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Candidates compete in city's mayoral race

Journalism professor predicts Buttigieg as winner, cites economic development as main resident concern

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

Three candidates are on the ballot for the mayor's race in South Bend today, but a Notre Dame journalism professor said the city will continue to see a Democrat in office after the election.

Professor Jack Colwell, who was also a longtime political journalist, said Democrat Pete Buttigieg, a 29-year-old businessman, has long been the front runner in today's race. Republican Wayne Curry and Libertarian Patrick Farrell will also appear on the ballot.

"Pete Buttigieg will almost certainly be the new mayor," Colwell said. "There hasn't

been much doubt about that since the primary when he won really big, and South Bend tends to be a Democratic town anyway."

Colwell covered politics for the South Bend Tribune for more than 38 years and still writes a political column for the paper. He said Buttigieg's place as an early favorite is consistent with mayoral elections in the city's history.

"The last time a Republican

won it was 1967, so it was a long time ago," Colwell said. "Buttigieg actually got a lot of cross-over Republicans voting for him in the primary, so he's not only a favorite with Democrats but with Republicans, too."

The major issue on South Bend residents' minds has been economic development, Colwell said.

"[The debate has] mostly been who would be the most competent to help with eco-

nomics development and bring jobs to the community and turn around the image of the city," Colwell said. "Newsweek Magazine rated South Bend as a dying city, and the new mayor will certainly want to erase any image like that. That's been the main thing they have been talking about, the image of the city and how to get the economy moving again in the city."

Colwell predicted coopera-

tion between the City of South Bend and the University would only grow as the new mayor takes office.

The University is the area's largest employer and projects developed through Notre Dame, such as Eddy Street Commons and construction on campus, bring jobs to the area, he said.

"Notre Dame is a very important part of the economy, and if the city is looking to bring more jobs to the area I think it's got to be working with Notre Dame because years ago this was known as a factory town," Colwell said. "Studebaker was produced

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Buttigieg



Curry



Farrell

Panel addresses euro crisis



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Sociology professor Robert Fishman speaks at a panel discussion about the problems facing the eurozone Monday. Four professors from three departments participated in the panel.

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Though the four scholars in Monday's "Crisis of the Euro" panel discussion have differing disciplines, all agreed on one thing: the eurozone is in serious trouble.

"Europe has often been the site of hope and good things, but has also often been the site of bad and troubling things," sociology professor Robert Fishman said during the discussion held by the Nanovic Institute. "We're again at a moment where Europe is the site of bad and troubling things."

Fishman said he believes the temporary solutions that have and will be put together to deal with this crisis will not be definitive.

"There are many reasons why a definitive collapse of the euro is possible," he said. "I'm not predicting it will happen, it will be very costly for Europeans and others if it does happen."

There is a huge difference between the cultures, identities and economies of the 17 European states that make up the eurozone.

"Unemployment in Austria is 3.9 percent," he said. "Unemployment in Spain is 22.6 percent."

Political science professor Sebastian Rosato said all of Europe's problems with the euro stem from the fact that Europe is not a single state.

"There is no chance that Europe will become a single state and this means that even if Europe rides out this

crisis, there will be many more crises in the future," he said. "And eventually, there will be a crisis big enough that the euro will collapse."

Rosato also said that because Europe is made up of different states, there are different types of fiscal needs.

"If you have a one size fits all monetary policy, it's going to be too tight for some states and too loose for other states," he said.

Political science professor Alexandra Guisinger said one of the problems with the euro is based in history. She said that the first time Europe pushed for a fixed exchange rate, or single currency like the euro, was in

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Poetry tour showcases current Latino talent

Latino/a Poetry Now

- National Latino poetry tour
- Created by Letras Latinas through ILS and PSA
- Showcasing 15 poets in 2.5 years at universities across America
- Will conclude at Notre Dame in October 2013

LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
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A national Latino poetry tour affiliated with Notre Dame launched at Harvard University today.

The Poetry Society of America (PSA) and Letras Latinas, a subdivision of the literary program at Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies (ILS), created the tour, called "Latino/a Poetry Now."

The tour will showcase 15 poets in a span of two-and-a-half years at different universities across America. It will conclude at Notre Dame in October 2013.

Director Francisco Aragón of Letras Latinas facilitated the opening installment of "Latino/a Poetry Now" at Harvard University.

Lauro Vazquez, first-year MFA graduate student and Aragón's assistant, said the poets hoped to debut a new

wave of Latino poetry through the national readings.

"All of these poets, or the majority, are kind of like a newer generation that is coming into maturity," he said. "What 'Latino Poetry Now' seeks to do is enhance the visibility of Latino poetry and these newer voices."

Vasquez said that, while the term "Latino" implied a homogeneous focus in the showcase, each poet produced different styles of work.

"In reality Latinos are very diverse," he said. "They have varying aesthetics, influences and cultural backgrounds. The topics are tremendously diverse."

Different poets will speak at each segment of the series, Vazquez said. The first installment featured Rosa Alcalá, Eduardo C. Corral and Aracelis Girmay. Corral recently won

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HIGH
LOW

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group defines priorities, creates subcommittees



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Student body president Pat McCormick and vice president Brett Rocheleau participate in Campus Life Council on Oct. 25.

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) identified student safety, student activities and expanding inclusion as its top priorities for the remainder of the academic year during Monday’s meeting.

Members divided into three subcommittees based on these priorities.

Chief of staff Claire Sokas said the safety of students living both on and off campus remains an important issue.

“There needs to be a discussion of how we make students more aware of the responsibilities that come with living off campus,” she said. “We also need to work on some changes to make our campus more safe.”

Rectors said they would like to see a decrease in student apathy when it comes to student activities.

O’Neill rector Ed Mack said he has noticed a large decrease in the number of his residents attending pep rallies during his 10 years as rector.

“It’s not too soon to start talking

about next year,” he said. “If you want students to show up [to pep rallies], you have to do things that are student-friendly.”

Morrissey rector Fr. Ronald Vierling said he would like to look at the possibility of streamlining the processes that are required by the Student Activities Office (SAO) when planning events.

“Our residents have great ideas for events and it is often difficult to implement them, so they get discouraged and say, ‘Forget it,’” he said. “We want to inspire and unleash their creativity.”

Vierling said he believes that students don’t completely understand all of the things they have to do in order to make an event happen.

“Even as a rector, I don’t understand the process myself,” he said.

Student body president Pat McCormick also announced the Faculty Senate, which typically elects two members to serve as representatives on CLC, has waived their participation this year.

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Mock trial competes at UCLA



Photo courtesy of Lauren Dugas

Members of the Notre Dame Mock Trial team pose at the Mike Anderson Memorial Invitational in January at Arizona State University. The team traveled to UCLA this weekend.

By MEL FLANAGAN
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The Notre Dame Mock Trial team sent teams to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) this weekend for its first competition of the year, and members said they performed well despite tough competition.

The team, which is broken down into four smaller groups for competition purposes, sent its top two teams to UCLA for an invitational competition against 18 others.

Junior Lauren Dugas, treasurer of the team, said the team performed respectably.

“It’s at a national level, so it’s pretty stiff competition,” she said. “We did okay for our first competition [of the year] at this difficulty level.”

Although the team participates in invitational competitions throughout the fall, senior co-president Stephen Payne said these contests do not count toward the team’s overall performance at the end of the school year.

“Our actual competitions start in February with regionals and then it goes on from there to ‘super regionals’ and then the national championship in April,” he said. “Before then the invitational tournament are sort of like a pre-season, just practice.”

Dugas said the competitions consist of four rounds, two in which the team acts as the prosecution and two in which the teams acts as the defense.

“You go through the entire court proceedings, opening statement, direct and cross examinations of the prosecution witnesses, direct and cross examinations of the defense witnesses and closing arguments,” she said.

Three judges score the trials, awarding up to 10 points for each individual aspect, Dugas said. The team with the most points at the end of the trial wins that particular ballot.

Sophomore team member Allie Soisson said the team prepares for the competition by attending two classes a week with their professor Will Dwyer, a lawyer from Chicago.

“We also work on our own individual parts and collaborate in team practices on what we think needs the most work,” Soisson said.

Soisson said the competition this weekend at UCLA was difficult.

“The California schools tend to be some of the best schools

in the country and the competition was very strong there,” she said. “I think we were all hoping to do very well but everyone was impressed by the teams we were able to see there.”

Despite the high level of competition, Payne said the tone at the invitationals is more casual than that of competitions in the spring.

“When you get to the competitions that start counting, I think some of the rounds we get pretty intense,” he said. “Obviously it’s part of the activity because it’s like you’re putting on a court case.”

Payne said Notre Dame’s relationship with other teams varies.

“Some times you may have some rivalry with and other teams you might be very friendly with,” he said. “Regardless I’d say the atmosphere can get pretty tense.”

For some of the team members, like Dugas, mock trial serves as a preparation for future careers in law.

“I did mock trial in high school and then I joined the team freshman year thinking I might want to go into law,” she said. “Since then, I’ve continued with the organization and my education and I’ve realized it’s something I want to do.”

However, Payne said many others participate in mock trial for reasons other than preparation for law school.

“It’s really valuable in terms of practicing public speaking and making an argument,” he said. “Some people in the program certainly don’t want to go to law school, they just enjoy it.”

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Dean Carolyn Woo

LAST LECTURE SERIES

Carolyn Woo, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame since 1997, takes the stage to impart the wisdom she has accumulated over the years as an educator and a philanthropist. Known for her call to “Ask More of Business,” Dean Woo will be living her mantra and leaving the University after this semester to become the new CEO of Catholic Relief Services. This will be Dean Woo’s LAST LECTURE.

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Poetry

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the Yale Younger Poets Award and Girmay received the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award.

Following installments held at Georgetown University, Macalester College and the University of Arizona, the showcase will conclude at Notre Dame in 2013.

“When it comes to here, it will be a two-day event with a reading and discussion,” Vazquez said. “It will be collaboration between the Creative Writing program at Notre Dame and undergrads who will have the opportunity to listen to these poets and ask questions.”

Vazquez said Aragón hoped to create a dialogue between

the poets and their audience. Aragón will guide the conversations at each installment over the next two and a half years as a representative of the ILS and the University.

“Aragón also worked with the PSA to generate online discussion,” Vazquez said. “We’re not just trying to bring audiences to the poets. We want the thing to take on a life of its own.”

The poets hope to reach several audiences through the showcase, Vazquez said.

“I think it goes without saying that the general impact is not only for people in higher education,” he said. “Poetry, especially this new poetry, is meant to be visible to anybody.”

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Photo courtesy of the Pete for South Bend Committee

South Bend mayoral candidate Pete Buttigieg talks with residents at the South Bend Chocolate Café in April. Professor Jack Colwell predicts Buttigieg will win the mayoral race.

Mayor

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here, and there are some people who still seem to think Studebaker is going to come back some day, but it's not. So it's going to have to be small businesses, green businesses, businesses dealing with the computer age that will provide those jobs."

Colwell said students should take an interest in the city's economy, even if they do not plan to stay in the immediate area after graduation.

"If they take an interest in some of the economic development efforts or some new firm coming in, maybe they could, if they are looking for a job, end up in one [through those connections]," Colwell said.

If elected, Colwell said Buttigieg would be able to work well with administration and students from Notre Dame.

"He's 29 years old, so he's not that far away from college students that he doesn't understand college students and their lifestyle," he said. "So I would think he would

have a very good relationship between the new mayor and Notre Dame."

Buttigieg grew up in the South Bend area, and he is the son of professor Joseph Buttigieg in the University's English department.

A young mayor with favorable attitudes toward Notre Dame is a greater opportunity for cooperation between South Bend and the University, Colwell said.

"I think [students] are taking a little more interest in things and trying to communicate with the city officials and trying to form committees to do that, and I think that's good because they can make clear they aren't just saying, 'We want to be able to do whatever we want to do and throw parties,'" he said. "It shouldn't be an adversarial relationship, but one of cooperation."

The 2011 race is the first since 1997 without current mayor Steve Leucke, a Democrat, on the ballot. Colwell said the Republican camp traditionally does not present a strong challenge in the race.

