

‘A district guy’

Rep. Pete Visclosky focuses on fostering economic growth during 28 years in Congress

By **NICOLE MICHELS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Editor's Note: This is the eighth and final story in a series featuring Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates serving as members of Congress. This series, titled, "Trading Golden Dome for Capitol Dome," ran on Fridays.

Though he wanted to attend Notre Dame since he

was eight years old, his high school guidance counselor told him he should not apply to the University because he would not be accepted. Rep. Pete Visclosky (D-IN-1) said after this experience, he resolved to never again allow someone else's opinion diminish his belief in himself.

"It was, to this day — and I am 63 years old — the one time someone told me I can't do something and I believed

them," Visclosky said. "It broke my heart, I went home and never applied. And my father, who is still alive at 97, just was furious. Because he said, 'Let them tell you no, as opposed to some person who you have met once in your life.'"

‘You don't quit’

Visclosky graduated with a B.S. in accounting from Indiana University

Northwest, and then gained acceptance to Notre Dame as a law student. At Notre Dame, he was finally able to fulfill his boyhood dream.

"I was, at that time, your prototypical Catholic who went to his first Notre Dame football game when he was eight years old," Visclosky said. "They played Purdue, it rained and they lost. I thought that was the only place you would ever go to college."

His desire to study law manifested during his undergraduate career, Visclosky said.

"I didn't decide on law school until midway through college," Visclosky said. "Looking back on my life, if you talk to anybody I grew up with, they would have said it was preordained and that they couldn't believe I didn't think seriously about it until

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University physician researches concussions

By **CHRISTIAN MYERS**
News Writer

Boxing experts like to refer to the sport as "the sweet science," but head University Physician Dr. Jim Moriarty is using the sport for some real science.

Moriarty said he has been studying the effectiveness of a variety of concussion diagnostic tests with members of the Men's and Women's Boxing Clubs as research subjects.

Nate Walker, RecSports club sports program coordinator and boxing coach, said it makes sense for the boxing clubs to contribute to a better



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Hannah Skrbis, left, throws a punch against Erin Wilson during a Baraka Bouts fight Monday at the Joyce Center.

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Saint Mary's responds to 'Daily Beast' ranking

By **KELLY KONYA**
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Last week, news and opinion website "The Daily Beast" posted a list of 20 colleges with the worst return on investment rates, ranking Saint Mary's as No. 2.

While many in the College's community were surprised by this claim, others said the piece was simply not true.

Saint Mary's Director of Institutional Research Daniel Flowers said the ranking is flawed on a number of fronts.

"Their methodology begins by isolating institutions that graduate 75 percent or more of its students in six years or less," Flowers said. "At Saint Mary's, we are very proud of our high graduation rate. What this does in terms of ranking, however, is limit the number of institutions analyzed, as the majority of Colleges do not achieve such a high six-year graduation rate."

"That's point No. 1 — a limited universe of institutions

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Conference welcomes prison arts practitioners

Shakespeare in Prisons Conference

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Showing of "Shakespeare Behind Bars" and post-screening talkback with Curt Tofteland. **FRIDAY, NOV. 15 AT 7 PM**

Showing of "Mickey B" and post-screening talkback with Tom Magil. **SATURDAY, NOV. 16 AT 3 PM**

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By **NICOLE McALEE**
News Writer

The Shakespeare at Notre Dame Program will host a Shakespeare in Prisons Conference, a weekend focused on the relationships between prisoners and the arts, today and tomorrow in the Philbin Studio Theatre of The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

According to the program's website, it is "one of the world's first major gatherings of prison

arts practitioners."

"The Shakespeare in Prisons conference is a gathering of scholars and prison arts practitioners really from across the globe ... that explores how the theatre arts and Shakespeare specifically help incarcerated populations to develop a habilitation of the heart, mind, body and soul," Scott Jackson, executive director of Shakespeare at Notre Dame, said.

The goal of the conference is to establish a community of prison arts practitioners,

specifically those who study Shakespeare's work, Jackson said.

"A lot of what happens within prison walls is very fraught with isolation," he said. "That [isolation] is something we're trying to break through with the conference and create a broader support network and community for these practitioners to utilize in their work and to open their eyes up to how people are doing it in other

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Diet Coke, Coke Zero or Coke?



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freshman
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“Coke.”



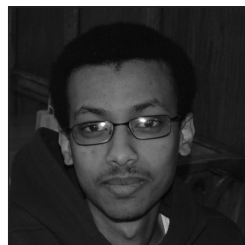
Dalton Patterson
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“Diet Coke.”



Eric Thompson
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“Water.”



Justin Bartlett
senior
Morissey Manor
“Coke.”



Meseret
2nd year law student
off campus
“I'm a Pepsi guy.”



Trevor Bonventre
junior
Sorin Hall
“Coke.”



On this day in “Observer” history, Stanford Hall and Flanner Hall were set to play in the interhall football championship. Twenty-seven years later, the tradition carries on. Which teams will face off in Notre Dame Stadium this year?

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Friday**Tree Memorial for Ziqi**

Tree in front of Regina Hall (SMC)
4 p.m.
Dedication to honor legacy of Ziqi Zhang.

Notre Dame Hockey

Compton Family Ice Arena
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
The Irish take on Merrimack.

Saturday**Freedom Writers Talk**

Moreau Center for Performing Arts (SMC)
10 a.m.
Educator Erin Gruwell gives talk on diversity.

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Game against Valparaiso University.

Sunday**Men's Basketball**

Joyce Center
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
The Irish take on Indiana State.

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Meditation practice.

Monday**Mutation Colloquium**

127 Hayes-Healy Center
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Dr. Marek Kimmel presents on leukemia.

Berges Lecture Series

141 DeBartolo Hall
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Gary Aguirre gives talk on whistle-blowing.

Tuesday**Introduction to Metadata**

Hesburgh Library
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Digital scholarship discussed.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Cavanaugh Hall
8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Catholic worship.

Saint Mary's celebrates int'l education week

By **KELLY RICE**
News Writer

Saint Mary's will host International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the US Department of Education and US Department of State, from Nov. 18 through Nov. 21. The week will consist of various on-campus events celebrating cultural diversity and expressing the importance of international education. Terra Cowham, assistant director of international student and scholar services in the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), said there are multiple goals for IEW. She said one of the most important goals is to create cultural awareness.

"As our world is becoming

more and more connected, we begin to not see borders as limits," she said. "Instead, we begin to see ourselves as global citizens."

The week will begin with three events on Monday, Cowham said. The first event, which will go from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, invites people to visit the Student Center atrium, where they can meet international students and learn about languages from across the world.

The next event, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Vander Venet Theatre in the Student Center, will be an informational session on "Study of the United States Institute" (SUSI), the five-week US Department of State sponsored program for global student leaders on Women's

International Education Week

at Saint Mary's

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p><i>"Writing Across the World"</i> @ Student Center Atrium 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM</p> <p><i>"Educating Tomorrow's Global Women Leaders"</i> @ Vander Venet Theatre 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</p> <p><i>"Intercultural Learning Showcase"</i> @ Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</p>	<p><i>"Q&A on Transitional Feminist Movement"</i> with Joann Vanek @ Student Center Atrium 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</p> <p><i>"Arts Around the World"</i> @ Little Theatre, Moreau Hall 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM</p>	<p><i>"The Impact of Study Abroad on Your Career"</i> with Alumni Panel @ Student Center Lounge 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM</p>	<p><i>"International Cultural Festival"</i> @ Student Center Lounge 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</p>

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"The SUSI program was an unbelievable experience where I was able to experience different cultures and was able to cultivate friendships from all over the world," Katie Nickol, who served as a student coordinator for the program last number, said. "I cannot wait to share my experiences with the Saint Mary's community and I hope other Saint Mary's women will choose to be a part of this unique opportunity."

On Monday evening, Cowham also said there will be a panel discussion featuring study abroad returnees. Study abroad experiences can be beneficial to students' understanding of the world, she said.

"Experiences with other cultures and countries change us in

innumerable way, and one way we experience that is through international education," she said.

Other events throughout the week will include a lecture titled "Q & A on Transnational Feminist Movements," by Joann Vanek, class of 1963 and director of statistics program of Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), an "Arts Around the World" event and an international cultural festival, which will showcase different world traditions and cultures.

Dr. Alice Yang, assistant director of global education at CWIL, said the week is especially important to the College because of its strong mission to promote international exchange.

"We are proud that we send

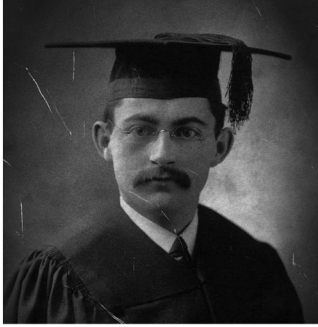
more than half of each class to different countries to learn about the world," Yang said. "We also believe that international education can happen at home. It is not only about the economic and political benefits that international education and exchange can bring, but also for promoting diversity and mutual understanding among nations, cultures, and people, for eliminating ignorance and hatred, and for promoting world peace. It is an atmosphere, an attitude and a hope."

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parts of the world."

Jackson said he is both pleased and surprised that 60 prison arts practitioners from around the United States, England, Northern Ireland, Wales, South Africa and Australia will be in attendance.

"We were initially expecting about 20 to 25 practitioners to come," Jackson said. "This is the first major conference of its kind so we had no idea what to expect."

The conference's featured speakers are Tom Magill and Curt Tofteland.

Magill, an ex-prisoner and the founder of the Educational Shakespeare Company, is the director of "Mickey B," a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" featuring prisoners from Belfast's maximum-security Maghaberry Prison.

Tofteland is the founder of Shakespeare Behind Bars, a prison arts program whose 2003 production of "The Tempest" at the Luther Lockett Correctional Complex in Kentucky is the subject of the documentary "Shakespeare Behind Bars."

Both "Mickey B" and "Shakespeare Behind Bars" will be screened in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the conference.

Other guests at the conference include representatives from the University of Michigan's Prison Creative Arts Program, Prison Performing Arts in St. Louis and the Independent Theatre Movement of South Africa.

"They do this because they want to effect societal change. They see a problem within our prison populations," Jackson said. "They see the recidivism rate for ex-prisoners at 60 and 70 percent and higher, and then we look at programs like Kurt Tofteland's where, after a couple decades in existence, his recidivism rate is six percent. That really speaks volumes about just how impactful this kind of programming is on these populations."

Jackson said the conference will provide a unique combination of both spiritual and artistic missions of Notre Dame.

"My job is to facilitate the exploration of Shakespeare in performance, in whatever context that might be," Jackson said. "This just happens to be a very innovative one that ties in beautifully with the University's larger message of tackling issues of social justice."

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Author proposes steps to improve racial equality

By **MARGARET HYND**
News Writer

On Thursday, F. Michael Higginbotham, the Wilson H. Elkins professor of law at the University of Baltimore School of Law, visited the Snite Museum of Art to deliver a lecture titled “Ending Racism in a Post Racial America.”

The lecture, part of the Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) 2013-2014 Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) lecture series, was based on Higginbotham’s most recent book, “Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism In Post-Racial America.”

