when he landed a left hook that Hammes never truly recovered from. Hammes left himself open to attack the whole third round, during which Paletta bloodied his nose, and earned the unanimous decision.

## Scott Jarvie def. Andrew Wroblewski

Relying heavily on headshots to daze Wroblewski, Jarvie controlled the entire fight. In each of the three rounds, the only noteworthy punches would be Jarvie's shots to Wroblewski's head that stopped any attempt Wroblewski made at attack. This strategy earned Jarvie a unanimous victory.

## Bernardo Garcia def. David Cray

Garcia led the tempo in the opening and closing rounds, with an even session slipped between. In the third round, Cray granted himself some hope by forcing Garcia to the ropes, but two strong Garcia right hooks, to Cray's head sealed the fight in favor of Garcia unanimously.

## Diego "Andres" Villalba def. Henry Shine

Villalba overpowered Shine with a devastating three-hit-combo followed by an uppercut, which left Shine bloody. Shine was put on the defensive and had no answer for Villalba's relentless combos. The match was called after one round by the referee in favor of Villalba.

## Joe Langenfeld def. Ryan Traudt

The bout started evenly with Langenfeld and Traudt exchanging jabs in the first round. The contest remained close until Langenfeld landed a series of blows to Traudt's head before the end of the second round. Langenfeld took complete control in the third round starting out strong with several uppercuts and combos on Traudt to win by unanimous decision.

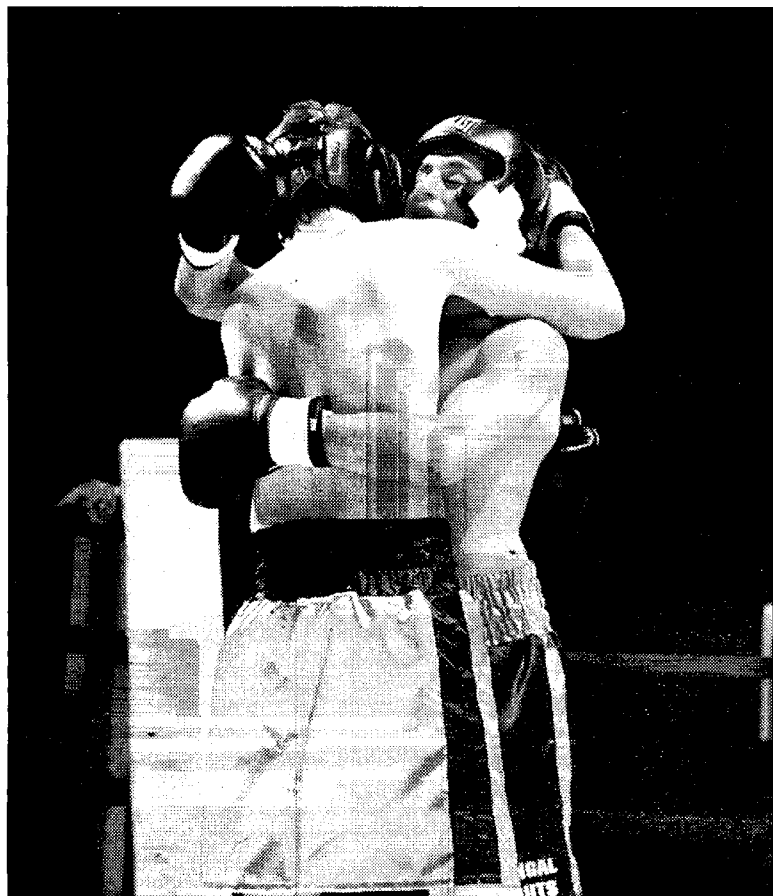
## Alex Kissinger def. Andrew Polich

Kissinger displayed some fancy footwork while trying to wear out Polich with a series of right hooks. Polich tried to take back control in the second round by landing a series of body blows before Kissinger landed several left hooks to Polich's face. The bout ended with both fighters launching flurries at each other with Kissinger coming out as the unanimous winner.