"It's quite similar to past elections because the Republicans, with a few exceptions, have not really put up a strong contender, and some of the races have really been laughers with the Democrat sure to win and the Republican not really putting up a fight at all," Colwell said. "This time, the [Republicans] have put up a little bit more of a fight."

The tone of debate, however, has been largely positive despite Buttigieg's place as the easy favorite, Colwell said.

"It's not been a divisive or nasty race at all," Colwell said.

The young candidate's success should be an example for students looking at careers in politics, he said.

"I think there's tremendous potential for young candidates or young people to get involved in politics," Colwell said. "In a lot of elections the turnout is pretty poor and they have trouble getting people to work at the polls and on the campaigns, so some bright young people who are willing to do that can step right in and have great positions. Get a good start and go on to whatever they want, whether it's mayor or Congress or whatever."

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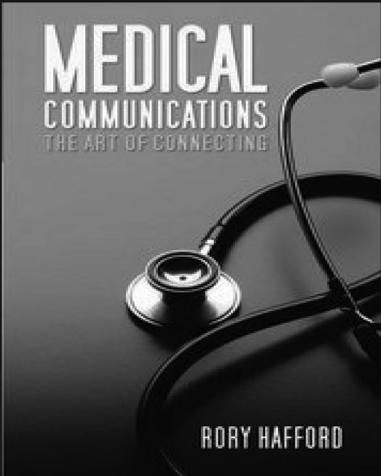
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INSIDE COLUMN

30's lessons

Every time Thursday night rolls around I can't help but wonder: When will "30 Rock" finally return to NBC?

Comedy night done right, as they call it, is simply not right without Liz Lemon, Jack Donaghy, Tracy Jordan, Kenneth Parcell, Jenna Maroney and the rest of the gang.

I watched for five seasons as Liz hopelessly tried to find love and have a baby despite her demanding career, but of course, as with any good comedy, the show isn't all about Liz, and it definitely isn't all about finding love. But for some reason everyone on the show manages to find someone, except for Liz.

Jack, despite his undying devotion to GE, managed to find a woman who loves business as much as he does and they get married and have a baby girl, all before Liz even finds a stable boyfriend.

Liz's best friend and star of TGS, Jenna Maroney, also finds love before Liz. Sure Jenna is in love with a drag queen who makes his living by impersonating Jenna herself and Cher, but hey — who's to judge?

The finale of season four is a hodgepodge of three different weddings on the same day. Liz attends the wedding of her ex-boyfriend Floyd, which is painful of course because Floyd is the only normal person Liz ever dated up until that point.

She also attends the wedding of the flaky but beautiful TGS assistant Cerie.

She finally ends the night at the wedding of Grizz (a critical member of Tracy's two person entourage) to his fiancée Feyoncé.

In typical Liz Lemon fashion (always the bridesmaid, never the bride), she is in the wedding party of each ceremony.

The point I'm trying to make here is that everyone on the show is just so much better at being in a relationship than Liz even though Liz is relatively stable, smart and incredibly funny.

It's clear that Tina Fey's life experience considerably shapes the character of Liz Lemon. As both the creator, head writer and actress who plays Liz, Fey has created a believable world based on her time as a writer at "Saturday Night Live."

It's completely understandable that any semblance of a normal relationship goes out the window when you're the head writer of a weekly comedy show that airs at midnight. Adding children to this weird mix would appear impossible.

Fey explored this herself in the episode titled "Do Over," where Liz meets with an adoption agency evaluator played by Megan Mullaly. The interview does not go well, but even worse is the tour of the TGS studio. It seems entirely too hectic an environment to have a child in.

And yet Tina Fey herself managed to find a way to balance a demanding job and having kids. She gave birth to her second daughter Penelope in August.

Production for the sixth season of "30 Rock" was likely delayed because of Fey's pregnancy, but they recently began filming in New York.

There is still no date set for the season premiere, but any true fan will be willing to wait because they know that in waiting the true heroine of the show, Tina Fey, finally found a way to have it all.

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Scene Writer

Dr. G. David Moss

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One of the goals of this column is to help create an environment where authentic, healthy relationships can flourish. As we continue on this journey, it is necessary for us to examine the unique forces that influence, prescribe and direct our thoughts and actions, both overtly and covertly.

One such force is the Bro Code. It is a real presence in our campus culture and often pre-determines many of our social interactions. The Bro Code is a powerful determinate in the quality of our relationships and has the potential to damage both the keepers of the Code and those left reeling in its aftermath. Recently, I asked our Student Senate if they were familiar with the Bro Code. As expected, 98 percent of the men and only a small percentage of the women were familiar with the term. For a detailed description of the Bro Code with research to back it up, check out the book "Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men" by Michael Kimmel. It is an excellent read.

The Bro Code is founded on three cultural mandates: Entitlement, Silence and Protection. Entitlement is rooted in the ideas of male superiority; men are in control at all times and in all situations and always exhibit the perfect example of perfect manhood. It is also gives men the right to regain those things given up to society.

As a man, society owes me for all of my sacrifices over time, and now my payback has arrived. Silence, according to Kimmel, is one of the ways boys are welcomed to manhood. This is true

when coming to terms with their own emotions, and especially true when faced with the violence of other men. Whether the violence involves making harassing statements at the Fro-Yo machine, acts of intimidation toward those outside the circle of coolness or taking advantage of an intoxicated female, the code of silence is in full force. No one confronts because no one wants to become the next person living outside the circle of coolness.

Protection begins with peers, but can also expand to include parents, professors, city officials, girlfriends, university administrators, coaches and entire communities. Kimmel states that the cultural mandate of protection is particularly evident when these support structures rally around "their guys" while "demeaning their victims."

Upon this foundation of entitlement, silence and protection, the Bro Code reigns unchallenged and insurmountable. The specifics of the Bro Code can change depending on the particular community, but here are several consistent rules: 1) It is your right to have sex, and to do so as often as you like. 2) Always upgrade your woman when you can. 3) You must never get in the way of a Bro who is attempting No. 1. 4) Bros always before Hoes. 5) You will tell her whatever she wants to hear to achieve No. 1. 6) Never ask a woman's opinion about anything sexual. 7) If there is no sexual action after so many dates, it's time to move on. 8) Men don't cry. 9) Don't get mad, get even. 10) Take it like a man. 11) Size matters. And the list continues.

As men we have all heard these messages both explicitly and implicitly. The Bro Code preamble states that women want sex as much as men, and

if not for them being "socialized" to say no, women would say yes to sex all the time. That being the case, it seems logical to use alcohol and/or date rape drugs to give them what they really want.

To be fair, I must say that the Bro Code is not followed religiously by every guy on our campus. The Bro Code culture, however, is alive and well and I have witnessed it (as have many of you) first hand. I have seen it most obviously in the way many of us support the Bro Code by the silence of our actions.

Kimmel states that guys do what they do in part because they believe they can get away with it, that other guys won't say anything — and that the community basically will support them. Is this the new standard for Our Lady's University?

My guess is that we could severely weaken the grip of the Bro Code in this community if we shake the foundation of silence when bad things are about to happen. To those who are already committed to this effort, your sacrifice and willingness to do the right thing is to be commended. Swimming against the current of culture is not for the faint of heart. But like geese who fly in formation, fish who swim in schools and cyclists who create a draft for those behind them, the burden is lighter when we work together.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power."

Eric Hoffer
American writer

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WEEKLY POLL

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A new way to review

It's that time of year to pick classes again. After worrying about your DART time and dreading the inevitable small talk with your academic adviser that will result when you pick up your pin number, you start browsing the class search site and planning out your schedule for next semester. But what if the class is hard or the professor is terrible? You only want the best college experience possible, after all.

John Zielinski

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So you fire up your computer and likely cruise on over to NDToday.com or some other site and hope to find semi-decent reviews on your future teachers. But they are so hard to find! What little reviews that are up there are dated or don't provide very good information. Then you wonder if the information on all those CIFs everyone filled out last year might be available somewhere, which they are (cif.nd.edu), but they kind of suck. Good review questions and data modeling would make too much

sense.

Notre Dame: There is a better way to find reviews on classes and professors. A few Notre Dame seniors have come up with ReviewND.com, and it is going to change how you pick classes and so much more.

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All these services are absolutely free to use and will remain that way because making students' lives easier doesn't have to come with a price tag. Let's make the world a better place, one useful web application at a time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dancing in the moonlight

Has the redundancy of the weekend dorm party mode finally got to you? Do you want to be able to have an actual conversation with that interesting girl or guy without shouting? Want to make 11/11/11 special? Then gentlemen, the time has finally come to impress the ladies with your dancing prowess (and we're not talking about swaying back and forth monotonously.)

The semi-annual Swing-Ballroom Formal, themed "Dancing in the Moonlight," has finally arrived. It will be held this Friday, Nov. 11, in the Stepan Center from 9 p.m. — 1 a.m. Here, you will get the space to move anywhere about the dance floor to much more than music blasting out of speakers. That's right: The main upgrade from last year is the arrival of DJ Kevin Guy to the formals. He is the mainstay for the Notre Dame ballroom competitions, so he can play all the swing and ballroom music to our heart's content.

Now some may question, "What if I'm not in either club?" Anybody is welcome to this event. It only costs one dollar if you are not a due-paying member; for due-paying members, it's free. Also, this is a formal in attire, not bring-a-date formal. I'll be there stag for one, so any girl looking to cha-cha, rumba, waltz, swing, foxtrot, etc, you know you'll definitely have a lead for that. And for all you boyfriends, this is the way you get classy without breaking the bank. (For expensive, you want that Tippecanoe Place, absolutely delicious.)

So girls, throw on that breath-taking dress, and guys, dust off your dress shirt and tie and come on out to the Swing-Ballroom Formal! Stepan Center, 9 p.m. — 1 a.m., 11/11/11.

Junior Swing-er and Ballroom-er,

Joshua Gaston
junior
Siegfried Hall
Nov. 7

Bring back the rallies

Please, please, please bring back pep rallies to Notre Dame. Yes, there is still an event on Friday nights that goes by this name, but pep rallies have been gone from Notre Dame for years.

I remember my first pep rally at Notre Dame as a freshman in 2002. It was Ty's first game. The sound was deafening. The JACC was packed, standing-room only. The energy was palpable. It was a great experience for the students and team, but even this memory pales in comparison to descriptions of the old, legendary pep rallies in the field house or Stepan that were players, band and students only.

What happens now on the Irish Green is a contrived, poor excuse for a rally of any sort. Any energy that is summoned drifts off quietly into the Michiana air. It's almost always cold, you can barely hear what is being said and it's never loud. It's not the students' fault for not coming, it's the decision to put a pep rally that should be in the most exciting environment possible, in the least.

A pep rally should be designed to pump up

the team and students. I really doubt you would have a single player tell you they get pumped for the games by the pep rallies. Ask any student or alum what the most exciting pep rally of the last five years has been, and every time the answer is the one in Stepan.

Why are the pep rallies held here? I hear that it drums up business for the Eddy Street Commons. I hear that it prevents anyone from being turned away. But what good is a pep rally that can accommodate everyone if it's an energy-draining affair, rather than inspiring? I can say confidently that I would be happy to never be able to get a spot in at a pep rally the rest of my alumnus life if I knew that the students, band and team were having a rowdy, raucous affair that brings them together and, heaven forbid, actually excites the team.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





By LAUREN CHVAL
Scene Writer

"Goblet of Fire" was published when I was nine. Up until that point, I had been playing catch up with J.K. Rowling — I finished one book and then started tracking down the next, either by adding my name to the waiting list at my school's library or pestering my mother to buy it for me. Book four, however, was the start of the waiting process that would stretch through my adolescence.

I finished "Prisoner of Azkaban" and then started the wait. "Goblet" hit shelves in the early day of July that preceded my turn through fourth grade, and I was more impatient for that book than the approaching days of school-less sun. I woke up just as it was getting light outside and waited some more — both for my mother to wake up and for the bookstore to open.

I remember that morning was sunny and breezy. We were there when the store opened, and I quickly found my treasure on the shelves. Harry Potter mania had not yet reached its peak in the pre-movie-franchise era, so there was no fancy storefront display. Just a beautifully illustrated cover nestled among the other books.