“I’m here to talk about another American tradition, and that is

the tradition of the pursuit of racial equality in this country,” Higginbotham said. “... It is difficult to discuss racial issues today, especially across racial or ideological lines. I feel so lucky that I’m able to teach courses and attend conferences and attend lectures like this one so we can talk about this in a way that benefits our democracy rather than undermines it.”

Higginbotham said the nation has made progress in regards to inequality, but cited Lyndon B. Johnson’s famous “We Shall Overcome” speech, to acknowledge the changes that still need to be accomplished.

“In my view, in many ways, as a nation, we have overcome ... these are monumental

developments in the American story of the pursuit of racial development,” Higginbotham said. “But don’t get confused; progress does not mean post-racial.”

Though Higginbotham argued that progress has indeed been made, he said the fight for equality is not over.

“If you look at the socioeconomic index, under any category,” he said, “between blacks and whites you will see huge disparities ... the statistics are alarming. ... in America if you’re black you’re more likely to be impoverished, underrepresented politically, die prematurely and be undereducated.”

Higginbotham proposed the following three steps to improve racial disparities: recognition of

existing racism, empowerment of racial minorities and the elimination of disparities in education, jobs and businesses and the criminal justice system.

“The eye cannot see what the brain cannot comprehend,” Higginbotham said. “And once we understand [that notion], we have to empower people.”

To do so, Higginbotham said he supports the President Obama’s proposed American Jobs Act, and would support similarly minded legislation for education and the criminal justice system.

“Too many of us — particularly our black youth — see limited options and as a result turn to drugs, gangs, crime and hopelessness,” Higginbotham said.

“We as a society dedicated to equality for all owe these people much, much more.”

He said he knows many Americans are tired of talking about race, but he said he hopes people will join the conversation and work towards equality.

“Each one of us has a role in building a bridge to the post-racial America,” Higginbotham said. “Don’t give up on your children ... 50 years ago Langston Hughes wrote a poem which finishes with the unifying words ‘This dream today embattled, with its back against the wall, to save the dream for one, it must be saved for all.’”

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Expert analyzes new healthcare website

By **HENRY GENS**
News Writer

This year’s World Usability Day, commemorated yesterday at over 80 events around the world, had an obvious topic for healthcare: the widely-acknowledged fiasco that was the launch of the U.S. government’s healthcare.gov website in early October.

David Mitropoulos-Rundus, User Experience Architect at Quicken Loans and director of the annual Internet User Experience conference, gave a lecture on some shortcomings of the website while highlighting numerous principles of good user design that could be employed to improve the experience.

Usability can broadly be defined as the study of the relationship between people and technology, said Mitropoulos-Rundus.

“Over the years, when people asked me what I do — because it is a rather different type of career to have — I tell them that usability is designing products to fit people,” Mitropoulos-Rundus said. “It’s not just about software, it’s not just about websites — it’s about anything. It’s about the customer experience.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus said there are four primary ways in which usability experts contribute to products: making usability requirements, applying best design practices, conducting expert usability reviews and finally performing real usability testing with target users.

These four steps in the process of designing effective products could readily be applied to improve the healthcare.gov website, beyond the fixing of technical glitches already documented by the media, Mitropoulos-Rundus said.

“We’ve been inundated in the media in the last six weeks about healthcare.gov, but the majority of the coverage is about technical issues, reliability and scalability — things simply not working,”

Mitropoulos said. “I’m not going to touch on the technical issues; we’re going to go beyond the technical issues because they’ve been covered. We’re going to go beyond the technical issues to talk about the human issues.”

“There is a usability goal that was created: for up to seven million visitors by March 31, 2014 to be registered using the website. That’s been set in stone. Based on the media you would think that’s all technical, but based on my analysis there’s a lot of usability about it.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus underscored the difficulty of constructing such a website that aims to be used by a large number of people from diverse backgrounds with the unenviable task of finding a healthcare coverage plan.

“This is huge — you want seven million people that have minimal to moderate understanding about healthcare coverage to come and be successful at this website” Mitropoulos-Rundus said. “We need to be really careful about how we word things, organize things and present things because we are at risk of very quickly overwhelming people. Healthcare coverage, especially for people that have had jobs at companies that offered them one or two options, is very complex.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus went through different aspects of the website and highlighted confusing and redundant icons on numerous pages that detracted from the user understanding. He also demonstrated that the process of creating an account was more convoluted and counter-intuitive than it should be, with the second-to-last step sending not one, but three confirmation emails to the user’s inbox.

“I would say, of the seven million people that need to register between now and the end of March, having three emails in their inbox is going to be pretty daunting,” Mitropoulos-Rundus said. “And especially when one of them says, ‘You have made the

following changes to your marketplace subscription.’ I just applied. Why would I get an email telling me I just made a change? Why would I get three emails? It’s not just about the website, it’s about the whole customer experience — and emails are a part of that. I should only receive one email.”

Another major usability problem with the healthcare.gov website was its ineffective attempt to brand things and add acronyms, Mitropoulos-Rundus said. For

example, the “SHOP” marketplace for small business owners uses an apt acronym, but it actually stands for the Small Business Health Operations Program.

“There was a weak attempt to brand things, and that weak attempt failed miserably,” Mitropoulos-Rundus said. “The lesson here is that if you’re going to brand something and label something, commit to it and be strong about it. This was weak and it fell apart, like the process.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus

concluded that if the site’s creators had followed a more coherent usability process in designing healthcare.gov, much of the confusion could have been avoided.

“I conducted a usability review and I literally have enough material where I can give a full-day workshop on usability and design using the healthcare.gov website, and that’s just me — one usability expert doing a review.”

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Lecturer rejects stigma of online dating

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

In the 21st century, technology revolutionized nearly every aspect of learning and educating, but it also changed the face of a much more personal aspect of our lives: dating.

Dr. Elizabeth Ribarsky, assistant professor of communications at the University of Illinois, Springfield hosted a talk on "Dating in the Digital Age," in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall on Thursday.

The lecture functioned as a how-to guide introducing audience members to online dating and warned about common mistakes they can make in setting up a profile and interacting with individuals online.

Ribarsky said her goal in the lecture was to remove the stigma from online dating.

"The stigma is that only creepy people go online," Ribarsky said. "Or that they're desperate. Or

that they may not be anybody of who they say they actually are. Even though we see a huge influx in the number of individuals engaging in online dating and the number of individuals getting married from online relationships, there is still a level of stigmatization."

Online dating is very functional because it allows an individual to cast a wide net and sort through people who they may or may not be interested much more quickly than face-to-face interaction, Ribarsky said.

She said a drawback comes when people misrepresent themselves online.

"Men, on average, exaggerate their height by one inch," Ribarsky said. "Women, on average, tend to underreport their weight by about 15 pounds."

Ribarsky said the typical pool of online daters could be broken up into four categories: romantics, junkies, disappearing acts and realists.

She said romantics often, "think falling in love online is awesome and wonderful and begin to feel these notions of love before they even meet somebody."

A realist, Ribarsky said, "recognizes that online dating, or any form of technology, and how it influences our relationships is simply another tool that allows us to meet people. They realize they are not going to immediately fall



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Dr. Elizabeth Ribarsky, assistant professor at the University of Illinois, discussed the benefits and stereotypes of online dating on Thursday. The Gender Relations Center sponsored the lecture.

in love with the people they meet online."

She said she would encourage all of the audience members to take this approach to dating in the digital age.

Ribarsky said there are a plethora of different dating sites from which an individual can choose to sign up, ranging from interest based sites to matching sites to sites that charge a fee to sign up.

"Pay for self-selecting sites

require that you pay to sign up," Ribarsky said. "Typically, when individuals are willing to pay for a site they are, perhaps, a little bit more serious about wanting to find somebody."

When it comes to choosing a site, Ribarsky said it could be helpful to put a filter on one's contacts in order to pinpoint responses from a specific age group or geographical area.

"Interestingly, each site develops their own reputation," Ribarsky said. "Match [of Match.com] is one of the largest companies. They have famously started having 'stir events,' which are like mixers. ... These stir events give people the comfort that everyone showing up is there with the same purpose."

E Harmony, Match, Christian Mingle and Ourtime are among the most widely used sites, Ribarsky said.

She said it is important to create a username that lets a viewer see your interests and to spend time thinking of a headline that is inviting and interesting. Ribarsky said a common mistake made by online daters is to be boring or basic when it is best to be positive and interesting, that way a viewer will be intrigued to learn more information.

Lastly, Ribarsky said the profile picture that a person selects could make a major difference in his or her online dating persona.

"Think about anything that you're showing in your picture is also creating an impression for you," Ribarsky said. "If your photo is taken outside in the mountains it can give off the impression that I'm outdoorsy. Think about those activities but be conscious of the impression you are putting out there."

She said finding similarities through chatting is key.

"Be specific, tell them about your average Saturday or average Sunday so they know what you're like."

Ribarsky closed by saying that dating can attract people who misrepresent themselves and deception does happen. She said there is also, at time, a heightened sense of comfort when interacting with people online that encourages people to share more than they might in a face-to-face interaction.

"The one thing that I always stress to people is to just remember that online dating is just another tool to try to find people, the same as going out to a bar or to a church group to meet people," she said.

Ribarsky said maintaining a balanced, honest portrayal on-

"Even though we see a huge influx in the number of individuals engaging in online dating and the number of individuals getting married from online relationships, there is still a level of stigmatization."

Dr. Elizabeth Ribarsky
assistant professor
University of Illinois

line is an individuals' best bet for success.

"Remember, this is essentially an advertisement for you," she said. "In any advertisement you will sell the best features of it. But at the same time, don't boast. This is a time to pick out your best characteristics and highlight those. However, people often undersell themselves too."

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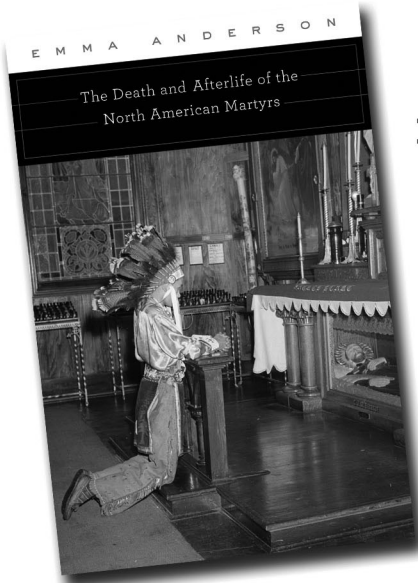
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Concussions

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understanding of the “hot button issue” of concussions.

“There’s so much we don’t know about concussions, and we have a great sample size and the ability to collect data,” Walker said. “We’re hoping to be part of the solution, to be able to keep our boxers as safe as possible.”

Moriarty said the research project consists in administering common concussion tests, especially those medical professionals use during games, and then comparing the results of those tests to data collected from the bouts and reports of any confirmed concussions.

The tests Moriarty evaluated are a computerized test provided by Axon Sports, the King-Devick test, the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 2 (SCAT2), a balance test and a voice recognition test being developed by University researchers.

Moriarty said it is important to determine just how accurate these testing methods are, how well they detect a concussion when one occurs and how well they rule out a concussion when one does not, so that team trainers and doctors can make the right decisions for athletes.