## Vince Keneally def. Tom Carnevale

Carnevale began the bout utilizing his left jab to set up a well place combo on Keneally's head. Keneally began taking control in the second round with an effective right jab that put Carnevale on into the ropes. Both fighters put defense aside as they exchanged blows down the stretch until Keneally was victorious in a split decision.

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Brian Desplinter, left, and Timothy Gannatti, right, embrace after their 147-pound division preliminary fight.

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## NBA ALL-STAR GAME

# Shaq, Kobe lead West to victory

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Shaq danced, Kobe dazzled.

And just like the good ol' days, they won again.

Bryant led all scorers with 27 points, O'Neal partied his way back onto the All-Star stage with 17 in just 11 minutes, and the Western Conference beat the East 146-119 Sunday night.

"It felt like old times," O'Neal said. "I miss those times. He was really looking for me, especially when we went to a pick-and-roll and they had Rashard Lewis on me."

Back on the same team for the first time in nearly five years, the three-time champions shared the game MVP award. They helped the West get untracked after an awful start, then teamed up for a few buckets that helped blow it open in the third quarter.

"I tell you what, those two guys together, that's a deadly combination as we all saw tonight and we have all seen in the past," East coach Mike Brown said.

"They are where they are right now, but if they were to stay together, no telling how many more rings they would have had on their fingers and toes."

And they did it in the ways that made them so different — Bryant with his cold-as-ice stare and focus, O'Neal as the oversized clown who made fans and foes alike laugh.

O'Neal is now complimentary of Bryant, calling him the best player in the NBA. Bryant

still seems uncomfortable talking about his relationship with O'Neal — if there is much of one.

"We are not going to go back to the room and watch 'Steel Magnolias' or something like that, you know what I'm saying, crying, all that stuff," Bryant said. "We had a good time. That's all."

It was their first time on the floor as teammates since the 2004 NBA finals. O'Neal was traded to Miami that summer, breaking apart a duo that produced three straight titles but was perhaps better known for its frequent feuding that made the breakup inevitable.

"I think it is a great life lesson for people," said West coach Phil Jackson, who led O'Neal and Bryant to their titles with the Lakers. "This is something that the people work together, people find a way to get through situations, find harmony in their life, find cohabitation."

Bryant and O'Neal shared a slight hug after being announced as MVPs, then playfully fought over the trophy commissioner David Stern handed to them. They joined Bob Pettit, who won four times, and Michael Jordan and Oscar Robertson as the only three-time All-Star MVPs.

"The Big Legendaries," O'Neal said.

Amare Stoudemire scored 19 for the West, which bounced back from its loss last year in New Orleans, when Bryant was limited to just a few minutes of action while resting a dislocated pinkie finger.

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and sophomore Ian Cole also finished with a pair of goals on the night.

But the Wildcats would not go quietly. Forwards Ray Kaunisto and Phil Fox both scored for Northern Michigan late in the first period to keep things close. The two teams continued to fight back and forth with the Wildcats tying the game 4-4 five minutes into the second period.

From that point Notre Dame took over, scoring four straight power-play goals to bury the Wildcats. Cole started things off with a big blast from the point less than a minute into the final period.