Mom would only buy one copy — for my brother and me to share. There was a little bit of tussling in the backseat on the way home as we fought over not only who got to read it first, but also who got to hold it and admire that swirling pastel cover.

Inspired by our painful wait, we had decided ahead of time to only read a chapter a day. The 37 chapters would put us 37 days closer to the release of the next book.

I can safely say that my time reading "Goblet" was the height of my love of reading. I took in every word with care and painstaking attention. When I finished my daily chapter, I would go back over the parts I liked or try to work through hints the book left me. I marveled in the language and the character quirks that had become familiar to me now, as if I were reading about the definitive traits of real people I knew.

Even now, rereading the book, it amazes me the power Rowling has to invoke emotion from her readers. Rita Skeeter's articles enraged me at the age of nine and left me just as furious at the age of 20. One of "Goblet's" main messages — that someone's age should not lead you to underestimate them — is perhaps one of the main reasons Harry Potter was so successful. Even though Harry's stories are written for children, Rowling does not talk down to them.

In "Goblet," she has this 14-year-old wizard competing in deadly tasks with 17- and 18-year-olds. Now that I'm old, I laugh a little at the idea of a freshman in high school doing everything Harry does. In the earlier books, Harry was described as scrawny, and when I think back to the boys I started high school with, many of them were laughably shorter than I was. To picture a 5'4", scrappy 14-year-old standing alongside fully-grown men and women in competition is also laughable — but at the age of nine, I had no doubt that Harry could do it. Rowling instilled that certainty in me. She had faith in the abilities — physically, mentally, and emotionally — of the young children to whom she was writing, and that made them have faith in Harry and themselves. It was, perhaps, this brand of Rowling's own magic that made her young hero's tale.

The fourth book was the right time to reaffirm that belief in the strength of young people, because it coincided with the point when Rowling's story took a dark turn. Voldemort returns. It is something the books lead up to, but at the time I was as surprised as any of the characters. As Fudge says, he just couldn't be back. A wizard who had caused so much damage the first time around that people in the present still wouldn't speak his name was back, and neither Rowling's characters nor I knew what that would mean.

From that moment on, Harry was thrust into a world where he wasn't just famous for the horrors of his past, but famous for the horrors he would endure as a real person. A huge scale battle was about to erupt around someone immensely powerful and a teenager — someone close to my age.

I was scared for Harry, like Dumbledore, Hermione, Sirius, the Weasleys, and others readers alike. I thought he was outmatched. But I never thought, "He's just 14, he can't handle this."

By then, Rowling had assured me that he could and he would. She showed me that neither dreams nor problems could be too big for teenagers to handle. And I would never forget that.

As he heads back to a summer with the Dursleys, Harry says he will face things as they come. And so would we, both in our troubled adolescent lives and in our magical worlds. When I closed that book 37 days after first holding it in my hands, I couldn't have known it would be almost three years before Rowling blessed me with Harry's next tale. By then, my patience had snapped, and there was no hope of only taking in a chapter a day.

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The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. "A Knight's Tale"

Good movie, or greatest movie ever in the history of movies and knights and horses and jousting? It's in there somewhere. Sporting a stellar cast of the late great Heath Ledger, Paul Bettany in the role of lifetime as Geoffrey Chaucer, and Alan Tudyk, the guy who played Steve the Pirate in "Dodgeball," this 2001 medieval action-comedy follows the rise of Ledger, a peasant, who poses as a noble in order to compete in jousting tournaments. In addition to expertly stylized action scenes and well-timed comedy, this film sports one heck of a soundtrack, including one of the best uses of Queen's "We Will Rock You" in any movie to date.

2. "Fraiser"

You've probably heard of Fraiser, the most popular spin-off series of all time (the character Fraiser Crane was first on Cheers) but chances are you never watched it. Now you are finally old enough to appreciate the high-brow, sophisticated humor that made the show a critical success for years. The series follows Kelsey Grammar as the eponymous psychiatrist who moves from Boston to Seattle, hosts a radio show, takes care of his elderly father, and gets along with his brother Niles.

3. "Carlos"

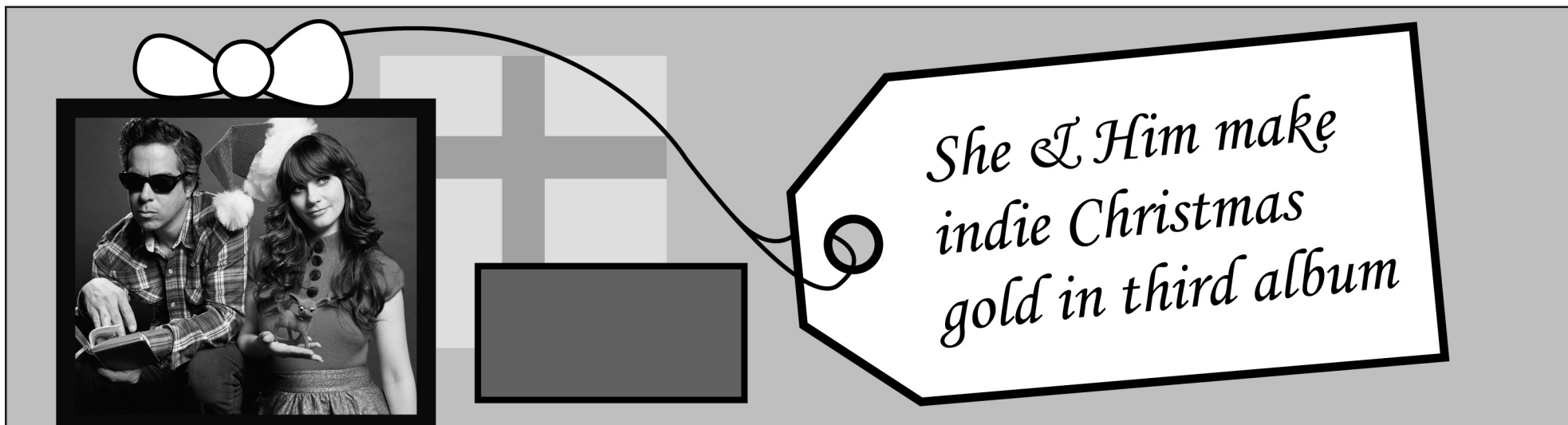
With Carlos the Jackal once again making headlines as his trial gets underway in Paris, there has never been a better time to delve into this 5½ hour miniseries that chronicles the long career of the Venezuelan terrorist whose bombings and assassinations brought havoc all over the Middle East and Europe from 1973 to 1994. Cold War-era leftist terrorism is personified in the figure of Carlos and his Che Guevara style beret and beard, brought to you in this Golden Globe winning miniseries. But be warned: this is in French, with subtitles.

4. "Dumb and Dumber"

Of course, as the title suggests, this movie is stupid comedy, but it's still that visceral style of comedy and outrageous behavior that make for one hysterical movie. Lloyd Christmas, a limo driver, and his friend Harry drive cross-country chasing after Mary Swanson, a woman Lloyd falls in love with while driving her to the airport for his job. She leaves a briefcase of money at the airport and Lloyd thinks he's helping her by driving the money out to her in Aspen, but in reality the money was ransom for Mary's husband. Jim Carrey's zany humor and heartfelt devotion to Mary make the movie so completely dumb, but loveable at the same time.

5. "Meet the Parents"

Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro splendidly play off each other as father and soon-to-be son-in-law in "Meet the Parents." Stiller plays Greg Focker, a male nurse who plans on proposing to his long-time girlfriend Pam only to realize he needs to ask her father for permission first. Pam and Greg head out to Pam's parents' house for her sister's wedding and everything that could possibly go wrong for Greg does. Pam's dad Jack (De Niro), has it out for Greg and uses his CIA skills to interrogate him, make him feel uncomfortable, and intentionally throw a wrench in his daughter's relationship.



By CARRIE TUREK
Scene Writer

Baby, it's cold outside! With Halloween in the rear-view, and with Thanksgiving fast approaching, it is prime time to break out the Christmas tunes. With the Oct. 24 release of "A Very She & Him Christmas," Zooey Deschanel and M. Ward are just in time with the Christmas cheer.

It seems that FOX's "New Girl" has become the current "it girl." Zooey Deschanel is a Jill-of-all-trades. Not only is she a seasoned actress, known for roles in "(500) Days of Summer" and "Yes Man," but she is also a talented singer. As one half of the quirky indie-pop duo, She & Him, Zooey Deschanel is making waves in all areas of entertainment.

Observant viewers may first noticed Deschanel's vocal abilities when she sang "Baby It's Cold Outside" in the modern Christmas classic, "Elf." She is back — this time with singer/songwriter M. Ward — warming hearts with a new interpretation of the same song, and 11 others.

She & Him began as a "no strings attached" collaboration between Deschanel and Ward. The two began working together in a simple attempt to produce Deschanel's soulful and honest lyrics. The acclaim of their first album led to a strong fan following and more than hopeful reviews.

Ward explained his collaboration with Deschanel on their website: "Zooey would write and I would produce and arrange. It's been the most natural extension of our interests and abilities."

Their interests and abilities are surely wide and wonderful. Ward's bibliography is as extensive as Deschanel's, including seven full-length albums, the most recent of which was released in 2009 ("Hold Time"). In addition to his solo-work and his involvement with She & Him, Ward is also a part of Monstrosity of Folk, a group comprised of M. Ward, Conor Oberst and Mike Mogis (both of Bright Eyes) and Jim James (of My Morning Jacket). Like Zooey Deschanel, M. Ward's presence in the indie music world is wide-reaching and still growing.

"A Very She & Him Christmas" was released as the third album for She & Him, containing classic Christmas songs revived and refreshed. Drawing on She & Him's classic, quirky charm and channeling the tones of musicians like The Carpenters and the Beach Boys, "A Very She & Him Christmas" adds a new twist to traditional holiday songs.

Staying true to She & Him's instrumental style, present in both "Volume One" (2008) and "Volume Two" (2010), Deschanel's piano and ukulele-playing abilities are showcased alongside Ward's guitar and organ-playing tal-

ents. They project a comfortable, intimate charm onto classic songs like "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and "Silver Bells." The addition of the ukulele, partnered with Ward's rich low tones and Deschanel's jazzy energy somehow manage to lend a tropical, on-the-beach feeling to otherwise wintry songs. Deschanel inserts a playful and contagious curiosity into these Christmas classics, compelling listeners to reconsider and reflect upon already well-known lyrics.

Unlike She & Him's previous two albums, Ward's vocals are featured prominently on "A Very She & Him Christmas." His voice is surprisingly smooth and a lovely accent to Deschanel's endearing vocal quality. The harmonies produced in "Sleigh Ride" and its upbeat tempo, coupled with the guitar and slight reverberation, produce a classic Christmas song nestled nicely between now and yesteryear. She & Him's indie roots lead to a multitude of brief guitar solos interspersed among the requisite jingle bells.

As only the quirky Deschanel can, She & Him transforms sometimes expected and overdone holiday tunes into fresh tracks, complete with a child-like, wondering interpretation of lyrics and light harmonies. Adding to the appeal of "A Very She & Him Christmas" is the donation that She & Him will make to 826 National with the purchase of each album. 826 National is a non-profit

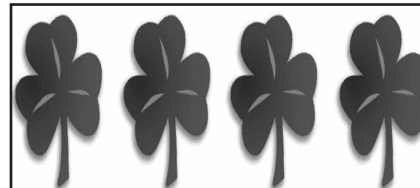
organization dedicated to providing services in writing to underprivileged children ages 6-18.

A Very She & Him Christmas is a treat for She & Him fans and Christmas lovers alike. Deschanel's sweet voice and Ward's strong, expressive vocal and instrumental support combine to produce a cheer-evoking feeling and an exciting Christmas mood, perfect for these almost-chilly November days.

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She & Him

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FOREIGN FOOD FINDS

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

One of the most touted restaurants in the Notre Dame area, J.W. Chen's is hardly a well-kept secret. Nestled between Ari's Grill and a Papa John's, it is quite possibly the best Chinese food in the South Bend-Mishawaka region.