“Right now, these tests — King-Devick, SCAT2, balance, computerized assessment — are considered the standard of care, or the best procedure, for diagnosing concussions,” Moriarty said. “The key for us is if you’re a physician on the sidelines, you’d like to know the tests you’re running are reliable. There are symptoms that confirm concussions, but most people don’t have that. Most people have the lesser symptoms which cause you to have

doubts whether you’re making the right choice or not.”

Two things that make this study unique are a control group comprised of boxers and getting “best effort” from the athletes, Moriarty said.

Moriarty said most concussion studies compare the test results of people with concussions to people who didn’t suffer any head trauma. He said this made the Bengal and Barak Bout study important because it compares people who received blows to the head and suffered concussions to those who received blows to the head and did not suffer any concussions.

“You have to have a similar group of people to see if the tests really work,” Moriarty said. “One ought to be able to tell the difference between those who were hurt and those who were not.”

It was also “critical” that all the boxers gave their best effort on the baseline and subsequent tests, Moriarty said. “Best effort” on all the post-bout tests was ensured by requiring the boxers to take the tests after every bout and not allowing them to advance to the next round without passing the tests. He said the success of their strategies to elicit best effort is reflected in the fact that the results for losers and winners were comparable.

The “practice effect” was also an important part of the study, Moriarty said. The practice effect is the intuitive fact that “the more times you take a test the better you get at it” and it is important to take it into account when comparing an athlete’s baseline to his or her later results. Moriarty said requiring testing after every bout ensured everyone experienced the practice effect and it could accordingly be properly



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Norah Griffin, left, counters against Valerie Williams in the semifinal round of Baraka Bouts. Head physician Dr. Jim Moriarty studies the concussions of boxers at Notre Dame.

accounted for and analyzed.

Walker said in order to evaluate the possible causes of the various test results, the matches were videotaped and microchips that wirelessly transmit information about impact and rotational forces were inserted in the headbands and mouthpieces of the boxers.

Two important questions the study sought to answer by comparing the tapes and impact data with test results were “Does the number of hits matter?” and “Does it matter how hard you are hit?”, Moriarty said.

Moriarty said that from his review of the data thus far there does not seem to be a significant correlation between the number of punches or the impact force and the occurrence of a concussion. He said the data seems to indicate instead

that everyone may have their own inherent “threshold” that determines what amounts and types of force will cause them to experience a concussion.

Moriarty said Bengal Bouts participants have been studied the last three years and Baraka Bouts participants for the last two. This year he said he is analyzing the accumulated data before obtaining more, but he said the testing will likely start up again in the future.

Walker said the computer test was mandatory, since there had to be some way to monitor all competitors for concussion symptoms, while participation in the other tests for the research project was voluntary for all student boxers. He said on the whole they were “very receptive” toward the research.

“We had a great turn out for

men’s and women’s, with 200-plus men and about 100 women who chose to opt in,” Walker said.

Moriarty said there were also students who helped in administering the concussion tests. He said the work of these students was “outstanding” and integral to the research project.

Walker said it is important to keep the boxers in Bengal and Baraka Bouts safe so the programs can continue their humanitarian mission.

“We’re here to give an opportunity to help Holy Cross missions through boxing, no one is going pro,” he said. “Ultimately, we are working to make this a safer program because we’re trying to make a global impact.”

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included in the ranking.”

Flowers said “The Daily Beast” only used two statistics to determine the return on investment, skewing the overall results.

“The first is the average ‘net-price’ for students, or in other words, the total cost of students’ education on average after any grants and scholarships, many of which are based on students’ financial need,” he said. “At Saint Mary’s, many of our students pay much less than the reported average net-price. This represents a third of the weight in their calculation, and the other two-thirds comes from salary data compiled from PayScale.com of our graduates.”

This data is the most questionable part of their calculation, since small institutions like Saint Mary’s are not generalizable due to their sampling technique, Flowers said.

“[PayScale.com] relies on a limited number of data points

from graduates who happen to take the time to visit their website and respond to their salary inquiry,” he said. “Thus, the data presented is subject to a very large margin of error and confidence interval. Most statisticians would also tell you that in order to capture data that is representative ... to the population of interest, you need to randomly sample and not rely on convenience sampling.”

In addition, Flowers said based on a recent survey of May 2012 graduates, nearly 90 percent of graduates were either employed full-time or enrolled in/completed a degree or certificate program.

Flowers said nine out of 10 graduates also reported their educational experience at Saint Mary’s prepared them very well for both graduate or professional school and their current employment.

“In line with our mission, we are proud that our graduates pursue careers that benefit society despite, in some cases, lower levels of compensation,”

Flowers said. “We do not believe the value of one’s education can be measured on the basis of salaries alone.

“[Saint Mary’s women] want to learn how to carry themselves with a mature, influential attitude and ultimately become a better woman — all while sharing that experience with women who feel the same.”

Theresa Burke
sophomore

“In sum, we are confident our graduates’ would strongly agree that their Saint Mary’s education offered them an excellent return on investment.”

Rosie McSorley, class of 2013, said she agreed with this

Flowers’ statement and said she thinks she excels in her job because of Saint Mary’s education.

“As a graduate of the business program, I would not have traded my small school education for a seat in a 500-person lecture hall,” McSorley said. “The attention and encouragement I received in class allowed me to graduate and be admitted into AT&T’s Business Sales Leadership Program, where I am able to accommodate customers because I understand the importance of patience and attention to detail.”

McSorley said she did not comprehend from where “The Daily Beast” comprised its facts; rather, she said she has already begun recognizing her own positive return on investment.

Sophomores Theresa Burke and Hannah Drinkall said they felt compelled to publish a rebuttal to “The Daily Beast’s” article on Hercampus.com, an online magazine targeted at the female college student demographic.

Burke said Saint Mary’s does not teach students the notion that money equals everything, but rather, the College encourages jobs in areas like education and nursing, two of the College’s most popular degrees, that based on helping communities at large.

“[Saint Mary’s women] want to learn how to carry themselves with a mature, influential attitude and ultimately become a better woman — all while sharing that experience with women who feel the same,” Burke said.

Drinkall said she agreed, saying it is impossible to put a price on the sisterhood that Saint Mary’s provides each student for life.

“Saint Mary’s was wrongfully placed on this list because Saint Mary’s mission is not strictly about the measured return on investment,” Drinkall said. “There is no way to measure a Saint Mary’s education in dollar signs; it is immeasurable.”

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Visclosky

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college.”

To this day, Visclosky said he is grateful for the education he received at Notre Dame.

“I truly did enjoy every day there,” Visclosky said. “And I did appreciate what I think the University collectively stands for. ... I think by the time I got out of law school, my feelings [about the University] were probably stronger than when I got in, and it felt like I got a great legal education.”

As a student at the University, Visclosky said he developed his will to fight to achieve his goals.

“I think part of [the legacy of Notre Dame] is not just the sense of service [instilled] at Notre Dame, but again, part of it is – maybe I’m just stuck in that eight-year-old body, that if you are Notre Dame, you don’t lose,” Visclosky said. “Yeah, our football team’s lost for 20-some years, but in my mind if you are Notre Dame, whatever that is, ... you’re persistent, you work hard, you got the best training and you don’t quit.

“And somehow, you’re going to succeed.”

A career in public service

Though he applied to the Notre Dame Law School, Visclosky said his goal was not to practice law. His time in the seminary at age 15 helped to guide him toward a career in public service, Visclosky said.

“[At 15], I was in the seminary — I wouldn’t trade that experience for the world because it made me think about my life at a very young age, and really come to two conclusions,” Visclosky said. “One is, as far as the priesthood — I didn’t want to make one decision and have that be the rest of my life. And secondly, I did decide because history was my favorite subject and I grew up in a political household ... I just said, I would like a public service career ... I would have to be a politician to be involved in public service.

“The reason I went to Notre Dame is not to practice law, but hopefully to engage in a

professional career.”

Visclosky said his goal was to work in the Organized Crime and Racketeering section [now the Organized Crime and Gang Section] at the Department of Justice. During an interview for a position within that section, he was told they only wanted to hire people with trial experience.

His father advised him to approach then-state senator and lawyer Adam Benjamin, Visclosky said. After he spoke with Benjamin, who served in Indiana’s first Congressional seat from 1977 until his death in 1982, Visclosky said he was offered a position in Benjamin’s law firm.

“He was a great lawyer ... Adam to this day had one of the most facile and quick minds I have ever encountered,” Visclosky said. “He is shrewd ... and he said he just launched an election for Congress ... it was the right place at the right time ... I walked in the door and he said, ‘When can you start?’”

The product of ‘a beer and a cheeseburger’

After joining Benjamin’s law firm, Visclosky said he worked on Congressional appropriations issues as a staff member for Benjamin. During his time with Benjamin in Washington, D.C., Visclosky said he decided to pursue his master of laws degree at Georgetown University.

“We were down the block, having a beer and a cheeseburger,” Visclosky said. “I said, ‘What do you think, Adam, about me going back to school and getting a master of laws from Georgetown?’ He looked at me and said, ‘I think it’s a great idea — if you go back, I’ll go back.’ The primary motivation, the overwhelming motivation, was that they had turned me down and I wanted to prove that I could get a Georgetown degree. ... And the other motivation is that I’ve always thought, that the more options you have in life, the better opportunities you have to live a full life and make a contribution. And, I’ve always had a respect for

Georgetown as well, and believed that if I got that ticket punched it couldn’t hurt me.”

At Georgetown, he said he took both classes that interested him and benefited his professional work.

“It was the one time I went to school and actually took classes that I wanted to take. Legal history — never had time at Notre Dame to do that,” Visclosky said. “But most of the classes were trade classes — back in the late ‘70s, early ‘80s, so much of what we did here was trade-based

“If there’s a value that encompasses the work [we do] every day, it’s that you are supposed to leave the world better, and certainly you have that sense from your attendance at Notre Dame.”

Pete Visclosky

U.S. Congressman

because of the domestic steel industry and its economic implosion. So, [my Georgetown education] also had great application to the work I was doing.”

He enjoyed his time at Georgetown for its educational and comic value, Visclosky said.

“I also had to quip, because Georgetown has a huge alumni [contingent] up here as you can imagine ... I tell them I was riddled with so much Catholic guilt, that I had to do Jesuits for a couple of years to beat it out of me,” Visclosky said. “They beat some of it out of me.”

‘30,000 bucks in the bank’

His second legal degree helped him when he first ran for Congress, Visclosky said.

“I had no name recognition, though my father’s name was known, and people make an assumption [when] they see a Notre Dame law degree and then they see a master’s

in international law from Georgetown,” Visclosky said. “They said, ‘Oh, at least he has the intellectual firepower to do the job.’ Whether I did or did not, you have the appearance.”

Still, tragedy vaulted him into contention for Indiana’s first congressional seat when Benjamin died of a heart attack at age 47 in Sept. of 1982.

“At the time, I didn’t have a job, I was unemployed because Mr. Benjamin died, was not married, had no family, didn’t have a mortgage payment to make and had 30,000 bucks in the bank,” Visclosky said. “At the time I thought it was a very faithful decision, a very gutsy decision, that I was laying my life on the line.