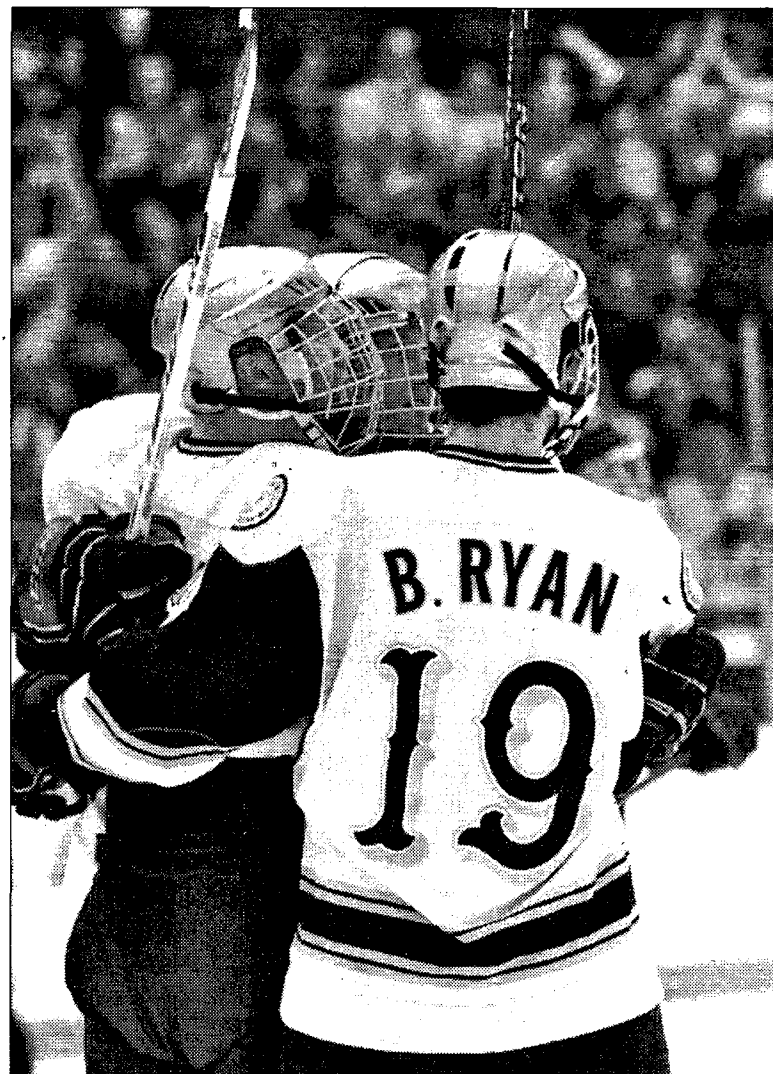
At 11:04 of the third, Northern Michigan defenseman Mike Maltese got whistled for hitting from behind. Maltese was given a five minute major and ejected from the game. Notre Dame capitalized by scoring three goals during the penalty to put the game out of reach. Calle Ridderwall, White and Cole all scored during the five-minute stretch.

### Notre Dame 5, Northern Michigan 2

It took Notre Dame a bit longer to score Saturday night, but the Irish piled it on quickly with a pair of power play goals in the final 1:23 of the first period.

Freshman right wing Billy Maday opened the scoring off a Brett Blatchford rebound from the bottom of the left circle. Center Kevin Deeth was also credited with an assist as he started the play from the left side.

With eight seconds left in the first, sophomore left wing Calle Ridderwall scored his 14th goal of the year on an assist from Maday and Deeth, who won the face-off on the



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Irish forwards Erik Condra, Garrett Regan and Ben Ryan celebrate a goal during Notre Dame's 9-5 win over Northern Michigan Friday.

Wildcats' side of the ice.

Just 30 seconds into the second period, the Irish power play struck again. This time it was Lawson beating Stewart from in close on a nifty pass from Condra.

"I just slid back door, Condra made a great play, and I got a little lucky with it bouncing in off his pad," Lawson said.

Three minutes later, sophomore center Ben Ryan scored on the power play to make it 4-0 Irish on assists from Condra and Lawson.

"It was kind of a broken

play where the puck ended up and I just found a seam," Ryan said.

Gregor Hanson scored two goals in a four-minute span to cut Notre Dame's lead in half midway through the second period, but Garrett Regan gave the Irish an even-strength insurance goal with seven minutes left in the period to cap the scoring at 5-2.

Pearce made 17 saves in the victory.