Admittedly, the first impressions when walking in were far from great. The décor, while 99% classy, appropriately themed, and tasteful, was marred by a giant cardboard bubble tea cutout overlooking the register that seemed a little out of place. There is very limited seating to accommodate the high volume of alumni, students and locals, and even less room to stand and wait to be seated (my friends and I were forced to wait in the awkward area between the two sets of double doors). Then, once finally seated, we were in a combination of leather, old-fashioned, wheeled office chairs, and the wooden

chairs one would find at south dining hall.

Once seated, though, the meal was phenomenal. We started with a round of hot tea that was the perfect remedy for the overstated cold South Bend weather. Though we avoided appetizers, our table was served an order of Almond Shrimp on the house, which ironically happened to be the best dish we had. One wouldn't expect quality or tasty seafood in the Midwest, but even those of us from the coasts loved the shrimp. Crusted with sliced almond pieces and in a pool of sweet almond ginger glaze, there's little else to say to describe its deliciousness.

Moving to our actual dishes, we were each asked to give our spice tolerance on a scale of 1 to 10. Being my bold, fearless, and sometimes unintelligent self, naturally I said 10. As the owner laughed and said, "We'll see about that!" I waited in fear for what they might bring. She had recommended the

Ginger Chicken after hearing I liked spice, so I went along and ordered the dish. It came, covered in red chili powder and freshly sliced jalapeños, looking quite daunting. Still, don't worry readers, I muscled my way through it, and aside from the moment I thought I could handle eating the peppers straight up I didn't break a sweat.

Other noteworthy menu items included foremost the Ma Pa Tofu (tofu with a spicy sauce); despite being under the PORK heading on the menu it is in fact vegetarian, spicy, and delicious. The shrimp with lobster sauce, despite having a distinctive egg flavor in it, was also quite good and the sauce went particularly well with the mountain of sticky rice served at each table. Even the Fu Na Chicken (chicken with spicy black bean sauce) was well worth it, as there was truly not a dish I tried that wasn't thoroughly enjoyable.

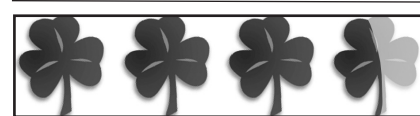
Like I mentioned before, J.W. Chen's is not unknown to most of the Notre

Dame community. But, for those of you who have, like myself, overlooked it to instead order from Golden Dragon because of ease and convenience, I challenge you to try J.W. and I'm sure you will not be disappointed. At the very least, you can admire the statue of a cat holding its paw up sitting on the cashier's table.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

A Magic moment

“But life goes on,” he said. Twenty years ago yesterday, Lakers star guard Earvin “Magic” Johnson held one of the most shocking press conferences in sports history, announcing his retirement while revealing he was infected with HIV, a socially-shunned illness at the time.

The comforting, illuminating smile that Magic had displayed for the entire previous decade had vanished, replaced by a blank stare into the horde of confused reporters.

His athletic prowess had been marginalized, a footnote to his life on November 7, 1991.

The three-time Most Valuable Player that had just posted averages of 19.4 points per game and 12.5 assists per game in the year before was now an HIV patient. He was not a superhero anymore. He wasn’t even a basketball player anymore. He was a dead man walking now.

For people in Los Angeles that day, it was an I-remember-exactly-where-I-was-and-what-I-was-doing moment.

My dad was in Anaheim that day on a business trip, setting up a table at a convention. He was surprised. The mood around the center was stunned.

I was not even alive yet. But even I know where my dad was. It was just one of those moments.

Many people — shocked, still — were afraid of Magic now. They were scared to touch him, to be associated with him, to do anything with him. But help came from one of the most unlikely sources: bitter rival and Celtics forward Larry Bird.

The duo had, in their words, hated each other. They were the same player on the court — creative, hard-working and popular — but off the court, they were vastly different. Johnson was the fun-loving college kid from Michigan

while Bird was the stoic, private Hick from French Lick.

They battled in the NCAA championship as Spartans and Sycamores. They battled in the NBA as Lakers and Celtics. They even battled on camera while pitching different Converse shoes (not surprisingly, Johnson’s were a flashy white pair while Bird’ were a plain black set).

But the pair that had combined for eight NBA championships in nine years suddenly became closer. They started to become friends instead of being rivals. Their mutual respect for each other had blossomed into a relationship. That had to have been just as shocking as Magic’s initial announcement was.

To have your greatest rival, your bitter foe, come support you in a time of need was utterly incredible. Magic was just that lovable.

Magic was so lovable that he has changed the entire culture surrounding HIV. What was largely thought of as a “gay disease” was now mainstream. People thought to themselves,

“If it happened to Magic, it can happen to anyone.”

Yes, people were scared. But now, they were more aware, more informed, more careful, more conscious that this disease was real and not discriminatory toward certain populations.

That simple change in connotation has probably done more for awareness and research for the disease than the multitude of dollars that he has raised for the cause.

Johnson has found a successful gig on television as a talking head on TNT during the NBA season and has continuously and tirelessly worked as an advocate for AIDS awareness. He has raised millions of dollars for AIDS research while also changing the social connotation of HIV.

And so, life has gone on. With plenty of Magic.

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MEN’S INTERHALL

Strong defense lifts Alumni 6-0

Sorin edges out Carroll, Siegfried remains undefeated with win

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

In the first round of the playoffs, No. 7 Alumni upset No. 2 Keenan in a defensive showdown.

The Dawgs (3-2) were in a stalemate with the Knights (4-1) until the fourth quarter, when senior running back Dan Dansdill punched in a 1-yard touchdown run to gain the lead.

“Keenan owned the first half,” Dansdill said. “We made some adjustments [in the second half] based off what they were giving us.”

With windy conditions, Alumni focused on running the ball for most of the game. Dansdill tallied 65 yards rushing for the Dawgs.

“We controlled the ground game,” Dansdill said. “We just wanted it more in the trenches.”

While both defenses forced turnovers throughout the game, Alumni sparked its offensive production late in the fourth quarter. After running for most of the game, freshman quarterback Tyler Barron ran a play action pass and completed a fade route, bringing Alumni down to Keenan’s one-yard line and leading to the only touchdown of the game.

For Keenan, it was a disappointing ending to an undefeated regular season.

“It’s tough, I feel bad for our seniors,” junior quarterback Andrew McDonough said. “We all wanted to send them out with a championship and we failed in doing that.”

The Knights struggled to get things going offensively, as the Dawgs limited their offense to 120 total yards while forcing three turnovers. With two minutes left in the game, the Knights had one last chance to score, but gave the ball up while running a hook-and-ladder.

Overall, though, a lot of good things came out of the season for the Knights, McDonough said.

“It stinks to go out this way but we had a good season,” he said. “I wish Alumni good luck the rest of the way and we’ll be cheering for them.”

Keenan’s season is over, but Alumni will look to continue its success this weekend in the second-round of the playoffs against No. 3 Sorin.

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Sorin 10, Carroll 7

By JAMES SOUTHARD
Sports Writer

In an emotional contest full of big plays and huge stops, a single field goal made the difference as No. 3 Sorin edged No. 6 Carroll on Sunday.

The Otters (4-0-1) rallied behind their rock-solid passing offense and a strong defensive effort to oust Carroll (2-2-1) from the playoffs. Junior quarterback Ted Spinelli threw the go-ahead 55-yard touchdown to senior wide receiver Brett Leahy.

Sorin junior Connor Wathen kicked the game-winning field goal despite a set of downs that included two sacks for Carroll.

“It feels great to be on the road to victory again,” Sorin junior wide receiver Ryan Robinson said. “We overcame some hiccups in our offense and played a good game.”

The Sorin defense maintained its composure all game, continually pressuring the Carroll offensive line. A late tackle for loss in the fourth quarter resulted in a big Carroll loss, and a Robinson interception proved to be of utmost importance to the team.

“We started off in our special ‘Leahy defense’ and played out of our minds,” Robinson said.

Carroll’s season came to an end, despite a herculean effort marked by defensive intensity and heart. On the Sorin drive that resulted in the winning field goal, Carroll had a goal line stand and forced the offense back nearly 10 yards before surrendering the field goal. The defense also came away with two interceptions on the day, a product of an excellent pass rush.

“Our defense really played a great game, seeing as they really contained the running game, and with the exception of the long touchdown pass, they allowed just three points,” junior captain Keith Marrero said.

The Vermin scored with just 20 seconds left in the first half after a 16-yard touchdown reception by Marrero tied the game. However, the team never completely recovered from a missed field goal that would have tied the score.

“I thought we played a great game, and I’d like to give our seniors a shout-out, including Mitch Speer, Nick Tammerine, and Kent Liederbach,” Marrero said. “Great game by Sorin, they played a heck of a game,

and I can’t say enough about them.”

Sorin will take on No. 7 Alumni this Sunday.

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Siegfried 14, Stanford 7

By SCOTT FRANO
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David had Goliath on the ropes Sunday, but Goliath escaped for a last-second victory.

Down 7-6 with mere minutes to play, No. 1 Siegfried drove 77 yards to set up a 1-yard touchdown run from junior running back David Whitmore. Whitmore ran for 35 of the drive’s 77 yards. A two-point conversion made the final score 14-7, as No. 8 Stanford had almost no time to respond.

Siegfried (5-0) started the game well, as Whitmore scored on a 5-yard run on the game’s opening possession. But the extra point was blocked, and a howling wind made it hard for either team to move the ball effectively.

Stanford (2-3) took the lead in the fourth quarter on a 40-yard pass from freshman quarterback Charlie Fiessinger to junior receiver Jim Wacławik. The extra point made the score 7-6 in Stanford’s favor.

Siegfried came up with its second game-winning drive in two weeks, wrestling victory away at the end. Whitmore said his team became more focused once Stanford took the lead.

“We really had to get it going,” Whitmore said. “We played well on the first drive, and then we were sloppy. When we’re down it drives us to play better.”

Senior defensive end Mike Dineen admitted to being a little nervous after Stanford took the lead, but said he had confidence in his team.

“You always get a little nervous, especially in interhall when you don’t have a lot of time,” he said. “It was a really good wake-up call, like a boxer getting punched in the face. I was a little nervous, but I had confidence in my team to come out and do it.”

Junior linebacker Steve Oliva said the playoff loss was a good learning experience for his young team.

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Gina works the diner all day Working for her man, she brings home her pay for love... For love

She says: We've got to hold on to what we've got 'Cause it doesn't make a difference If we make it or not We've got each other and that's a lot For love - we'll give it a shot

Ohh We're half way there Woah Livin' on a prayer Take my hand and we'll make it - I swear Woah Livin' on a prayer

Tommy's got his six string in hock Now he's holding in what he used To make it talk - so tough, it's tough

Gina dreams of running away When she cries in the night Tommy whispers: Baby it's okay, someday

We've got to hold on to what we've got 'Cause it doesn't make a difference If we make it or not We've got each other and that's a lot For love - we'll give it a shot

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL

Defense propels Howard to 13-6 upset over Ryan

PW edges past Welsh Family in overtime, McGlinn blanks Farley in blowout win, Cavanaugh advances

By BRIAN HARTNETT
Sports Writer

No. 7-seed Howard utilized its strong defense to slow down second-seeded Ryan and earn a 13-6 upset in the quarterfinals Sunday.

“Our defense is what got us into the playoffs, and it is what helped keep us in the playoffs,” Howard senior receiver Kristyn Jeffries said. “However, our offense had a great energy that it hasn’t had in the past, and it made a difference.”

Howard (3-4) set the tone early on defense, holding Ryan (6-1) to three-and-outs on its first two possessions and forcing the Wildcats to use their little-used punt team. The Ducks then broke through for the first score, as junior quarterback Katharine Mack found Jeffries on a 40-yard touchdown pass that involved Jefferies evading two Ryan defenders. The rest of the half was marked by strong defensive production, as both teams were forced into two turnover-on-downs apiece.