“Looking back, all I had to lose was a bit of time and 30,000 bucks. And so I said, if I’m ever going to run, I gotta do it now.”

After he took office in 1985, Visclosky said he focused on connecting with his constituents.

“I do work hard at it, and I try my best, that’s all I can do is my best,” Visclosky said. “I do assiduously try to stay in touch with my constituents. I will tend on the Sundays that I’m home to go to Church services in various communities, if there’s pancake festivals before, that’s where I’m at, if there’re festivals, if there’re fundraisers in the evening, every service club that meets every labor organization ... people bump into me at the grocery store and my favorite question is, ‘What are you doing?’ I say, ‘I like to eat.’”

Above all, Visclosky said he sees his duty and the duty of those in his office to be to serve his people.

“I hate it when I go to a public facility and someone acts like they’re doing you a favor by waiting on you — get another job,” Visclosky said. “You are there to serve people. ... It’s just hard work, doing your best, and being accessible.”

This dedication to service stems from his time at Notre Dame, Visclosky said.

“If there’s a value that encompasses the work [we do]

every day, it’s that you are supposed to leave the world better, and certainly you have that sense from your attendance at Notre Dame,” Visclosky said.

‘A district guy’

How exactly is he working to leave the world a better place? For Visclosky, it all comes down to increasing the number of jobs in his community.

“You gotta put people back to work,” Visclosky said. “You got to change the economy of Northwest Indiana. One of the great things about the job and the honor that I have is that you can do anything you want to. You see some people on the House floor every day, you see some people on the cover of ‘The New York Times’ every day, I’m a district guy.

“I owe the 710,000 people of Northwest Indiana — that’s my job. Those people are my job, no one else is going to look after them if I don’t. It’s the economy that drives everything else.”

Because of this goal, Visclosky said he focuses on promoting basic manufacturing at both the district and national level.

“It translates well into national policy because I do think, unfortunately for your generation, and it is a sad commentary on my life in public service, we are leaving you worse off than my parents’ generation left me,” Visclosky said.

He said he also works to promote the “good behavior of public officials” who are working to improve their communities, and to renew the lakeshore community to attract young people and create jobs for the region.

The most lasting impact of Notre Dame on his life has been his devotion to service, Visclosky said.

“[The most significant effect of Notre Dame on my life today] is that sense of service,” Visclosky said. “I try not to be a prideful person but I am proud that I went to Notre Dame.”

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Boston crime boss sentenced to life in prison

Associated Press

BOSTON — Former Boston crime boss James “Whitey” Bulger was led off to prison Thursday for the rest of his life, accepting his punishment in stone-faced silence as a judge castigated the 84-year-old gangster for his “almost unfathomable” depravity.

Bulger’s sentencing for his murderous reign in the 1970s and ‘80s brought to a close a sordid case that exposed FBI complicity in his crimes and left a trail of devastated

families whose loved ones were killed by Bulger or his henchmen.

Many of the relatives had vented their anger at Bulger during the first day of his sentencing hearing on Wednesday, calling him a “terrorist,” a “punk” and “Satan.”

So when U.S. District Judge Denise Casper announced the punishment — two consecutive life sentences plus five years — there were no shouts of joy or applause from the families, just silence.

Afterward, many said they

took some satisfaction in knowing that Bulger will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

“That old bastard is finally going to prison. He’s going to die in prison,” said Tom Donahue, whose father was gunned down by Bulger after he happened to offer a ride home to a man who was Bulger’s actual target.

Bulger, the former boss of the Winter Hill Gang, Boston’s Irish mob, fled the city in 1994 after being tipped off by a former FBI agent that he was about to be indicted. He was a fugitive for more than 16 years until he

was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

His disappearance became a major embarrassment for the FBI when it was learned that corrupt Boston agents had taken bribes from Bulger and protected him for years while he worked as an FBI informant, feeding information on the rival New England Mafia.

A jury convicted Bulger in August in a broad racketeering case. He was found guilty in 11 of the 19 killings he was accused of, along with dozens of other gangland crimes,

including shakedowns and money laundering.

At his sentencing, the judge read off the names of the 11. She told Bulger she sometimes wished that she and everyone else at his trial were watching a movie because the horrors described — including stranglings and shootings — were so awful.

“The scope, the callousness, the depravity of your crimes are almost unfathomable,” she said before imposing the punishment prosecutors had requested.

INSIDE COLUMN

Winter is coming



MJ Johnston
News Writer

As the first snow of the year falls on our campuses and girls from Le Mans and Lyons alike begin pulling out their Ugg boots and parkas, I fear it's about to begin — winter is coming. After a beautiful fall weekend in the bend we've been hit with a reality check called Midwest weather, and with the temperature drop comes the real seasons of Notre Dame.

Winter on a college campus means many events are in our near future, and we must prepare for the long months ahead by knowing exactly what we're up against. For starters it's Peppermint Mocha season, the extension of yoga pant season and the "let's crash our cars on the Douglas round-a-bouts" season. It's hibernating in your dorm room season, HBO to Go "Game of Thrones" season and the ever-crucial "puffy jacket to your knees" season.

Let's not forget the important late winter months known as "Boyfriend Season," the time when the casual fall tailgating flirt evolves into the perfect excuse to hibernate through the snowy days on South Quad. What more could you want when the snow is falling than some dorm apparel and "Friday Night Lights" reruns on a Thursday in Fisher Hall? It's shackle season for a reason, everyone. Proceed with caution.

Along those lines, formal season is quickly on our tails. SYRs are cropping up on our horizon, which means Urban Outfitters dresses, awkward dates with random friends of friends and many after-formal brunch stories. Now, post-freshman year I officially resigned from the formal scene. I pretty much have acquired a 0-100 record for formal success and have officially decided reliving high school prom in college is probably not the best idea our campuses have come up with. At this point, I would just like to wish you all luck as you head out on Friday nights to the LaFortune ballroom for one North Quad formal or another.

It's also the beginning of the ugly Christmas sweater season, everyone, my favorite one so far. Now if there's one thing Notre Dame loves, it's Christmastime, and with that comes the much-anticipated ugly Christmas sweater parties. Thrift stores are scoured, tinsel and mistletoe hang over dorm doors and Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" is blasted from windows across campus. The uglier, noisier, flashier the sweater, the better. While some try to ignore the trend, I'm fully prepared to wear my sweater, complete with a cotton-balled beard Santa, for every weekend of November from now on.

So get ready everyone, because winter is knocking at our doors, and there's nothing we can do to stop it.

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Constructive relaxation

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

Friday night is rapidly approaching, and you don't know what to do. Well, what are your options? You can sit in the luminescent glow of your laptop as you stream movies on Netflix, or you can get up, head outside to brave the cold and experience some of the most accessible artistic experiences you can see.

One of the many privileges of attending a top-20 university is that we can enjoy numerous outlets for constructive relaxation. During the past week alone, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses buzzed with entertaining events, thought-provoking lectures and performances by fellow classmates and touring professionals.

We had the opportunity to laugh along with comedian Nasim Pedrad from Saturday Night Live, cheer on Baraka Bouts participants as they fought in their 11th season, attend a performance by our peers in "Radium Girls" and listen to the perfect musical balance of the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra — that is, if we took advantage of them.

On-campus events enable us to experience wonderful artistic and recreational opportunities at a cost that is virtually nothing compared to the price tags we will face after we graduate. Most events here, if they aren't outright free, run somewhere between \$5 and \$10. Try to see a show on Broadway or a concert in Chicago and you can expect to pay at least five to 10 times as much as that. We're even invited to take a seat at dress rehearsals for no cost at all and to discuss award-winning films with their directors in both the stunning DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Moreau Center for the Arts. We can also try out new recipes at cooking classes taught by Notre Dame's chefs.

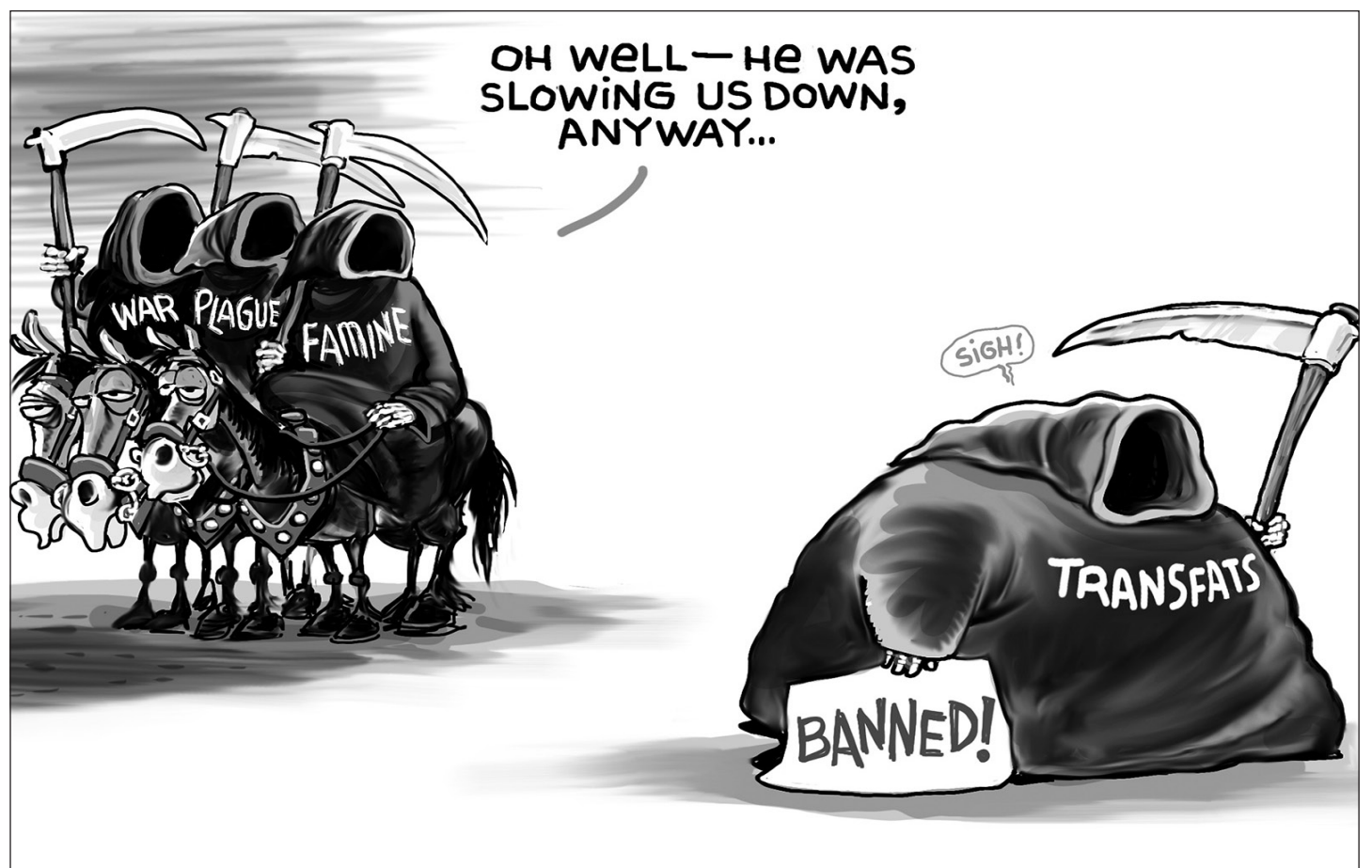
"Cabaret" is the first full-scale musical the Department of Film, Television and Theatre at Notre Dame has produced in more than 20 years. This performance, rated as mature content, showcases the talents of more than 100 student members of the cast, crew and orchestra and is running through Sunday in DPAC. Just on the other side of campus, Notre Dame students will make history this weekend at Washington Hall by performing the first English translation and international production of "The Connemara Five." AcoustiCafé even takes on a special flair this week, as one of the bands performing will be chosen to open for Eric Hutchinson at Legends on Saturday.