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## ND SOFTBALL

## Irish fall twice to top-ranked 'Bama

*Squad takes one of four tilts in season-opening tournament*

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Fighting the toughest of the tough, the Irish softball team opened their 2009 season against the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide, playing them twice during the Bama Bash Tournament. Despite the 10-1 and 10-0 losses, Notre Dame also picked up their first seasonal win, against Eastern Carolina, 2-1.

"[Playing Alabama] was just like playing any other team," senior pitcher Brittney Bargar said. "It was just like any other university."

Bargar pitched in the tournament against each of the three teams the Irish played — Alabama, Wisconsin, and Eastern Carolina. The team went 1-

3 for the whole tournament, beating Eastern Carolina, losing to Wisconsin, and suffering two five-inning slaughters to the Crimson Tide.

"It was frustrating, and it was a bit of a disappointment," infielder Linda Kohan said. "We know that we're a better team than what we played this weekend."

During the first game against Alabama, the Irish took the initial lead, as Alexia Clay's was bobbled by an Alabama infielder, bringing in a run. The Irish were not able to hold on, and Alabama fought back, holding Notre Dame to only that first run and scoring 10 more to end the game after five innings.

The Irish have big plans for changing their game

before approaching the other difficult opponents they will face in the 2009 season, including softball powerhouses, DePaul, Arizona State and UCLA.

"We need to wake up our bats and start hitting the ball," senior infielder Linda Kohan said.

The highest batting averages of the season so far belong to Sadie Pitzenberger, sophomore infielder Katie Fleury and Kohan, who are each hitting over .300.

"We have a lot of things to improve," Bargar said. "But by playing the number one team in the country, you learn a lot of things about yourself, like all the things we need to work on."

Despite a losing weekend, the team is looking positively on moving their season into full swing.

"The most exciting thing of the weekend was being able to be outside and being able to play," Bargar said.

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## K-Mac

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defense, which held South Florida (8-16, 3-9 Big East) to 20-for-54 shooting (37 percent).

After struggling to keep many Big East opponents in check, Notre Dame's man defense held its second straight opponent to just 57 points. Notre Dame had points to spare in its 90-57 blowout of the Louisville Thursday, but with 9:46 remaining against the Bulls, the score was tied at 51. Notre Dame didn't allow a point for the next 8:34, allowing McAlarney to put the game away.

"We had to defend to win," Brey said. "It was probably good to have to gut out a league game that was kind of a grind-it-out game. Hopefully that's something we can build on because your offense wasn't in a great rhythm but you had to keep getting stops and rebounds."

The defense compensated for an Irish offense that lacked the consistency of Thursday's showing. Notre Dame missed many open looks and shot 21-for-53 for the day (40 percent). McAlarney and Harangody were each 6-for-15 from the field. Ryan Ayers added 12 on 3-for-7 shooting. Tory Jackson, who finished with eight points, five assists and four rebounds, was 3-for-10.

Notre Dame got a boost in the first half from sophomore forward Tyrone Nash. Nash came off the bench and scored eight points in just over five minutes of play. Nash's points were part of a 16-4 Notre Dame run that gave the Irish a 28-14 lead, Notre Dame's biggest lead of the game.

"I'm just happy I was able to provide a spark plug off the bench," Nash said. "It was kind

of hard on a Sunday afternoon game to get it going, and I was just trying to jumpstart us to get this win."

McAlarney bookended that run with two of his five 3-pointers. South Florida was able to cut the lead to nine at halftime and stay within striking distance early in the second half before mounting its best run of the game. Down, 51-43 South Florida went on an 8-0 run to tie the score. Bulls guard Dominique Jones, who finished with 14 points hit a jumper. Chris Howard followed that with one his three 3-pointers, and Verdejo, who led the Bulls with 18, took two trips to the free-throw line and hit three shots to tie the score. Notre Dame's defense and McAlarney's shooting took over from there.