Howard found the end zone again on its first drive of the second half, overcoming three penalties to score on a five-yard touchdown pass from Mack to junior receiver Laura Coletti. Ryan followed with a touchdown drive of its own off an impressive 31-yard catch by sophomore receiver Mad-die Swan and then scoring on a one-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Maya Pillai to Swan. After stopping Howard on its next possession, Ryan had one last chance for the win, but the Wildcats’ drive was thwarted just a few yards from the end zone, giving How-ard the victory.

Ryan put forth a strong of-fensive effort, but it was held in check by Howard’s defense, scoring its lowest point total on the season.

“Howard certainly had a great defense,” Swan said. “Still, I think we just didn’t exe-cute as well as we usually do.”

Despite the early exit from the playoffs, Swan was proud of the Wildcats’ success this sea-son.

“It was an unbelievable sea-son,” Swan said. “We are going to come back strong next year.”

For now, though, Howard marches on to the semifinals,

putting the team in line for a third straight trip to Notre Dame Stadium.

“This victory will build some great morale for our team, since we came in as underdogs and did exactly what we needed to do,” Jeffries said. “The mo-mentum from this win will propel us into next week’s game.”

Howard will play No. 6 seed McGlinn next Sunday in its quest for a third straight cham-pionship game.

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PW 13, Welsh Fam 12

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In a come-from-behind over-time victory, No. 5 seed Pas-querilla West upset No. 4 seed Welsh Family 13-12 to secure a spot in the semifinals Sunday.

“I feel amazing. We played to the last minute,” Pasque-rilla West junior quarterback Kirsten Danna said. “I’m really proud of how our team per-formed tonight.”

The Purple Weasels (5-2) tied the game at 6-6 with less than two minutes remaining. Danna passed to sophomore receiver Rachel Rogers for the 15-yard touchdown. A failed conver-sion attempt sent the game into overtime.

“We made some adjustments in the second half on offense,” Danna said. “Once we did that, we were able to get more pro-duction.”

In overtime, Danna scram-bled for a four-yard touchdown on the first possession. The converted extra point — a pass from Danna to Rogers — made the score 13-6.

Welsh Family junior quarter-back Vicky Moreno responded with a six-yard touchdown run of her own, but the Whirlwind failed the extra point attempt, ending the game 13-12.

“Our defense performed fantastic,” Danna said. “They picked up on all the long throws, and they really helped us out at the end.”

Pasquerilla West is hoping this is the beginning of a cham-pionship run through the play-offs.

“This momentum is huge for

us, but we still have to get to [Notre Dame Stadium],” Danna said. “We want to get there and win, after being there the past two seasons.”

Welsh Family (4-3) strug-gled on offense in the second half and was forced into three three-and-outs. One of the Whirlwind’s top receivers, se-nior Charlotte Seasily, was in-jured midway through the sec-ond half. Seasily caught the first touchdown and had 53 yards receiving in the game.

“We’re really upset,” Welsh Family senior receiver Natalie Baldasare said. “We played our hearts out, and it just didn’t happen for us tonight.”

Baldasare ended the game with 33 receiving yards. She remained positive about the success the Whirlwind had this season.

“We had a great run this year,” Baldasare said. “I wish we would have gone farther, but I’m proud of how hard we worked.”

Though Welsh Family’s sea-son is over, Pasquerilla West continues to the semifinals Sunday, where they’ll meet No. 1 seed Cavanaugh.

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McGlinn 20, Farley 0

By NICK BOYLE
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A first half offensive explo-sion and a stellar defense were keys for McGlinn as the No. 6 seed posted a 20-0 quarterfinal victory over No. 3 seed Farley.

Shamrocks senior captain and quarterback Lauren Mill-er was dominant in the win, throwing for 161 yards and two touchdowns while running for 43 yards and another score.

“[My receivers and I] have a lot of good chemistry that we’ve built up throughout the whole season,” Miller said. “It showed today. We played with a lot of confidence and our game plan worked out to perfection.”

After trading opening pos-sessions, the Shamrocks (5-2) struck first, with a one-yard quarterback sneak midway through the first half.

Farley (5-2) looked to answer quickly, but was thwarted by a

stiff Shamrock defense, giving the ball back to McGlinn with less than two minutes remain-ing in the half.

Miller completed consecutive 12-yard passes before finding freshman receiver Emma Col-lis on a long 47-yard pass for a touchdown with only 38 sec-onds left on the clock.

Not content with a 12-point lead going into halftime, Mc-Glinn’s defense came up with another stop, giving the Sham-rock offense one last play be-fore the half ended. Miller took full advantage of this, finding junior receiver Caitlin Day in the back of the end zone on a 35-yard touchdown pass as time ran out in the first half.

“We were able to get the deep ball working late in the first half,” Miller said. “Both of those plays were really great plays by the receivers. They made a couple of big catches.”

Farley tried to answer back in the second half, but was con-sistently stopped by a strong Shamrock defense. Despite the loss, Farley senior captain Analise Althoff still was able to take positives from the game.

“We had a great season and we had a lot of fun,” Althoff said. “We played a good game. Sometimes things just don’t go your way”.

Farley’s season is now over, while No. 6 seed McGlinn will take on No. 7 seed Howard in the semifinals.

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Cavanaugh 18, Lyons 6

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With three passing touch-downs from senior quarter-back Rebecca Cink, top-seeded Cavanaugh prevailed over No. 8 seed Lyons 18-6 to advance to the semifinals.

The game started out as a defensive struggle, as the ball changed hands five times with-out a point scored. However, an interception thrown by Lyons (3-4) deep in its own territory gave Cavanaugh (7-0) a short field. The Chaos took advantage of this golden opportunity and scored on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Cink to senior receiv-

er Brittni Alexander.

The score remained 6-0 heading into halftime as the defensive battle continued. Lyons had difficulties advancing the ball against Cavanaugh’s stifling man-to-man defense, gaining only two first downs in the first half. Cavanaugh, meanwhile, couldn’t contain Lyons’ defensive pressure, as Lyons racked up four sacks in the first half.

But on the first play in the second half, Cavanaugh broke the game open with a 65-yard touchdown by Alexander. The touchdown came on a designed catch-and-pitch, when Cink completed a five-yard pass to junior receiver Erica Chenard, who then pitched the ball to Al-exander.

“I just happened to get by the two girls that were there and I was wide open,” Alexander said. “I had good blocks and I just marched it down the field.”

Later in the game, after a time-consuming six-minute drive, the Chaos reached the end zone on a 12-yard touch-down from Cink to sophomore receiver Colleen Pelletier to go up 18-0.

While the Lyonites needed at least two scores, they never gave up. Senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez drove the ball down the field and completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to se-nior receiver Caroline Maroney with 13 seconds remaining.

While it was not the desired outcome for the Lyonites, they were still satisfied with their season, Rodriguez said.

“What Lyons did this year, having never won any games two years before and [making] it to the playoffs, makes me so proud of the girls,” Rodriguez said.

With its season on the line, Cavanaugh was thrilled to get the victory, Alexander said.

“We scored three touchdowns and did all we could do,” Alex-ander said. “I’m super excited to get to the second round.”

Lyons’ postseason run has ended, but No. 1 seed Cavana-ugh will look to continue its quest to play in Notre Dame Stadium when they face No. 5 seed Pasquerilla West next week.

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came fatigued in the third round, Couri maintained her control in a more even final round.

In a convincing fight, Couri defeated Kareh by unanimous decision.

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Tegan “Long Hair Don’t Care” Chapman def. Kirby “Super Smash” McKenna

Chapman, a junior, showed toughness by pulling out the decision after having difficul-ties in the first round. McK-enna, a sophomore and a pho-

tographer for The Observer, started the match with an aggressive approach by stay-ing close to Chapman. With the distance between the two shortened, McKenna capi-talized by breaking through Chapman’s guard with short jabs.

After the first round, Chap-man’s changes in strategy lead to the victory. Keeping a strong, tight stance, Chapman took advantage of the counter against McKenna’s aggres-siveness in the second round.

Then, Chapman sealed the win with a strong third round. In what was a close match, the in-match adjustments proved to be key with Chapman re-ceiving the unanimous deci-sion.

Catherine “Dizzy” Gillespie def. Kasia “The Polish Pun-isher” Prouty

In an intense matchup, the junior Gillespie fought a strong all-around match. Prouty, a graduate student, started the first round in an aggressively, forcing Gillespie to spend much of the round on defense.

After the first round, Gil-lespie started to take advan-tage of the aggressiveness by focusing on the counter. As Prouty kept throwing punch-es, Gillespie was selective and picked opportune times to throw solid punches.

In the third round, Prouty seemed to tire, while Gil-lespie finished the match out with a strong, consistent third round. Gillespie won the match in a unanimous deci-sion.

Sarah “I’m Not a Commu-nist” McCarthy def. Edie Graham “Cracker”

McCarthy’s constant pres-sure proved to be overwhelm-ing in a match that ended early on referee’s decision. From the start of the first round, the sophomore Mc-Carthy delivered one punch after another. She connected on strong combinations that forced the referee to give the senior Graham the count twice in the first round.

On the first exchange of the second round, McCarthy set the tone for the round by land-ing a strong right hook. Mc-Carthy continued to land solid punches and Graham could not establish any rhythm.

The third round was a con-tinuation of the aggressive strategy from McCarthy, in-cluding two right hooks and the straight jab that forced the referee to call the match half way through the third round.

Karina “Matadomer” Lizzi def. Maria “La Peligrosa” Lynch

The last fight of the night featured two seniors in an en-ergetic matchup. Lizzi came out of her corner swinging, forcing Lynch to the edges of the ring. Lizzi then capitalized on Lynch’s lack of options.

In the second round, Lizzi continued her aggressiveness. She kept Lynch off-balance and forced her to keep moving around the ring.

In the third round, Lynch tried to make a quick come-back. Keeping up a strong guard, she began to counter attack to negate Lizzi’s ag-gressiveness.

In the end, Lizzi’s strong two rounds gave her the unani-mous decision.

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles suffer consecutive defeats over weekend

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The Belles dropped two meets over the weekend. They fell to Hope 173-98 Friday at the Rolfs Aquatic Center and at Division I Valparaiso 137-66 on Saturday.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said the team competed hard, but they were up against strong competition over the weekend.

“We had some tough runs,” Benishek said. “We went back-to-back meets against tough clubs. We really have our sights set on some of our upcoming meets, especially Wabash and Calvin in the next couple of weeks.”

Against Hope, Belles senior breaststroker Audrey Dalrymple brought in three first-place finishes. She topped her Flying Dutch competition in the 100-breaststroke (1:10.78), the 200-breaststroke (2:31.54) and the 200 IM (2:18.15).

Despite the loss to Valparaiso, the Belles had strong performances from their senior leaders. Dalrymple came in first in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:12.24. She also came in second in both the 200 IM and the 400-medley relay.

Benishek said he was happy

with the performance of his seniors, who have been consistently bringing in points for the Belles all year.

“Our senior leadership has been a strong point all year. [Seniors] Katie Donovan, Megan Price and Audrey Dalrymple all had strong performances over the weekend,” Benishek said. “Their senior leadership has been great, and they have backed it up with strong swims. We know we can always count on them for motivation.”

Donovan picked up two second-place finishes in the 200-freestyle with a time 2:05.73 against the Crusaders and 2:05.70 against the Flying Dutch.

The Belles also had a strong performance from Freshman Anna Nolan. Nolan finished second in the 50-freestyle (26.75). She notched a pair of second places in the 100-backstroke over the weekend in 1:06.24 Friday and 1:06.39 Saturday as well.

The Belles will host Defiance College on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Dyer

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just kind of a jubilant person, and I like to sing,” Dyer said. “I guess I do sing, but it’s not like when I’m in the room I’m just like ‘laaa.’ I will just break out in song when I feel like it.”

Rolfs Aquatic Center occasionally plays music on the underwater speakers, something Dyer enjoys at practice. He said the women’s swimming team is responsible for creating the playlist, which received his stamp of approval.

Also a fan of HGTV and Travel Channel, Dyer is pursuing a career in business entertainment, with particular dreams of working behind the scenes of one of his favorite television shows.

Dyer’s infatuation with the Food Network has created a food critic in the swimmer, who said he enjoys critiquing meals prepared by different restaurants. He offered his own analysis of the food in his nearest kitchen, North Dining Hall.