But even with a bye weekend approaching, will we be motivated to venture out to a new event?

Being aware of the happenings on campus will help you to find an event that interests you. The institutions provide a daily schedule of selected events, lectures and performances online at calendar.nd.edu and <http://www.saintmarys.edu/news-events>. The SAO website, sao.nd.edu, has a calendar that includes every SAO-sponsored event on campus. SUB keeps an active twitter (@SubND) and Facebook page for its events. The Observer's "The Next Five Days" calendar, featured on page two of each paper and "Weekend Calendar," featured in Scene on Thursdays, both highlight some top events occurring that week. Also, The Week@ND newsletter provides information about various events on campus.

Before the stress of finals fully hits us, we should take advantage of the time and resources we have, while we have them. Push your boundaries and challenge yourself to live out the "liberal arts" education in your daily life. College is a time to explore our interests and taking advantage of the low-cost opportunities our University offers is certainly well-worth braving the cold walk across campus.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ever tried? Ever failed? No matter, try again, fail again, fail better."

Samuel Beckett
Irish author

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Lead a life worthy of veterans' sacrifices

Matt Miklavic
The Maine Idea

Most, if not all, of us move past Stonehenge daily without much thought, save perhaps for the sheer amazement at Notre Dame's inability to find a fountain that won't splash everywhere. I doubt many, if any, of us give it more than a passing glance or a second look. With the exception of the annual vigil maintained by Notre Dame's three ROTC units during Veterans Day, I suspect we meander by this memorial to Notre Dame's veterans with the same regretful indifference we have for our nation's veterans outside of special occasions like Veterans and Memorial Day.

The sacrifices that veterans and their families make are immeasurable. They've missed too many births, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries and holidays to count. They've been uprooted and moved, leaving behind their home and friends two, three, four and a dozen times. They've endured seemingly endless deployments and nights of worry. There have been too many parents, siblings and spouses gone for far too long.

There have been millions who never returned. They rest eternally on the gently rolling hills of Arlington

Cemetery, on battlefields across the globe and at sea, in graves both celebrated and unmarked. Their sacrifice — ultimate, total, complete — is neither calculable nor repayable. In honoring both our veterans and our fallen, society takes any manner of approaches.

There are numerous organizations from the USO to the Wounded Warrior Project dedicated to their support. There are parades and appreciation campaigns. There are the thousands of "thank you's" uttered each day. Perhaps the single most important way we appreciate our veterans' service, however, is in seeking ourselves to become worthy of their sacrifice.

Our debt to veterans, past and present, is one that cannot be paid down. It can, however, be paid forward. We are obligated not only to extend our gratitude to those who have provided our freedoms, but to take these freedoms and make the most of them. We are compelled to prove ourselves deserving of their sacrifice. To this end, how do we live our lives? Can we truly say we are making the most of the time we have? Do we make the most of each day? If we are here because others have laid down their lives to create that possibility, can we truly say we are making the most of the time we, rather than they, have been afforded?

If we are honest with ourselves, I

suspect we must admit there are days we do not. There are days we fail to truly earn what others have sacrificed, to fulfill our responsibility to live our lives to the fullest. I won't pretend I know what we're supposed to do with our lives. I can't tell you I know what will make a life complete or content. I'm not sure anyone can, and if there is someone, it's probably not the kid who just walked to class and back before realizing his fly was open. But there are a few things I think.

I think we can find purpose in the service of others. I think we can live fully in working for our communities, our family and our friends. I think the power of the collective is limitless, and insofar as we are able to have the immense opportunity afforded to us by the tireless dedication and sacrifice of those who have served past and present, we ought to pass it on as well. I think we can find fulfillment in service of our friends, our towns, our country and our fellow man.

I think we live best when we live with kindness and an aim to go about doing good. While I end up at dorm Mass most weeks, I can't truthfully say I've already found faith that there's a God. But be it karma, God, fate or whatever else one may call it, I believe doing good pays — and even if it doesn't, it's worth doing anyway. I think I've rarely

regretted being kind or going the extra mile for someone. I think I regularly regret doing the opposite. I think when I look back I will value the time I spent for others far more than the time I spent for myself. I think whether we're in business or medicine, science or engineering, working in a school or in a non-profit, we can all find an avenue to serve each other.

Gandhi once counseled, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Churchill noted, "We make a life by what we give."

Irrespective of the mantra, let us dream greatly, dare boldly, serve tirelessly and act kindly. We all know far too many people who have died far too young, in war and in peace, to waste the days we have. Our time here is far too fleeting to shrink from the bright lights and fail to fulfill our promise. Ultimately, let us lose ourselves in the service of others, and, in the process find ourselves worthy of the service and sacrifice of others.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Remembering a Saint Mary's groundskeeper

On Sunday, Nov. 10, the Saint Mary's College family lost a member of its family. John Stephenson, 62, suffered a massive stroke last Wednesday and did not recover. He worked at the College for 18 years as a groundskeeper. Students may have known his face as they shuffled to class on the sidewalks that he cleared of snow. Maybe they even shared a few words as he paused from his work, hands resting on the top of his rake, to chat about the weather, the squirrels or the gardens. Whether or not students would recognize John, they should know his work helped make Saint Mary's the tranquil and scenic place it is, a backdrop that helps them achieve aesthetic appreciation at the same time they seek intellectual the "vigor, religious sensibility and social responsibility" described in the College's mission statement.

I didn't know John well. He was a quiet man, and I'm always running from here to there. But sometimes we would make small talk about the beauty of the campus grounds, the gardens and the flowerbeds he so skillfully tended. I feel like a got a glimpse into his soul a couple of years ago

when he adopted a family during the Twelve Days of Christmas, an annual campus project that provides holiday gifts and necessities to area families in need. Perhaps a whole department or office adopts a family, but John qui-

John Stephenson
Saint Mary's Groundskeeper
Dec. 27, 1950 - Nov. 10, 2013



etly purchased a pile of toys and other items on his own. I happened to find out about it as I worked with a news station covering Twelve Days.

There are others who knew him much better. Mark Kubacki, director of grounds, said one of John's favorite tasks was tending the lovely gardens of Riedinger House. He also took great pride in having the sidewalks shoveled for the students and the softball and soccer fields ready for the

student-athletes.

Julie Schroeder-Biek, director of athletics, notes that while visiting teams may not be impressed with Angela Athletic Facility, they have only good things to say about the athletic fields.

"It is uncommon if we don't hear the opposing coach or players say that we have the best soccer field or softball diamond in the league" he said. "These spaces have received special attention from our grounds crew. John Stephenson, in particular, made sure our fields were laid out to regulation, the lines were straight and the infield had been drained and there were no puddles in the base path.

John always went above and beyond his job description of just keeping the fields — he cared for the fields because he cared for our coaches and athletes who would be using them. He knew our home schedule. If we had a softball game on a Sunday and it had rained overnight, John came in and did everything he could to make sure our field was ready to go for the team. As an athlete himself, he knew how important it was to have safe fields and outdoor facilities we could be proud

of."

Marilyn Rajske, director of building services, said fall was a favorite time of the year for John, whom she says was her "best bud" and golf partner.

"He enjoyed planting the thousands of tulip bulbs this time of year for spring beauty," she said. "He could tell you the types of tulips he planted and exact locations. He never got upset when the rabbits or chipmunks would disrupt the tulip beds. He would say, 'It is what it is. Nature!'"

Marilyn noted, "John didn't like to be in the spotlight. He was a private man. He was profound in saying, 'One doesn't need to bolster about themselves to draw attention. Just do your work and conduct yourself in such a way that others see the outcome and the pride it took to get the end results. Be proud of yourself.'"

We hope he excuses the attention, but we couldn't just let him go without saying thank you to John.

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gabriela's DOUBLE DOG DARE

By **GABRIELA LESKUR**
Scene Writer

This Wednesday I accepted a dare that brought back the wonders of my awkward stage. Those unforgettable splendors from adolescence had been dearly missed.

You may be wondering what I am referring to, as there are so many aspects of my being that exude awkwardness even to this day. Like when I got into a bike accident on North Quad and plopped to the ground or when I dropped my tray in South Dining Hall and everyone clapped.

Unfortunately, the dare was not to recreate either of these classic moments.

The dare, instead, was to contact an ex I haven't spoken to in years.

When I first received this dare, I was extremely hesitant to do it. I let my mind wander back to 15, remembering what mattered to me, what I was going through and who I was. I shuddered at the thought.

The wealth of high school insecurities flooded my mind. While my fright only lasted for a split second as I reclaimed

my 19-year-old self, it struck me how easily we can recall old emotions. I've come so far since then and am a completely different person. There was no reason not to accept the dare. This "me" that exists right now doesn't feel any resentment toward the boy I dated when I was 15 or the person he is today.

When I told my friends about accepting the dare, most of them looked at me in a state of horror. One of them remarked, "If I were to contact my ex, I'd probably punch him." Others referenced how they would never in a million years talk to the person they dated in high school.

I went for it anyway though, half-thinking that he would not respond and I would have nothing to write for this column.

But he did respond. And, you know what? It went well: I had a relatively normal conversation with someone whom I had once dated. It seems like he's become a cool person who I honestly wouldn't mind calling a friend. After our Facebook conversation came to a close, I started to wonder how many of my other exes with whom I could be friends with

if I wanted.

True, some things take a long time to heal. Friendships, for example, take time to reemerge after romantic relationships end.

Many couples date for a good reason, that good reason being that they were good friends. I know for me, this has been the case in most of my failed relationships.

For a while after a couple breaks up, though, it's usually best to allow for time apart before trying to mend the friendship.

But I realized this week, when speaking with my friend Morganne, that I have never gotten past the step of "time apart" with my exes. Of the five people I have dated in my life, of those fateful five who entered into Facebook-officiality with me, I am currently not in contact with a single one.

Well, until this past Wednesday, that is.

Morganne, on the other hand, is friendly with practically all of her exes. When she told me this, my jaw dropped. How is that even possible? Am I the weird one?

Maybe we're both weird, Morganne and I.

As I consider approaching other people romantically, I always preach to myself that relationships are just putting expiration dates on friendships. But as I get older, I don't think this always has to be the case.

It depends on the people in the relationship, I guess. Not everyone is as easygoing as Morganne. It also depends on how healthy the relationship is in the first place. Some exes might not have been true friends anyway.