*"It was probably good to have to gut out a league game that was kind of a grind-it-out game."*

**Mike Brey**  
Irish coach

Notre Dame will hit the road this week for two critical matchups against teams that are just ahead of the Irish in the Big East standings. On Wednesday, Notre Dame travels to West Virginia to take on the Mountaineers (17-8, 6-6), fresh off their 93-72 win over Villanova. On Saturday, Notre Dame heads to Providence to take on the Friars, (16-9, 8-5). This two-game swing represents a chance for Notre Dame to improve its lot in the standings, where it sits in 10th place.

"That'll be a challenge; try to win a road game. I think to hold two teams in the 30s, field-goal percentage defense here at home is something build on," Brey said. "Can we play that kind of position man-to-man on the road?"

Ayers added: "It's our chance to make a move. Two road games against two really good team that have been playing well in the Big East."

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## Loyola

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The second-half was a back-and-forth contest, as the Irish scored three times only to have Loyola equalize shortly afterwards. Hoff finally put the Irish up for good with his second goal of the match, and senior goaltender Scott Rodgers made two critical saves in the final minute to preserve the victory.

Rodgers, making his first collegiate start, tallied eleven saves.

"I think our smarts and discipline is what makes us so tough," Rodgers said. "We take a lot of pride in paying attention to the small details and nuances of the game."

Loyola was led by junior

Collin Finnerty, who scored four goals and added an assist. Goaltender Jake Hagelin also contributed 15 saves for the Greyhounds.

Hoff added that while the team enjoyed the success, a long season is ahead of the Irish.

*"I think our smarts and discipline is what makes us tough."*

**Scott Rodgers**  
Irish goaltender

"To reach our ultimate goal it takes doing it week by week, game by game," Hoff said.

Hicks recorded a career-high three goals for the Irish playing in a return to his home state.

Earl added two goals and senior midfielder Duncan Swezey had three assists.

Notre Dame will return to the field next Sunday, visiting Penn State. The Irish open at home Feb. 28 against Dartmouth.