“Obviously the things produced on Food Network look more delicious than the food at North [Dining Hall],” he said. “Every time I watch the Food Network, it always makes me hungry. North is fine, it’s just not the Food Network.”

The 6-foot-4-inch former basketball player from Albany, N.Y., said he has a new appreciation for his father’s home-cooked meals.

“My dad makes really good baked ziti. I really like rigatoni noodles with melted mozzarella cheese on top,” he said. “Actually, they always use ricotta cheese on ‘Chopped,’ and I absolutely hate ricotta cheese. It’s the grossest thing. It must be some texture thing; I just don’t like it. [There is] no ricotta cheese in the baked ziti my dad makes, and that’s really, really good.”

In the pool, Dyer impressed all of his teammates and coaches last year with a record-setting freshman season. He currently holds the school record for the 100, 200 and 500-yard freestyle races.

“[Last year’s seniors] were very, very good, and I kind of learned quietly, just did what I was told and kept a positive attitude,” Dyer said. “We have a goal sheet every year, and my goal time was to beat [the 500-yard freestyle record]. Not that I didn’t think I was going to do it, but I was just kind of shocked when it really happened. I had been looking forward to it for so long, and when goals like that actually happen, it’s a really good feeling.”

Aside from the occasional “pump-up” music underwater at Rolfs, Dyer said he motivates himself by maintaining a positive attitude even during challenging days at practice.

“I don’t think people know that swimming, it’s just like the worst sport ever to do because it’s hard all the time, and practices are just brutal,” he said. “It’s physical and mental all the time. It’s so easy to hate the sport, but you can’t hate it because if you’re at this level, you have to love it to some degree because it’s what you do.”

Offering fans the secret to his success, Dyer said that he has discovered the breakfast of champions.

“I definitely like to make my own omelets in the dining hall,” he said. “[I add] tomatoes, bacon, green peppers and cheese, except I can’t make omelets, so I just make scrambled eggs. I put them in in the make-your-own-omelet line, except I just scramble them up because I can’t flip an omelet.”

Dyer and the Irish will return to the pool Saturday at Louisville at 1 p.m., and he will be in concert with Halftime on Dec. 8.

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Knott junior wide receiver Brian Metz returns a punt for the Juggerknotts in their 10-0 loss to Dillon on Sunday in the first round of the playoffs. Dillon will match up with Siegfried in the semifinals.

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three seniors,” Oliva said. “We’re glad we made it this far. Being a No. 8 seed, we really wanted to win, but they just played a little harder than us.”

Stanford’s season is over with the loss, while Siegfried advances to face No. 5 Dillon this Sunday.

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Dillon 10, Knott 0

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No. 5 Dillon advanced to the second round of the playoffs after winning a 10-0 defensive scrum against No. 4 Knott.

The Big Red (4-1) were powered by a stout defense that held Knott (3-2)

to three first downs and only 38 yards of offense. In addition to forcing two turnovers on downs, the Dillon defense had three takeaways. Two came in the form of interceptions by junior captain and defensive back Will Salvi. Salvi also broke up a pass on fourth down late in the fourth quarter, giving the ball back to the Big Red.

“On all three plays we were in deep coverages,” Salvi said. “They kept trying to go long, and I was just in a good position to make some plays.”

Dillon scored on its second drive of the game when junior kicker Matt Enzweiler connected on a 34-yard field goal. From there, the two defenses dominated the game.

In the fourth quarter, Big Red junior running back Terry Howard scampered 50 yards down the left sideline to make it 10-0.

The Big Red will face top-seeded Siegfried next week. To get a win over the top seed, Dillon knows it needs to improve its offense.

“We were very sloppy on offense,” Salvi said. “We really have got to work on that [for next week]. Against Siegfried, we can’t be one-dimensional. We need to have balance within our offense.”

The Knott offense struggled to find a rhythm, plagued by penalties and turnovers.

“Offensively, we just didn’t take care of the ball,” Knott senior captain Dan Shaffer said. “I lost count of how many times [we fumbled].”

The Juggerknotts had three turnovers in addition to five fumbles they recovered. Despite the end result, Shaffer was happy with how the team played.

“We really tried hard,” Shaffer said. “It was a good game to end on, minus the loss aspect of it. [Dillon] is a good team.”

Knott’s season is over while Dillon will face Siegfried (5-0) this Sunday in the semifinals.

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Fights

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Katie Mayka “Girl Cry” def. Ashley “Big Girls Don’t Cry” Taylor

Mayka started the fight by piling on hits to Taylor’s body and head during the first round, using her longer reach to help her to a unanimous decision victory.

In the second round, Mayka continued with her strategy, but Taylor responded with a few of her own punches.

In the third, Taylor went on the offensive, but Mayka gained her composure back in spite of the attacks. With her longer arm reach, Mayka was able to succeed and win the fight in unanimous decision.

Tori “I’ll Make You Pay” White def. Shannon “The Collider” Hughes

Lefty Tori White came out with strong uppercuts and took control of the first round in impressive fashion on her way to a unanimous victory.

White continued to be on the offensive against Hughes in the second, landing a number of big shots and causing a stoppage.

More of the same continued in the third, as White caused another stoppage due to her strong punches and won by unanimous decision.

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Julie “Outta My Mind” Saxer def. Megan “Don-a-tronk” Doyle

In this battle of juniors, Saxer set the tone early, coming out aggressively and throwing some strong punches in the first round.

Doyle, who the News Editor for The Observer, came back to assert herself in the second round, forcing Saxon into the corner on one occasion and pushing her to the ropes at another point.

Doyle continued to put Saxon on the defensive at the start of the third round, nearly causing her to lose her balance with one punch. However, Saxon asserted herself by fending off many of Doyle’s punches and putting up strong enough defensive fronts to earn herself a victory by unanimous decision.

Hannah “The Animal” Skinner def. Rachel “The Ringer” Wright

This intense match that would ultimately end in a split decision victory for Skinner began with a close first round. Wright came out with some aggressive punches, but Skinner was able to land a few body shots.

Wright kept up her intensity at the start of the second round by starting on the offensive, but Skinner adeptly managed to evade several of her jabs, keeping the fight at a near-deadlock heading into the third round.

Skinner met success in the third round, landing a few blows to Wright’s stomach. Wright threw some strong uppercuts, but Skinner was ultimately able to fend off her attack, giving her the victory in a split decision fashion.

Sarah “It’s Miller Time” Miller def. Beth “The She-Wolf” Wloszek

The first round of this bout

was essentially a standstill, with both fighters trading a series of jabs. Wloszek began the round as the more aggressive fighter, but Miller emerged to take the offensive later in the round.

Miller turned the tables her way in the second round though, moving Wloszek into the corner and landing a series of powerful uppercuts to Wloszek’s body.

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Kat “astrophe” Leach def. Alicia “The Texas Hammer” Danto

The junior Leach and the senior Danto traded punches evenly throughout the first round, but Leach’s right hook at the end of the round gave her the advantage. In a fast-paced beginning to the second round, Leach utilized her long reach to string together combo punches. Midway through the round, Danto suffered a bloody nose and received medical attention.

Leach controlled the first seconds of a third round that was interrupted twice to treat Danto’s nose injury. The referee ultimately called the match before the end of the round, and Leach claimed the unanimous decision.

Natty “Light on Her Feet” Baldasare def. Grace “In Your Face” Spaulding

Utilizing her speed and strength, the senior Baldasare started this match aggressively. The junior Spaulding, however, adjusted to Baldasare’s attacks, and the pace of the round slowed.

Baldasare began the second round with two well-placed punches into Spaulding’s stomach. Spaulding responded with more energy and controlled position throughout the second round. Baldasare, however, continued to get hits on Spaulding from a defensive position.

Baldasare controlled the third round and won the match unanimously.

Grace Welte “Maker” def. Jill “Just Jill” Giunco

The sophomore Welte set the tone for the match with a punishing first punch to Giunco. Welte’s speed caught the junior off-guard, as she was knocked back in the first round. Giunco regained composure only for Welte to deliver a final blow to the jaw, ending the round.

Welte continued to get punches in on Giunco in the second round. Giunco responded with well-executed dodging techniques, but Welte ended the round with a successful three-punch combo.

The referee ended the match before the beginning of the third round to name Welte the unanimous winner.

Jenny “Moves Like Jagger” Walsh def. Carli “Frank Lloyd Wright Hook” Fernandez

In an even matchup that came down to the wire, the sophomore Walsh edged out the senior Fernandez.

Walsh gained a slight advantage at the end of the first round with a slew of well-timed punches.

In the second round, Fernandez and Walsh traded punches throughout, leaving the match to be decided in the final round.

Walsh landed a powerful punch to Fernandez in

the third round. The crowd cheered loudly as the two boxers exchanged punches. Walsh gained control and forced Fernandez into a defensive position to end the round. Walsh grabbed the victory by split decision.

Emily “Shake N Bake” Baker def. Cathy “The Cannon” Cichon

Baker began the first round with a fury of punches to Cichon’s stomach but Cichon responded quickly, delivering blows to Baker.

After a first round that saw the two sophomores trade punches, Baker dictated the pace and position of the second round. She delivered a well-timed combo punch to Cichon in the frame. Despite Baker’s punches, Cichon did not back down and continued to land punches of her own.

Baker took advantage of a slower Cichon in the third round, controlling from beginning to end. Baker took the match by unanimous decision.

Jen “KO” Coe def. Liz “Big Gurl” Garvin

The early seconds of the round belonged to the sophomore Garvin who landed quick punches on the senior co-president Coe. Coe responded by pushing Garvin back into the ropes with her hits before landing multiple powerful combo punches on Garvin.

The second round ended where the first left off. Coe controlled the round, which had to be broken up by the referee midway through.

In the third round, Coe continued to deliver punches to Garvin and was on the offensive the entire round. Again, the referee had to break up the action.

Coe won the match by unanimous decision.

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Anne “Fluffykins” Conover def. Colleen “Nine Lives” Kerins

The first round began with both fighters coming out strong and landing punches early. The junior Conover ended the first round with a solid right jab right before the bell tolled.

After ending the first round on a good note, Conover came out with an aggressive attack and was relentless. The sophomore Kerins had to be on the defense for most of the second round but ultimately landed a few punches.

An intense Kerins came out in the final round but seemed to grow tired, and was unable to hold off Conover’s attack. Conover won the fight in a unanimous decision.

Dina “Is a Female Version of a Hustler” Montemarano def. Diana “I Choose You” Yu

The fighters both came out energetically but Montemarano gained control of the fight late in the first round and never looked back.

Montemarano did not let up in a second round that sent Yu into a blocking position for nearly the whole round. Montemarano landed a powerful combination midway through the round, the punches taking a toll on Yu.

The third and final round was a toss-up between the seniors. Yu came out with a flurry of fists but Montemarano fought them off and landed

a few punches of her own. In a unanimous decision, Montemarano won the bout.

Anna “The Maine-lac” Carmack def. Kate “Milwaukee Bruiser” Maternowski

Maternowski, a law student, started the fight throwing a lot of hard, well-aimed punches but Carmack, a sophomore, had a good counter-attack and fought the punches off well.

Carmack took control of the fight in the second round, backing Maternowski into the ropes twice. Maternowski was on defense for much of the round but did make a serious connection on a few punches.

In the third round, Carmack clinched the fight when she threw a right hook that knocked out Maternowski’s mouth guard. Maternowski tried to stage a comeback after the short delay but was unable to beat Carmack, who won on a split decision.

Stany “The Bulgarian Beast” Sevova def. Alyssa “Topp Dogg” Topping

Coming out on fire, the junior Sevova landed many punches, and forced the senior Topping against the ropes throughout the first round. Topping was put on defense early, where she remained the whole fight.

Sevova, again in the second round, came out strong and controlled the round. Halfway through the round, Sevova landed a right jab that left Topping dazed.

After the convincing performance in the first two rounds, Sevova finished off strong, never relinquishing control of the fight. Sevova was unanimously selected as the victor.