With time comes perspective. You start to realize what you both did wrong and you both did right. With this perspective comes the ability to forgive the wrongs and appreciate the rights, platonically.

So thank you, you who bestowed this dare upon me, for showing me that maybe I can be friends with those I once dated. But just friends, especially in this case, for he likes Aristotle and Plato's already stolen my heart.

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THOR IS BACK

By **JUAN CANCIO**
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Marvel is back on the big screen with "Thor: The Dark World," and one dead car battery later, here is my take on the film. Chris Hemsworth reprises his role once again as Thor, alongside Natalie Portman as Jane Foster and Tom Hiddleston as Loki. This is the second installment in the Marvel universe following the events portrayed in the first Avengers movie, which is interesting not only because of the future at which it hints, but also because it shows how much the characters have developed over the course of these movies.

The movie picks up where Avengers left off; Loki has just been imprisoned for his crimes on Earth and Thor has set about trying to once again establish peace amongst the nine realms now that the Bifrost has been repaired. Fortunate for us, there is a new enemy on the horizon threatening this new peace and he is as old as the universe itself. Enter Malekith, a Dark Elf who wants to destroy the universe as we know it and

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plunge it once again into darkness where he can reign supreme. In order to achieve this, Malekith needs to take back his ultimate weapon from the Asgardians, who defeated him the first time he tried to exact his plan. This old and powerful enemy puts Thor in a precarious position, in which he must decide between obeying his father's orders or knowingly commit treason in order to enact the plan he believes can save the universe. Apart from being treasonous, Thor's plan also depends on receiving help from his recently imprisoned brother; therefore, we see the tables inevitably turn in Loki's favor once again.

This last plot point turned out to be a very intriguing twist; since Thor has recently finished battling against Loki's army in New York, the idea that he must even temporarily align himself with his brother is all but insane. Evidently, only a momentous threat such as the Dark Elf could have prompted such an unexpected turn of events. Thor makes it clear that he knows there is no longer any hope that the brother he once knew and loved still

exists; therefore, he claims, if he were ever inclined to believe that Loki was planning to betray him, he would not hesitate to kill him. However, the two brothers seem to fall into old habits relatively quickly once they decide to work together.

The atmosphere created by this team-up is very nostalgic and reminiscent of the relationship they once shared in the first movie, before Loki's betrayal. This key point shows the degree to which two characters' paths can diverge so quickly within the Marvel universe. Although they are technically working together to fight the same enemy, there is a perceivable chasm that now separates them and it is evident that there is no hope to resurrect the affectionate brotherly relationship they once shared.

Another great facet of this movie was its ability to more successfully strike a balance between Thor's love for Foster, while still preserving the necessary warrior attitude that is so important to this character. Apart from this delicate balance, there is also the ever-present motif that Thor has been forced to quickly mature over the course of

presumably five years so that he can cope with the intense storms that always find him. The Thor we saw in the first movie was extremely arrogant and concerned almost entirely with glorious battle, whereas the Thor seen in this film has realized the value of taking pause to consider how his actions may play out. In a sense, this shift is extremely important because, as some may remember, this immaturity that he has seemed to overcome originally barred him from inheriting the throne from his father in the first movie.

I would rate this movie as very good but not necessarily great. If you are a fan of the Marvel cinematic universe or Thor particularly, you will no doubt enjoy what this movie has to offer. There was action, love, tension and the usual spree of twists and turns that makes these movies good. Also, remember to stay after the credits to catch the teaser trailer they include if you want to see where the Avengers storyline is headed to next!

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the latest in obscurity

By **MATTHEW McMAHON**
Scene Writer

Before I took what's becoming a daily nap this Wednesday afternoon, there was no new Death Grips album, and there was no indication of a new Death Grips album. After I woke up, there had been a new Death Grips album for almost 30 minutes. This is how quickly and mysteriously one of the currently most important acts in music navigates. In the moments surrounding the group's possibly misguided decisions, it may be hard to understand why the trio decides to do what it does.

They cut ties with Epic Records by releasing their second album of 2012, "No Love Deep Web," for free under their own label, Third Worlds, after alienating themselves from fans by retreating from public appearances to give the album the proper dedication they felt it needed. Yet, what are the chances that a group like Death Grips could succeed on a major label owned by Sony anyway, regardless of whether or not creative control was an issue? And as for cancelling tour dates at seemingly the last second? In retrospect, that action falls in line

with everything the Death Grips embody. They originated shrouded in unknowns — dropping their excellent introductory mixtape "Exmilitary" with little-to-nothing about the band being known — and stunts like these only bring them more publicity and a louder dialog within the music world.

"Government Plates," dropped via the band's Facebook page, marking the first thing Death Grips have put out since taking to Facebook to release what now appears to have been a lead single for the album/mixtape, "Birds." That song, posted in August, came with no context besides the song's lyrics. Similarly bizarre in nature, "Government Plates" comes with no warning and no explanation, except for accompanying music videos for each song on their YouTube channel.

On "Government Plates," Death Grips experiment more with higher register beats and synth lines like in "No Love Deep Web," but return to the more industrial style of their first two LPs. MC Ride sometimes explores some of the slowest, most deliberate, and possibly calmest flows he has ever spit — and he still sounds totally deranged. Remaining as cryptic in writing as the

band is with its image, Death Grips are at their most repetitious, while not conforming to traditional song structuring. Tracks throw everything in your face immediately and see what sticks; the band's concrete ability to craft an insanely catchy hook usually means that everything sticks.

The one detraction here is how the album doesn't necessarily feel like a collection of completely formed songs, but rather a handful of interesting ideas and concepts that the band felt necessary to get off their often-bare chests. Clocking in at just under 36 minutes, the album is a succinct, yet powerful, barrage of experimental, industrial beats and in-your-face vocal work.

Still, the whole album builds to monumental closing track "Whatever I want (F*** who's watching)." The track instantly explodes with frontman MC Ride's trademark paranoia, and the jarring samples pair perfectly. Experimental and noise influenced, the song features static, warped samples and looping vocals over a winding, chaotic six minutes. Death Grips have not formed anything less challenging than their previous work, but

"Government Plates" is as equally rewarding.

Even when Death Grips don't holistically hit the mark, like for the first time on "No Love Deep Web," the experience is still more rewarding than most other albums coming out. No group puts as much energy and raw power into their music, and their contributions are something to anticipate. One thing is for sure, Death Grips do whatever they want, and if other artists like what they hear, they follow.; Death Grips, unbeknownst to many, have their hands in shaping the future of what music can become.

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"Government Plates" Death Grips

Label: Third Worlds

Tracks: "Whatever I want (F*** who's watching), Birds

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THE KICKBACK



Andrew Gastelum
Editor-In-Chief

The second you hear her voice, you'll know why she is a budding superstar. I first heard her voice associated with Top Dawg Entertainment songs with Kendrick Lamar, Schoolboy Q and Ab-Soul. You probably first heard her voice on a few cuts off Drake's latest album, "Nothing Was the Same."

But now Jhene (pronounced juh-nay) Aiko is off on her own, sailing out, if you will, with her latest EP, "Sail Out." I've been looking forward to this project for quite some time, but I couldn't help but be left a little disappointed with where

it ended up going.

The only prior knowledge I had of the EP was her single "Bed Peace," with Childish Gambino. This song is by far the best track off the release and one that I recommend everyone listens to. It will have you hooked and keep you hitting the repeat button.

The track starts out with an airy guitar riff followed by the angelic, soothing melody of Aiko singing a catchy, light-hearted hook that will soon turn into a sing-along after you hear it once. Her voice fits perfectly with the bouncy melody and then Childish Gambino comes in to seal the deal.

Aiko says she wanted to find someone to be the John Lennon to her Yoko Ono, and she couldn't have found a

better fit. Childish Gambino fits right in with the jubilant nature of the song, making it one of the feel-good tracks of 2013 without a doubt.

Because I heard this track first, I thought the rest of the seven-song EP would follow in a similar vein. But it was more like seeing hilarious previews to a comedy you really want to see, but then realizing all of the movie's best parts were in the preview.

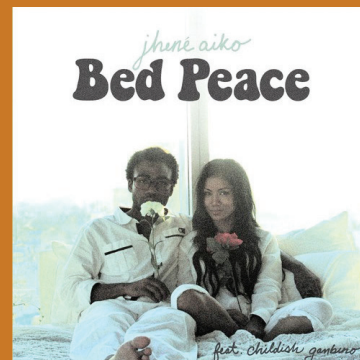
The biggest disappointment was the track I looked forward to the most: "Stay Ready (What A Life)," mostly because it featured Kendrick Lamar. I've never been disappointed by a Kendrick Lamar verse, but this one comes pretty close to it. The intensity and depth that makes Kendrick what he is

doesn't appear here, but the lazy beat doesn't help either.

I ran into a similar problem with the Ab-Soul feature on "WTH." And let's not even mention the completely out-of-place Vince Staples feature on the opening track, "The Vapors."

If anything, the overall feel of the EP is forgettable. I got the sense that Aiko was in her element on "Bed Peace" and either lost sight of that or never wanted to go in that direction in the first place. The truth is, she should, because she shines when her music resembles a sunny day rather than a stormy one.

-Ch Helt



"Sail Out"

Artist: Jhene Aiko

Record Label: Artium

Genre: R&B, Soul



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Time for replays in MLB



Isaac Lorton
Sports Writer

When it comes to changing traditions, Major League Baseball is almost as bad as Notre Dame. Yesterday, the 30 owners unanimously approved to fund the expansion of instant replay in the MLB beginning in the 2014 season. It was the first vote in a two-part process; the second vote will come on Jan. 16 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., to finalize the new rules.

The NFL instituted replay in 1986, the NHL in 1991 and the NBA in 1992. In 2008, the MLB partially caved in and allowed the review of whether a ball was a homerun or not, but that was the extent of replay in the MLB.

Former MLB commissioner Bud Selig played a large role in preventing a full-scale replay system to be enacted in professional baseball. Selig, and baseball fans, can get very stuck in their ways and baseball often carries a genteel-like atmosphere. Their arguments for not having replays go something like this, “Umpires may make mistakes, but it’s part of the game. It’s always been a part of the game. Why change it now?”

But MLB has to compete with the NFL, NBA and a rising NHL — all have a large following of young fans. But with Selig’s retirement and MLB’s need to attract a younger fan base, the owners’ unanimous vote for instant replay is a massive move forward for baseball.

At this point, however, it is uncertain as to what the new replay rules will be exactly.

MLB’s Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred said tag plays, out/safe at first and fair/foul beyond the base will be included in the new rules for replays. Balls and strikes, checked swings and foul tips will not be eligible for review.

All challenges will be sent to New York for official judgment and the head umpire will wear a headset and be able to hear the verdict. The initial idea is that managers will have two challenges per game. If the challenge

is correct it will not count against the manager’s total.

Selig argued that ball games already take too long, and with replays, the game times will only increase, while the fan’s interest will decrease. This is a very valid concern. The average 9-inning game length in 2013 was 2:59 and in the playoffs it increased to 3:17.