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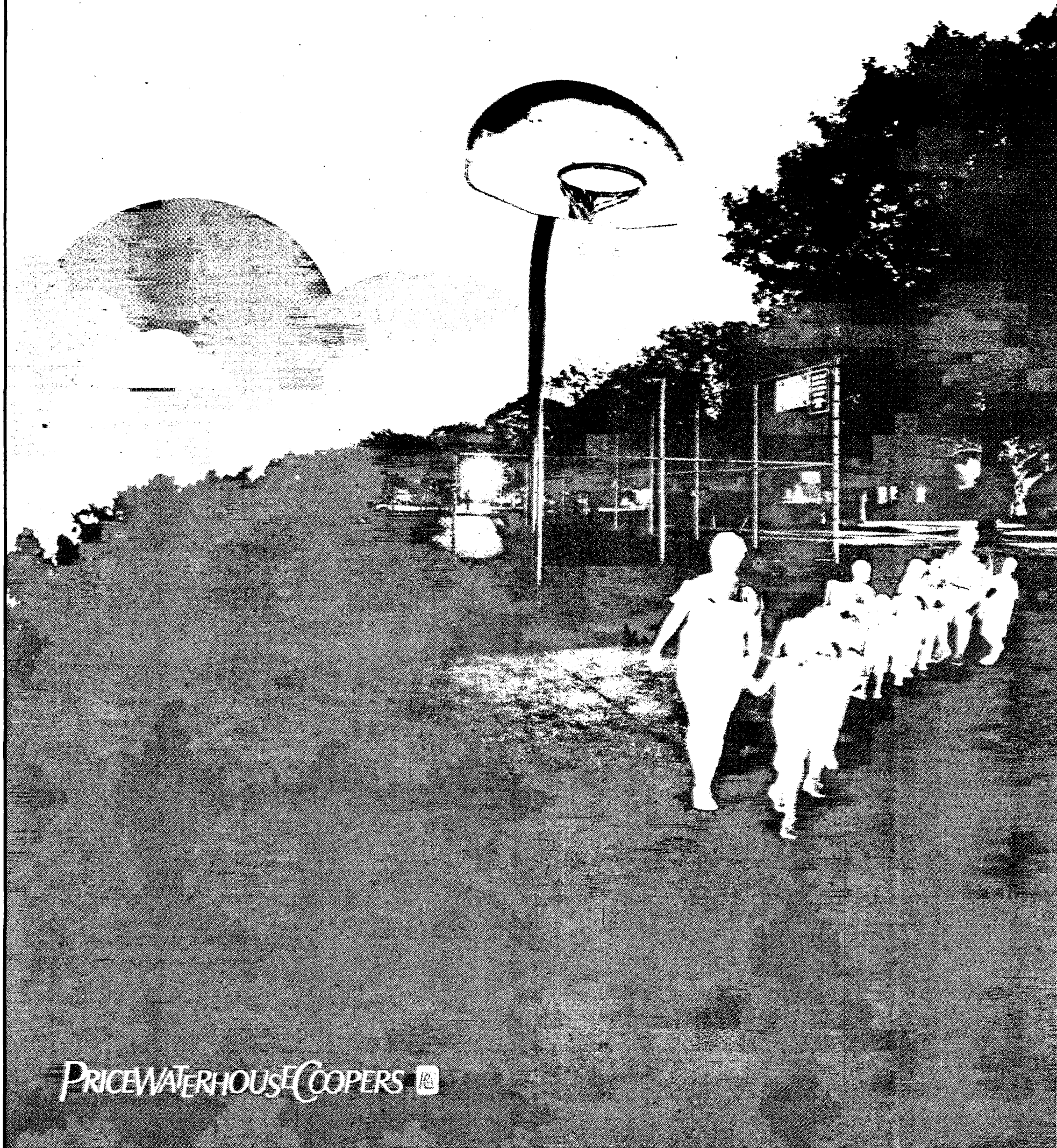
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## BENGAL BOUTS

# Bouts get underway with preliminary round fights

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Sports Writers

The 79th annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament opened last night with over 70 fights taking place in 12 different weight classes.

### 130-pound division

**Christopher Bennett def. Michael "Boricua" Perez**

The night's opening bout set the tone for the rest of the evening, as Bennett came from behind to win a very close match. Perez started off strong during the first round, landing most of his punches and exhibiting great footwork.

But Bennett was unfazed, pinning Perez against the ropes and wearing him out for the unanimous victory.

**Michael "The Silver City Slugger" Sayles def. Jacob "The Minnesota Mauler" Lawler**

Sayles dominated the match from the first bell to the last, landing hook after hook against his opponent. Lawler managed to land a few jabs, but Sayles hardly missed a punch in the final minute. The referee stopped the contest with 15 seconds left in the second round.

**Brian "Ghostlands" Robillard def. Brian Hamamoto**

Hamamoto was the more

aggressive of the two in the opening round, but Robillard more than matched him with his quick feet and powerful combos. As the match progressed Robillard began to pound his opponent with the right hook, pinning Hamamoto in the corner and earning the unanimous victory.

**Nick Bock def. Jon Lagoy**

Both fighters came out quickly in the first minutes of the opening bout. Bock's face began to bloody as both tired, dropping their gloves and leaving their faces

exposed. A speedy jab combo knocked Lagoy to the floor momentarily. When the dust settled Bock's precision took the split decision.

**David Hof def. Doug Berry**

The two nimble fighters danced around the ring, feeling each other out in the first with a few headshots. Hof came out in dominating fashion in the second, drawing blood twice with furious face jab combos. The referee

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Cutting the Bull

*McAlarney's two clutch threes give Irish win over USF*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

If there's one person opposing defenses have keyed on Notre Dame's offense all season it's Kyle McAlarney. Shut him down, you have a chance to win. Let him get free and risk getting burned by his quick, deadly accurate shot.