Gina “I’m Not Sorry” Rogari def. Dana “Think Outside the Box-ing” Spencer

In the first round, both fighters came out aggressively and maintained even status in the ring. But in the second round, the sophomore Rogari took complete control of the fight. She landed punch after punch and had the graduate student Spencer up against the ropes three times.

Rogari continued with her fierce attack and dictated the third round. Partway through, the fight had to be stopped to check and see if Spencer could continue. She fought hard after coming back, but was unable to fend off Rogari, who won with a unanimous decision.

Melinda “The Most Malicious” Macia def. Wenona “Not So Nice” Brice

The first round began with Brice, a sophomore, coming out strong but Macia, a junior, finished the round in control. Both fighters landed numerous punches, and it was a fairly even match.

Macia controlled the second round until a left jab by Brice knocked out Macia’s left contact lens. Persevering, Macia took out her right lens and fought “blind.” Her natural instincts must have been strong, because she fought hard after the small delay and took control of the fight.

Macia was on the prowl in the third round. She relentlessly attacked Brice landing the majority of the punches. Brice landed a few solid punches but was unable to overcome Macia, who went on to be the victor in a split decision.

Carleigh “The Homing Pigeon” Moore def. Rose “The Riveter” Raderstorf

To start the first round, the senior Moore came out with more energy and was landing numerous punches. Moore had Raderstorf, a junior, backed against the ropes.

Raderstorf countered in the second round, connecting on some strong punches, and she seemed to be in control of the second frame.

Moore came back in the third round swinging wildly but landing many. Raderstorf struck home a few times but was on the defense most of the round. Moore, in a split decision, was declared the winner.

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Erin “Killer” Kilmurray def. Claire “Won’t Spare Her” Pursley

With a consistent effort throughout all three rounds, the sophomore Kilmurray prevailed in a unanimous decision over the junior Pursley.

Both fighters started with a furious pace. As the jabs slowed to a steadier rate, however, Kilmurray appeared to hold the advantage. Although Pursley and Kilmurray traded punches throughout the match, Kilmurray was able to land more solid punches to the head.

A strong push by Pursley in the final seconds was not enough as Kilmurray claimed the victory.

Elizabeth “Doncha Want Some” Moore def. “Little Orphan” Annie Shepherd

After an even battle through three rounds, the junior Moore and her attacking style overcame the sophomore Shepherd.

Moore was always the first fighter into the fray, but Shepherd consistently landed counterpunches to keep the match close.

After a solid second round by Shepherd, Moore came out strong and connected on a big hit that caused a stoppage by the referee.

After gaining the upper hand in the third round, Moore won the match in a split decision.

Amanda “Bringing the Pain” Pena def. Emma “Irish Eyes” O’Brien

In her first appearance in Baraka Bouts, the freshman Pena beat the senior O’Brien.

While O’Brien continuously advanced on the newcomer, Pena returned fire with a fury of punches towards the head and body. This pattern continued throughout all three rounds.

While O’Brien landed the initial punches, Pena connected with powerful headshots.

Both fighters used up their last energy in the third round and Pena was victorious in a split decision.

Christina “Triplex” Couri def. Aurora “The Left Hook Latina” Kareh

In a fight between two juniors, Couri proved too much for Kareh to handle.

In the opening seconds of the match, Kareh looked strong, but Couri came roaring back in the last half of the first round.

In the second round, Couri continued her relentless attack, backing Kareh into the ropes and causing three stoppages by the referee.

Although both fighters be-

Brey

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ence with USA basketball was great. He's on the Wooden list, he's on every list, and rightfully so. And I think that has him extremely confident. We're just going to bottle that for a week and pop the cork in Kansas City, I hope, and let it get going again.

"He becomes a player-coach. I told him when I took him out 'OK, you're player-coach with me and you're back on the blue [second] team — you haven't been on the blue team since your sophomore year. But he'll be the blue team captain, and he'll be great in the role."

The Skyhawks kept things close at the start, but after they tied the game at 14 with just under 12 minutes to go in the first half, Notre Dame went on a 23-3 run, putting the game out of reach. Junior

forward Jack Cooley, who was not in the starting lineup due to an academic infraction, scored the first six points during that stretch, finishing the game with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Sophomore guards Alex Dragicevich and Jerian Grant each finished the game with double-digit points and Grant added nine assists in just his second career game in an Irish uniform. Brey said he saw a new comfort level from his young players.

"I thought we were a little better, especially Grant and Dragicevich, who are talented offensive guys," Brey said. "With these young players, when they weren't going good offensively, the other night and in practices sometimes, they wouldn't concentrate defensively. I thought we had a better focus defensively, we worked harder, and eventually shots came around and they made shots too. But that's

just the young players — most young players are like that, but hopefully they've learned something from this past week. Just dig in, you're going to play. We need you out there, you've got to guard."

Senior guard Scott Martin missed his second straight game with an ankle injury, but Brey said he plans on having Martin back for Notre Dame's first regular season game Saturday against Mississippi Valley State.

"I'm hoping we'll have [Martin] back in practice on Thursday and we expect him to play on Saturday and be ready. He's been shooting a little bit, and he's certainly very important with [Abromaitis] being out."

The Irish will take on the Delta Devils from Mississippi Valley State on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Victories

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Mathews great success as they defeated Stanford's top-seeded Mallory Burdette and Nicole Gibbs in only two sets, 7-5, 7-6. The win sent them into the championships on Sunday, where they faced USC's Kaitlyn Christian and Sabrina Santamaria. The pair won the initial set 6-4, but couldn't keep in up for the rest of the match, and lost the second and third sets 6-4, 6-3 respectively.

"Tennis is such a mental game and if you let off on the game plan for a few games that can totally change everything," Frilling said. "I think at one point we relaxed a bit and did not play as aggressive, and in the end, that hurt us."

The loss left the Irish duo as runners-up in the tournament overall, a title that Frilling earned with former doubles

partner and now assistant coach Kelcy Tefft in 2008. Frilling said she is disappointed with the loss, but plans on using it as a learning experience heading into the rest of the fall season.

"Going forward, I think Shannon and I, first of all, have to put the loss in the finals behind us and learn from it," Frilling said. "It was great to make it to the finals, but I think we know what we are capable of and want to keep working hard to win every match we play."

Meanwhile in South Bend, the Irish grabbed seven more wins against Oklahoma. Sabacinski, Kellner and McGaffigan all claimed two-set victories, and overall the Irish claimed three out of five doubles matches. Sunday brought two easy wins for Kellner and McGaffigan, bringing both to a weekend record of 3-0.

The Irish are next in action Friday at the Lakewood Ranch Invitational in Lakewood, Fla.

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Eckert

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a huge right punch in the second round. The South Bend native Laux had sizable crowd support, and clearly wanted the knockout to go along with her nickname.

Eckert refused to go down, but Laux was granted the victory by unanimous decision.

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problem for Casill, and the referee awarded the victory to Kunycky after the second round.

Molly "Motha Trucka" Allare vs. Claire "Bear" Ziemba

The battle of Texas natives saw the evening's first knockdown, as Cavanaugh freshman Molly Allare took down her opponent and ultimately earned a unanimous victory.

The match started out with Allare and Ziemba holding absolutely nothing back. The boxers alternated punches, most of which were powerful headshots. As the first round wore on, Allare connected repeatedly on a potent left jab.

In round two, Allare delivered a slew of jabs to Ziemba that resulted in a knockdown. Ziemba bounced right back up and threw some strong punches of her own that forced Allare to back off momentarily.

The back-and-forth action continued in the third round. Allare eventually gained the upper hand, and the undaunted freshman from Cavanaugh won by unanimous decision.

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would maintain for the entire match as the Cavanaugh junior powered through to a unanimous victory.

In the first round, Young pummeled Fuerst with a flurry of body shots, causing a stoppage in the match.

During the second round Young took a different approach, utilizing a number of headshots that stunned Fuerst. Fuerst refused to go down though, keeping her composure throughout the fight.

Fuerst rallied at the end of the fight, but it wasn't enough as the versatile Young won by unanimous decision.

Cecilia "The Hero" Lero def. Maguire "The Boise Bulldozer" Padley

Lero and Padley fought a

close match, but Lero managed to pull off the victory at the end by split decision.

The first round consisted of an even exchange between the two fighters, but Padley's height advantage seemed to be giving her a better reach.

In the second round, Lero continued to throw jabs, and Padley responded with a few powerful punches that stunned Lero.

With the fight still even going into the third round, the two continued to exchange punches en route to a split decision victory in favor of Lero.

Kaitlyn "The Bulldozer" Cole def. Kat "Burpees for Breakfast in Ma Deep Cut" Rodriguez

Cole narrowly defeated

three-time veteran and captain Kat Rodriguez in a thrilling and emotional fight that got the whole crowd on its feet.

Cole and Rodriguez exchanged punches in the first round, as Rodriguez tried to land body punches while Cole managed to throw successful uppercuts.

In the second round, another fast exchange led to Cole stunning Rodriguez with a right-handed hook.

Despite nearly being knocked down again in the third round, Rodriguez fought until the end as the two went blow for blow. It wasn't enough for Rodriguez, though, as Cole won in split decision.

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Tamara "TKO Win" Nguyen vs. Erin "The Exterminator" O'Brien

Nguyen, a grad student, started the match with a flurry of punches, using a quick left jab that would continue to be her weapon of choice en route to a unanimous victory.

O'Brien, a freshman, stood strong throughout the first frame and snuck in a combination of punches in the corner to conclude round one.

The second stanza was even as Nguyen and O'Brien alternated shots to the head. The pace was noticeably slower, as neither boxer wanted to be left vulnerable to counters. Neither boxer was able to gain a definitive edge.

Both women had their share of solid punches in the third round, with O'Brien again having success in the corner. In the end though, the experienced Nguyen's quick jabs were enough for her to collect a unanimous decision victory over the freshman.

Brianna "BK" Kunycky vs. Alyssa "the Karate Kid" Casill

A battle of juniors opened with both boxers delivering shots to the head, although both managed to deflect most of the punches. Kunycky took some aggressive swings, but Casill dodged the punches well. The bout was paused in the first round when a Kunycky punch left Casill bleeding.

After the stoppage, Casill came out with a newfound ferocity, but Kunycky managed to block the punches and get in some strong counters of her own. Throughout the match, Kunycky was strategic in picking her spots.

In the end, the first round wound continued to be a

Anna "The Husker Hammer" Heffron def. Maggie "Mag-a-tron" Wieland

Wieland gained control of the fight early, using her strong right jab in the first round, but Heffron was able to turn it around en route to a unanimous decision victory.

In the second and third rounds, Heffron managed to come back.

In the second round there was a back and forth exchange. Heffron took control at first but then Wieland gained her composure and started firing back.

In the third round, Heffron came out aggressive by using a strong left right combination. With a definitive victory in the third round, Heffron gained a unanimous decision victory over Wieland.


Michelle "Michelle Michelle" Young def. Megan "Ferocious" Fuerst

Young came out aggressively from the first bell, gaining a control that she


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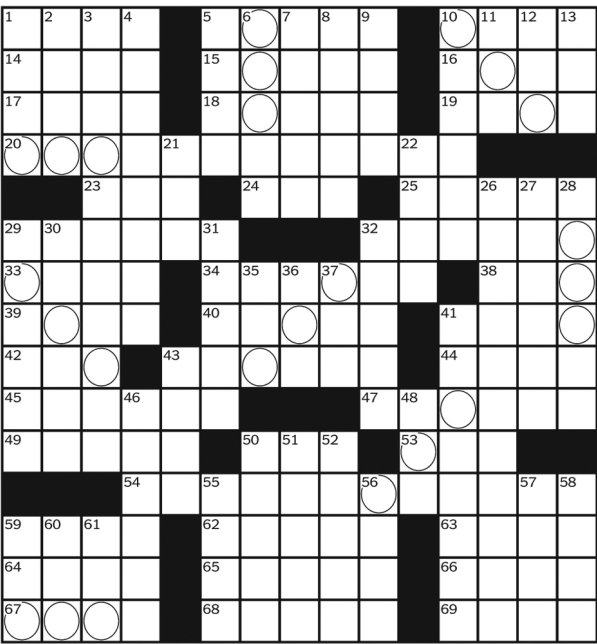
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason and Jeremy London, 39; Todd McKee, 48; Joni Mitchell, 68.