With almost every play up for review, and if no challenges are deducted for being correct, there could feasibly be a very large number of challenges, which assuredly would slow the game down. There is also the concern that teams would stall in order to give their personnel time to review the play before making a challenge.

The positives provided by replay in MLB far outweigh the concerns. Obviously, adding brand new rules will be a process and baseball will have to see what works best, but instant replay in any form is an improvement. Future Armando Galarraga’s of MLB will not be cheated of a perfect game, and future 1985 Cardinals will be able to explain a World Series loss without the excuse of a blown call.

Obviously baseball officials will still miss calls, but instant replay will lessen the likelihood that officiating mistakes affect the outcomes of contests. The NFL is still working out its instant replay kinks and it has been in use for 27 years. There are still lapses in the system in the NFL (See the “Brady Tuck Rule” and last year’s “Fail Mary”), just as there will be in the MLB. It will simply take time to determine the most fitting replay system. Obviously it will be hard to decide what can be challenged, as “phantom” double plays and tags are very common in the MLB. But by voting for instant replay, MLB is showing a much-needed willingness to change and improve.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

N. Illinois beats Ball State

Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — Quarterback Keith Wenning and the Ball State Cardinals came up about 30 minutes short against No. 20 Northern Illinois.

Up 24-20 at the half, the Cardinals were held to three second-half points in a 48-27 loss Wednesday night.

“We just couldn’t keep the drives going,” Ball State coach Pete Lembo said. “We’d move the ball, have long drives and get on their side of the field and then the drives would just kind of stall. I think that was the different from the first half to the second half.”

Wenning was 20 of 26 for 198 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

“We knew what was on the line and it hurts,” Wenning said. “We had too many mistakes. We’ll try to come back and eliminate them.”

Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch was good from start to finish.

“If Jordan isn’t in the conversation for the Heisman I don’t know what people are watching, they were asleep,” Carey said. “In my estimation that trophy goes to the best player in the nation and with the performance he had tonight, he dang sure should be in that conversation.”

Lynch threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores.

“I feel like I’m improving every week,” Lynch said. “I still

think the best is yet to come.”

Lynch threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Da’Ron Brown to break a tie with 5:49 left, and the Huskies (10-0, 6-0 Mid-American) ran the nation’s longest active home winning streak to 25 and their conference run to 23. The 10-0 mark is their best since the 1963 team finished 10-0.

Lynch added a 16-yard touchdown run with 1:26 to go, and defensive end Joe Windsor scored on a 49-yard interception return with 46 seconds left.

Lynch was 26 of 32 for 345 yards and ran for 123 yards on 20 carries. Brown had 12 receptions for 209 yards, also catching a 58-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

“He’s a very good player,” Ball State coach Pete Lembo said. “He’s fast, he’s built like a linebacker, but he’s got tailback speed. He’s got a lot of savvy.”

The victory preserved Northern Illinois’ hopes for a second straight BCS appearance. They played in the Orange Bowl last season and are 15th in the BCS rankings. They need to stay undefeated and pass Fresno State in the BCS to have a shot.

Wenning was 35 of 49 for 324 yards for Ball State (9-2, 6-1). Willie Snead had 12 catches for 121 yards and a touchdown, and Jahwan Edwards ran for 156 yards and a score.

The loss ended the

Cardinals’ seven-game winning streak and 11-game MAC run.

The teams combined for three scores in the final 1:28 of the first half.

Edwards’ 2-yard touchdown run — his school record 38th — gave Ball State a 21-13 lead, but Lynch and Brown combined on the 58-yard touchdown strike with 1:13 left to make it 21-20.

Scott Secor lined a successful 43-yard field goal into the wind with 30 seconds to go, and Sims missed a 52-yard try with a second left, leaving the Cardinals up 24-20.

Ball State had the ball to start the second half, but stalled at midfield and was forced to punt for only the second time.

Northern Illinois’ subsequent drive included a key third-down 10-yard pickup by Lynch as he escaped two defenders, a fourth-down keeper for a first down at the Cardinals 47 and a fourth-and-goal touchdown run from the 1 by tailback Cameron Stingily for a 27-24 lead.

Northern Illinois stopped Ball State at the 1, forcing the Cardinals to settle for a 19-yard field goal that tied it at 27 with 3:07 to go in the third.

Lynch combined with Brown on a 54-yard pass to the Cardinals 10 early in the fourth quarter, but Brown fumbled and Ball State safety Brian Jones recovered at the 13.

NBA

Kings snap losing streak

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 24 points after losing his starting spot to rookie Ben McLemore, and the Sacramento Kings snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Brooklyn Nets 107-86 on Wednesday night.

Greivis Vasquez had 17 points and 12 assists, and Isaiah Thomas added 19 points, six assists and six rebounds to help the Kings blowout Brooklyn. Sacramento led by 18 points in the second quarter and 23 late in the third before holding off a brief rally in the fourth.

Brook Lopez had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Deron

Williams finished with 13 points and seven assists as the Nets lost their third straight game.

After acquiring Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce from Boston this offseason, the championship pedigree has yet to blend in Brooklyn so far this fall. The Nets are 2-5 this season, including 0-4 on the road.

The Nets never sustained any kind of rhythm, even after DeMarcus Cousins picked up his fourth foul and was taken out early in the third quarter. They played slow and looked like aging veterans — especially against Sacramento’s young and athletic rotation — and were often embarrassed on both ends.

First-year Kings coach Michael Malone had challenged his players to play with more energy and intensity, and he shook up his lineup in hopes of sparking change. McLemore, the seventh overall pick out of Kansas, made his first start along with Jason Thompson — moving Thornton and Patrick Patterson to the bench.

The announced crowd of 15,122 roared when McLemore finished an alley-oop from Vasquez on a fast break in the first quarter, though the rookie struggled for most of the game. McLemore finished with two points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Thornton finished 10 of 19 from the floor. He also had four rebounds and two assists.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Three undefeated teams highlight semifinals

Alumni and Carroll face off for a shot at the Stadium, Kangaroos look for redemption against Knights

By **ANDREW EISENREICH**
Sports Writer

In a battle of two unbeaten teams, No. 2 Alumni will clash with No. 3 Carroll in Sunday's semifinal.

On the line is not only a chance to compete for the fabled RecSports championship t-shirts, but also a chance to set foot on the storied field in Notre Dame Stadium.

Getting to those hallowed grounds has been the goal from the beginning of the season for Carroll (4-0-1), Vermin senior captain Mike Russell said. With only one team standing in their way to the championship, the Vermin are highly motivated and excited to play, Russell said.

"This is the farthest Carroll has been in the playoffs in a long time," Russell said. "There's a lot of dorm pride in that."

Coming off a 14-0 victory over Fisher, a team Carroll tied in the regular season, Russell said his team hopes to keep its momentum rolling deep into the playoffs.

Spearheaded by senior dual-threat quarterback Bobby Dorman and complemented by freshman running back Zack Dodd, the Vermin offense has put up over 16 points per game. Russell said the keys for the Vermin would be both limiting turnovers on offense and

creating them on defense.

Standing in their way this week is a strong Dawgs defense, which has only allowed two scores on the season. Alumni senior captain Jeffrey Kraemer said the Dawgs' defense is the team's greatest strength.

"On [defense], anyone can step up and make a play at any time," Kraemer said.

Last weekend, Alumni (5-0) recorded five interceptions en route to a 20-7 victory over Knott.

On offense, the Dawgs like to stick to the basics, Kraemer said. Alumni highlights a solid run game and consistent pass style as part of an offense that has accounted for just under 12 points per game.

The Dawgs offense will match up with a Vermin defense that has yet to allow any points in the playoffs.

While the teams have not played each other in quite some time, Kraemer said he expects the matchup to be physical.

The Vermin and Dawgs will duke it out Sunday at 2:15 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Keough vs. Keenan

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In their semifinal game

Sunday, No. 4 Keough and No. 1 Keenan will battle for the chance to play in the championship game in Notre Dame Stadium.

With a lot on the line for both teams, the matchup will feature two powerful defenses.

Keough (4-1) has only given up seven points all season. Kangaroos senior captain and quarterback Seamus Donegan said no one player has stood out on defense because different players have performed well every week. Instead, he said the defense as a whole is the key for the team.

"We have a lot of speed on defense," Donegan said. "It's our biggest strength, and that helps make it a lot easier for the offense."

The Knights (5-0) also owe their defense credit for a lot of their success this season, senior captain and receiver Jeremy Riche said.

"Defense has been our stronghold," Riche said. "It plays at a consistently high level. Our defense is what has put us over the top to win these games."

This is a redemption game for the Kangaroos, who gave up their only loss of the season to Keenan on Oct. 6.

Donegan said he feels his team has improved since the loss.

"The guys are a total blast to work with, and we have gotten better at playing together,"



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Carroll senior kicker and quarterback Bobby Dorman, left, takes a field goal during the Vermin's game against Fisher on Sept. 29.

Donegan said. "We have made key adjustments, especially offensively, and we've been working on starting every game." Riche said he also feels the Knights have made strides throughout the season.

"We've been competing and getting better during every single practice and game," Riche said.

Both captains said their teams feel ready for Sunday's game.

"Keough made it to the [semifinals] last year and we're happy to be back," Donegan said. "We've taken care of the basics in practice, and we need to bring

those to the game. I'm excited to play on the practice fields, and hopefully we can make it to the stadium."

Riche said the Knights are also optimistic about their chances.

"If we come out and play the style of football we've been playing all year, I feel confident we can come out with the [win]," Riche said.

Keough and Keenan will face off in the semifinals Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pasquerillas face off in rivalry showdown

Ryan and Pangborn battle for chance to claim spot in championship

By **REBECCA ROGALSKI**
Sports Writer

As playoffs continue Sunday, Mod Quad rivals No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 4 Pasquerilla East will battle it out in their semifinals matchup.

Pasquerilla West (7-0), who finished the regular season with an undefeated record, continued their winning streak in the post-season with a 25-7 victory over No. 8 Welsh Family last Sunday. Senior linebacker and captain Breezi Toole said she hopes Pasquerilla West can defeat the Pyros (6-1) for the second time this year, but she expects a challenge.

"Pasquerilla East is a great team, and [the Pyros] have been constantly improving since our regular season matchup," Toole said. "We're trying to come up with some new plays that'll give us an advantage, as well as play the game to the best of our abilities so we can once again come out on top."

Pasquerilla East hopes to redeem itself against the Purple Weasels, the only team the Pyros lost to in the regular season. After

a close 14-7 overtime victory against No. 5 Howard last Sunday, the Pyros know they need to step up their game on both offense and defense, senior defensive lineman and captain Caroline Kuse said. She said, however, she believes the Pyros are in much better position to beat the Purple Weasels this time around.

"We played Pasquerilla West in our second game of the season, so we didn't have players comfortably settled in positions yet," Kuse said. "But now we're all experienced, so I hope that we'll be able to play Pasquerilla West with more confidence and strength."

Pasquerilla West will make its 11th consecutive semifinals appearance, and Toole said the Purple Weasels understand that in order to survive, they need to work together as a cohesive unit.

"Our success in this game is simple," she said. "Every player just needs to know what their responsibilities are on offense or defense and work with one another in order to play to our potential."