On Sunday, South Florida stuck with McAlarney for most of the second half, but on two possessions late in the game, the Bulls lost were a step slow, and McAlarney did them in to seal Notre Dame's 67-57 win.

With just under three minutes remaining, McAlarney darted toward the corner, with South Florida guard Jesus Verdejo lagging behind, took a short pass from Zach Hillesland and drained a three to put Notre Dame (14-10, 5-7 Big East) up seven. McAlarney,

who finished tied with Luke Harangody for a game-high 19 points, was determined to hit a big shot after missing the front end of a one-and-one on Notre Dame's previous possession.

"I was ready to go off on myself and I was cursing a little bit and I got a little space and I just knew it was going in because I just had a different focus after I missed that free throw," McAlarney said.

Then with 1:13 left, McAlarney came off a Harangody screen, caught the ball from guard Tory Jackson in front of Notre Dame's bench, gave an up-fake to a hurried Verdejo and drained another three to give the Irish an eight point lead, ending any hope of a South Florida comeback.

"The other one, I just got him up in the air and just took it," McAlarney said. "Great screen by 'Gody, great delivery by Tory."

But McAlarney's clutch shots would not have been possible without another solid performance from Notre Dame's

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Irish senior guard Kyle McAlarney goes up for a layup against two South Florida defenders during Notre Dame's 67-57 win Sunday.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Notre Dame opens season with late victory

*Hoff scores with 5:29 left to secure ND win*

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame opened its season in dramatic fashion Saturday, edging No. 17 Loyola (Md.) 10-9 in Atlanta. Senior attacker Ryan Hoff received an assist from junior Grant Krebs and netted the winning goal for Notre Dame with 5:29 remaining.

The match, which remained close from start to finish, was the seventh straight Irish win in season-

openers. Krebs led Notre Dame offensively with four points on three goals and the winning assist.

The Irish jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first quarter with goals from Hoff, junior Neal Hicks, and sophomore David Earl. Loyola quickly responded, however, reeling off four straight goals to take a 5-3 advantage.

Notre Dame then went on a run of its own, scoring three straight goals, including two from Hicks. The Greyhounds netted the last goal of the half to enter the break tied at six.

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## HOCKEY

# Squad wins two vs. NMU

*Big weekend from powerplay powers Irish to sweep of Wildcats*

By DAN MURPHY and MATT GAMBER  
Sports Writers

The nation's top power play unit was at it again over the weekend as the Irish scored on 10 of their 14 man-up chances in a pair of home wins over Northern Michigan.

No. 2 Notre Dame (23-5-3, 17-4-3-3 CCHA) converted 6-of-8 power play opportunities in a 9-5 win Friday before scoring on 4-of-8 in Saturday's 5-2 victory over the Wildcats (11-15-4, 8-12-3-3). The sweep gives the Irish a four-point lead over

second-place Miami (Ohio) in the conference standings with four games to play.

The Irish have now scored 42 power-play goals on the year with a 25.3-percent success rate. Top-ranked Boston University ranks second in each category with 42 power-play goals and a percentage of 24.1.

"It's all timing," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Saturday. "I wish we saved some of these for another night."

**Notre Dame 9, Northern Michigan 5**

It took only 1:21 to spring a leak in the Wildcat

defense. Senior center Garrett Regan got things started by deflecting a Kyle Lawson shot past senior goalie Brian Stewart. Ten minutes and two Erik Condra goals later, Stewart took himself out of the game.

Irish defenseman Brett Blatchford found Condra cutting to the back post and the senior captain slapped it in for a 2-0 lead. Two minutes later Condra sniped the top right corner on a wrist shot and junior Derek Janzen took over between the pipes for Northern Michigan.

Senior wing Justin White

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