Happy Birthday: Getting together with friends and family will affect the way you feel about life and love. Sharing your thoughts, ideas and plans for the future will help you finish what you start. Good fortune is evident if you work with someone you love in order to build a better future. Your numbers are 4, 9, 14, 23, 34, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You've got talent, so show everyone what you can do. Financial, contractual and personal opportunities are apparent and should be taken advantage of swiftly. You'll find something you want at a price that fits your budget. Love and romance are highlighted. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make subtle changes to your personal records and financial investments. You can uncover interesting information if you discuss your options with someone in the know. Networking will lead to an opportunity you cannot ignore. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll get more help than you expect if you ask for it. A partnership will enable you to get more done. A property deal, or making alterations at home or to your financial situation, will bring you greater opportunities in the future. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful whom you trust. Not everyone will have honorable intentions. A change may not be welcome, but in the end it will be beneficial. Put a little pressure on someone who has made you a promise. Display what you have to offer. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't stop believing in what you can do. A change of attitude will boost your confidence as well as your reputation. You can make changes that will help you attract greater interest personally as well as professionally. Romance is in the stars. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look at your options and do whatever it takes to maintain your financial position. Personal problems should be taken care of before they become too hard to handle. Be proactive with anyone or anything that disrupts your status. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at partnerships positively. Make the most of any relationship by enforcing give-and-take in order to equalize your position. Love is in the stars, and planning a romantic evening will pay off. Take advantage of an investment opportunity. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take time out to make personal changes that will enhance your life, looks or attitude. Connecting with someone who inspires you will open a window of opportunity as well, enabling you to invent a new way to offer your services. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gravitate toward people, places and new possibilities. Go with the grain to accomplish your goals and more. Positive changes in your personal life will add to your happiness. An old friend has something to offer. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful how you deal with people pushing to get something from you. Whatever you offer must be minimal or you will be taken advantage of financially, with continuing requests for more. Keep your financial situation a secret. ★★

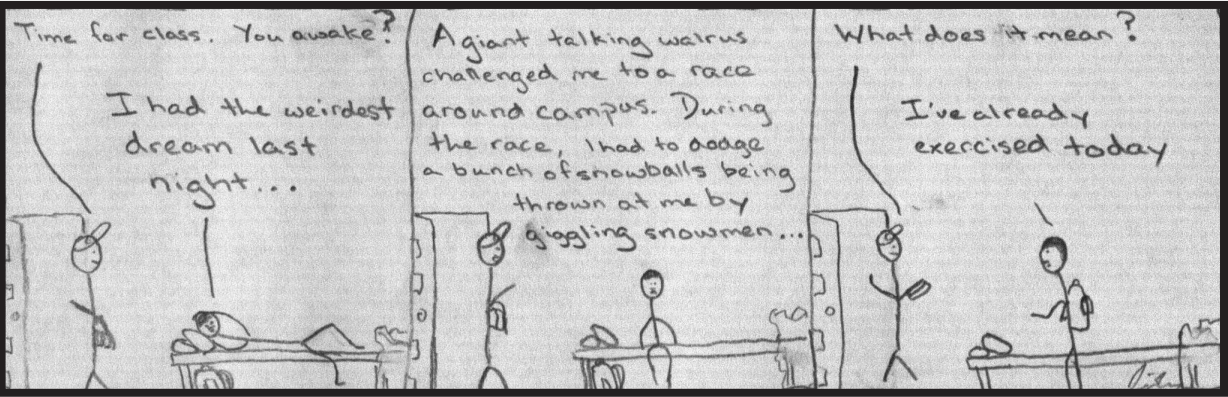
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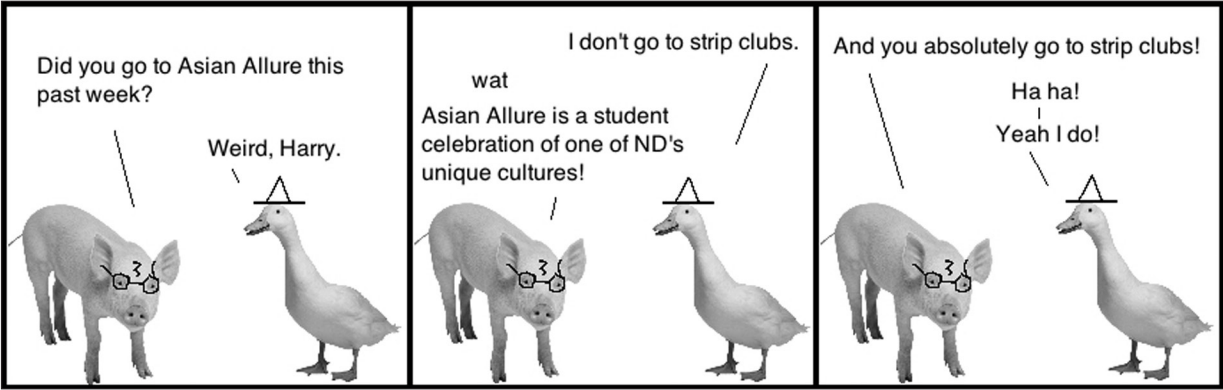
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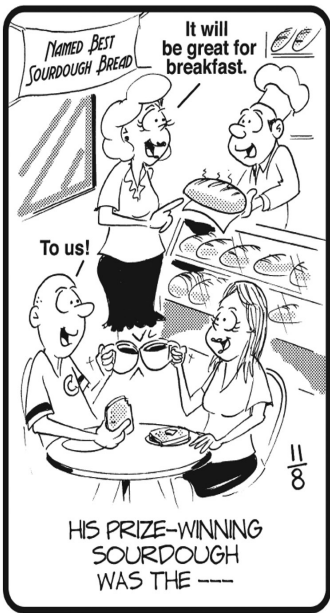
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Another step on the road

Abromaitis leads Irish to victory in exhibition game

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis played only five minutes in the second half Monday night, but that was all the Irish needed to top Stonehill 92-70.

Abromaitis, who will sit out the first four games of the regular season because of eligibility issues, tossed in 17 first-half points, including nine from beyond the arc, and added six rebounds to lead the Irish to a commanding 20-point lead at the break.

"I just think [Abromaitis] is so confident," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "With all the things he's had in his career, and this summer experi-

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ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Sophomore guard Eric Atkins controls the ball for the Irish in their 92-70 exhibition game victory over Stonehill on Monday.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame captures at-large bid to NCAA

Observer Staff Report

It was a long couple of days between Notre Dame's loss to Louisville on Friday and the announcement of the 64-team NCAA Championship field Monday. But now, the wait is over: They're in.

Despite Notre Dame's (10-7-3, 6-3-2 Big East) 2-1 loss to the Cardinals in the Big East Tournament semifinals, the selection committee gave the Irish their 19th straight NCAA berth, and a chance to defend last year's national championship.

"It's definitely been a challenging season for us, but we're excited to be part of this year's NCAA tournament," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said in a Monday press release. "We've had some anxious moments the past few days waiting for the bracket to come out, and in the end, we're pleased to have the

opportunity to defend our championship on the field."

This year's path to the College Cup may be the rockiest in recent memory as the Irish will face Big Ten Champion No. 18/13 Illinois on the road. The Illini (16-4-2, 8-2-1 Big Ten) are unbeaten in their last 11 matches.

"It will be a test for us to go down there and play them at their place," Waldrum said.

Even if the Irish are able to get past the Illini, a likely second round matchup for Notre Dame would put them against No. 2 seed Oklahoma State, whose loss in the Big 12 Championship was the only blemish on their 19-1-2 record.

But Waldrum and the Irish are focused strictly on their first match, and are thankful for the opportunity.

The Irish will begin their quest for their first national championship repeat when they take on Illinois on Sunday. The teams will kick off at 2 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Sophomore Dyer leads team with record times, personality

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Irish sophomore freestyle swimmer Frank Dyer takes a step out of the pool between setting records. Dyer also performs on the stage and in the

kitchen.

Residing in Stanford Hall, Dyer and his five roommates have developed a recent obsession with the Food Network. The group of friends gathers around the television every Tuesday night for the latest episode of

"Chopped" and the possibility of Dyer's occasional commercial break performances.

Meanwhile, Dyer's love for music led him to join the on-campus a capella group, Halftime, at the start of this school year. Anyone who knows him

says he is unafraid to share his passion for music with others.

"He really likes to sing," Dyer's roommate and junior swimming co-captain Chris Johnson said. "That kid will sing anything that he knows the words to."

Dyer admitted that he will sing along to a catchy pop song, especially if Rihanna's "We Found Love" comes on the loud speakers.

"I guess when I'm around I'm

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Senior pairing places second in NY event

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish found success in two locations with a split roster as senior captains Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews placed second in the ITA National Individual Indoor Championship in New York and the rest of the roster battled in the Eck Tennis Classic at Notre Dame.

Frilling and Mathews started off the weekend as the fifth seed in the round of 32 and claimed an easy 8-2 victory over Chelsey Gullickson and Lilly Kimbell of the University of Georgia to advance to the quarterfinals. While the doubles partnership only found success, singles play Thursday did not yield positive results for Frilling, who entered singles play as an at-large selection.

Frilling fell to Zoe Scandalis from USC 6-4, 6-3. Friday, the doubles pair took on Duke's Beatrice Capra and Ester Goldfeld in the quarterfinals. It took 13 games to reach a conclusion, with the Irish duo coming out on top 8-5.

"I think everything we had been

working on in practice finally paid off in the tournament this weekend," Frilling said. "We played aggressive, solid, consistent doubles every match and I think that helped our confidence progress throughout the weekend."

Frilling then competed in the singles consolation bracket against Aleksandra Josifoska out of UNLV, but lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, eliminating her from singles competition.

Meanwhile, the rest of the team began play at the Eck Classic, hosted by the Irish. The team snatched seven victories in the day in both singles and doubles. Junior Chrisie McGaffigan claimed the first win over Oklahoma's Nicole Long 6-4, 6-3. Sophomore Julie Sabacinski defeated Wake Forest's Rebecca Siegler 7-5, 6-0 and sophomore Jennifer Kellner snatched the victory from Wake Forest's Ryann Cutillo. Sophomore Britney Sanders and freshman Katherine White both earned three-set victories later in the day.

Saturday brought Frilling and

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BARAKA BOUTS

Annual tournament begins

By SCOTT FRANO
Sports Writer

Erin "Barney" Flattery def. Molly "Baby Bop" Russell

In the first fight of the night, junior Flattery overcame a height disadvantage to take a split-decision victory over fellow junior Russell.

Russell had a few inches on the smaller Flattery and got some solid punches in during the first round, while Flattery focused on defense. But in the final two rounds, Flattery adjusted by getting close to Russell, diminishing the influence of Russell's reach. Flattery landed several blows that seemed to stagger Russell, but the Atlanta native hung tough.

Flattery was given the win by way of a split-decision in an entertaining opening bout.

Laura "Sunshine" Semeraro def. Lizzy "Hey Girl Hey" Millet

Semeraro, a Welsh Family junior, earned a victory



DANA SPENCER/The Observer

Sophomore Gina Rogari, right, throws a punch in her opening round fight against first-year graduate student Dana Spencer on Nov. 7.

by unanimous decision over Millet, a Cavanaugh freshman.

Semeraro landed some quick punches early in the fight, focusing on jabs with her left hand. Millet did well to keep each round fairly even, but it was clear that Semeraro had control of the fight from the beginning.

Semeraro never outright dominated the fight, but she did more than enough to get the support of each judge, scoring the unanimous decision victory.

Michelle "Lights Out" Laux def. Lauren "Bringa Bringer" Eckert

Laux, an off-campus senior, was too much for Eckert, a sophomore from Breen-Phillips, to handle, as Laux fought her way to a unanimous victory. Laux attacked early and often, landing some big right hooks that staggered Eckert.

Eckert did well to see the fight to its end despite appearing a bit woozy at times, especially after Laux landed

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