On the other side, Kuse said sound defense against the run would be a key to slowing

Pasquerilla West's explosive attack.

"The biggest thing for us is to make sure we have a solid run defense," Kuse said. "Our offense is traditionally pretty strong, but we consistently struggled on defense during our last few games. I hope to see us significantly improve on this aspect during this matchup."

Pasquerilla West and Pasquerilla East will duke it out Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Ryan vs. Pangborn

By **CORNELIUS MCGRATH**
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No. 2 Ryan and No. 3 Pangborn will match up for the second time this season Sunday with a trip to Notre Dame Stadium on the line.

Both Ryan (6-0-1) and Pangborn (6-0-1) are unbeaten, with the only blemish in both teams' records being a tie in their nail-biting meeting during the regular season.

Having lost in three consecutive semifinals, Phoxes senior

captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said the team is determined to go one step further this year.

"This game is absolutely huge, especially considering our very frustrating past," Veselik said. "It would be absolutely wonderful to get to the stadium as a senior"

Pangborn's defense has had success recently, as the unit recorded four interceptions against Cavanaugh in the quarterfinals of the playoffs last weekend. The offense has been strong as well, and Veselik said she believes the Phoxes provide opposing defenses with a unique challenge.

"We have two wonderful junior quarterbacks in Caitlin Gargan and Liz Quinn, who both have different strengths," Veselik said. "I believe this gives us a dynamism that makes us unpredictable, and therefore, very strong."

At the same time, Veselik said she realizes that this will be no easy game, especially considering the high stakes.

"Ryan really [is] a great side," Veselik said. "The game will be even more competitive than last time, and I just hope we come out

on top."

Ryan senior captain and offensive lineman Andrea Carlson said her team also anticipates a extremely tough game, much like its previous matchup with the Phoxes, but also that the team will not be intimidated.

"The girls are very ready for this game," Carlson said. "Not nervous, just excited for an intense matchup. Pangborn is very strong, but we are really hoping to come away with a win."

Ryan is coming off a 41-0 win over No. 7 Lyons in the quarterfinals, and Carlson said she believes the Wildcats' defense will be again be the team's greatest asset this weekend.

"We have had a great defense all season, and I think our defense will be the key to winning," Carlson said. "I am very confident that we can keep going and have some big stops during the game."

This battle of the undefeated teams will commence this Sunday when Ryan and Pangborn meet at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

ND hosts Big Ten powers

By **MIKE GINOCCHIO**
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After three consecutive weekends of competing on the road, the Irish return to the Rolfs Aquatic Center for a pair of dual meets against Michigan State and Wisconsin this weekend.

After such a long stretch on the road, it's a welcome relief for Notre Dame (2-2) to be back competing at home, Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

"We're happy to be home," Welsh said. "It's been a long four weeks for us, and it's just great to be back [at Rolfs.]"

Notre Dame will open up the weekend against Michigan State (0-2) tonight.

In its most recent dual meet Nov. 8, Michigan State was surprised by Division II Grand Valley State, who beat the Spartans, 166-134, in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State's upset loss, however, doesn't mean the Irish are in for an easy meet tonight, Welsh said.

"[Michigan State] swam faster against Grand Valley than [it did] against Iowa [in a 182-113 loss] earlier this season," Welsh said. "We're definitely not overconfident. Comparative scores don't mean as much, but comparative times do. And what we know about Michigan State is that they're quite balanced. Whatever they can do, they can do more than once, and they're fast enough that, if we take it easy at all, they'll be ahead of us with more than one guy."

Welsh said that the meet events that will most likely be highly-contested are the 200-yard freestyle and the 100- and 200-yard butterfly races. With that in mind, the Irish will look toward strong showings from swimmers such as sophomore Michael Hudspith and freshman Trent Jackson, who swam a 1:41.29 and 1:41.54, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle against Pittsburgh last Saturday.

After they compete against Michigan State, the Irish will get right back into action with a meet against Wisconsin on Saturday morning.

"[Wisconsin's] bringing in the national champion in the 200-yard backstroke [junior Drew TeDuits],"



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The Irish 4x200-yard freestyle relay team prepares for its race during the Dennis Stark Relays on Oct. 11.

Welsh said. "They are a very well-travelled and a very experienced racing team. They've already raced against Georgia, California, Stanford ... They've been on the road against many high-caliber teams. This is a very experienced team."

Welsh said racing against Big Ten teams has allowed Notre Dame to compete with some of the top programs in the country.

"We swam against Michigan, we swam against Purdue, we're going to swim against Michigan State and Wisconsin and later in the year against Northwestern," Welsh said. "All of the Big Ten teams are strong. We're expecting a heck of a challenge on Saturday."

The Irish square off against Michigan State at 5 p.m. tonight and meets Wisconsin at 11 a.m. Saturday. Both meets will be held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Irish prepare for regional meet

Observer Staff Report

After a strong performance at the ACC Conference Championships on Nov. 1, Notre Dame heads to Madison, Wis., today for its most important meet of the season in the Great Lakes Regional.

At the conference championship, the Irish ran toward the front of the pack, with the men finishing third out of 14 teams and the women finishing fourth out of 15.

On the men's side, senior Martin Grady led the way in the eight-kilometer race, finishing fifth overall with a time of 24:13.2. Graduate student Jeremy Rae followed Grady with a time of 24:21.8, good enough for an 11th place finish. Both Grady and Rae earned All-ACC honors, the third time each of them have been given all-conference honors.

For the women, senior Kelly Curran was the top Irish runner in the six-kilometer race, finishing in 16th place with a time of 20:55.8. Junior Hannah Eckstein finished in 20th place with a time of

21:14.1. Both girls earned All-ACC honors as well, which is the second all-conference designation for Curran.

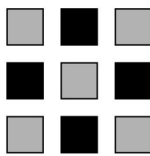
Now Notre Dame sets its eyes on Madison for the Great Lakes Regional. A finish in the top-two would automatically qualify the team for next week's NCAA Championships, while both teams can potentially earn at-large bids even if they don't automatically qualify.

The men and women will each bring eight runners. The men will run Rae, Grady, graduate student J.P. Malette, seniors Walter Schafer and Patrick Lesiewicz, sophomores Tim Ball, Michael Clevenger and Jake Kildoo.

The women will run Curran, Eckstein, juniors Emily Frydrych and Gabby Gonzales, sophomores Danielle Aragon, Sydni Meunier, Molly Seidel and Alexa Aragon.

The Irish look to qualify for the NCAA Championships at the Great Lakes Regional meet today at the Thomas Zimmer Championship Cross Country Course in Madison at noon and 1:15 p.m. central time.

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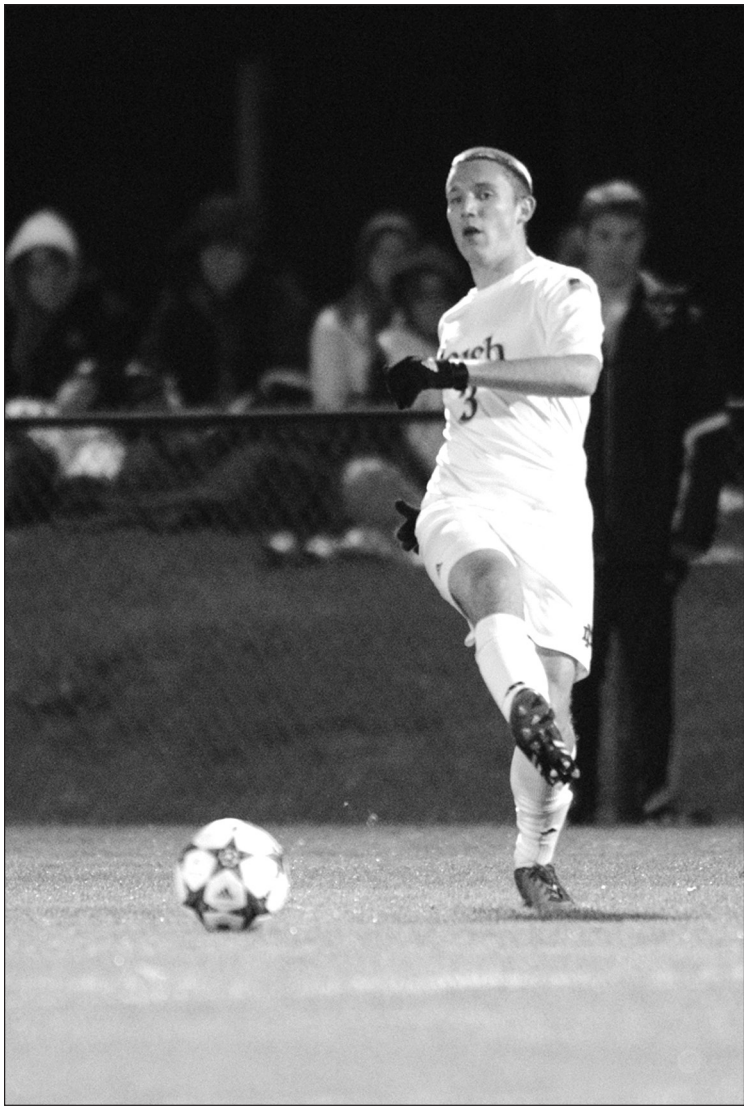
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Irish sophomore midfielder Conor Klekota passes the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Nov. 8.

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said. "He was the lad that scored both goals last time and did a really good job handling the ball, and we maybe didn't handle him as well as we'd have liked."

But Madison is not Virginia's only scoring threat. Junior midfielder Eric Bird leads the team with six goals, while Madison and freshman forward Riggs Lennon have scored five goals apiece this season.

"They have a number of good players," Clark said. "Their No. 7, [sophomore

midfielder] Todd Wharton, does a good job. But they've got a whole pile of players. [We need to] watch the ball, we'll pay close attention to every one of them."

Notre Dame and Virginia open the semifinal round of the ACC Championship at 5:30 p.m. tonight. The game will be followed a matchup between No. 4 seed Clemson and No. 1 seed Maryland at 8 p.m. The winners of each game will play in the ACC Championship game at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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her to be honored."

McGraw said the decision to induct Diggins into the Ring of Honor just a few months after her graduation is a testament to the impact she had on the program.

"Usually you'd wait a few years before you did something like that, but she's so special that we felt like we wanted to do it right away," McGraw said.

But once the game begins, the Irish (2-0) will return to the business of solidifying the team in the post-Diggins era.

"At this point in the season we're really focused on us," McGraw said. "We're still trying to find our identity and work the freshmen in."

McGraw said the team has come a long way since the exhibition-win over California on Oct. 30, which lacked the defensive intensity she wanted to see.

"I think we're playing really well; we're getting better every game," McGraw said. "I felt like we had a giant improvement between the first and second game, and I'm hoping for the same kind of improvement in our game on Saturday."

"I think defensively we're getting stronger and offensively we're playing okay, but I'd like to see us execute a little bit better offensively. So that's what we're looking for."

Irish bring in No. 1 recruit, top-five signing class

Three top recruits signed letters of intent to play with Notre Dame next year, including forward Brianna Turner, the nation's top prep player as rated by Blue Star



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Former Irish guard Skylar Diggins celebrates during Notre Dame's 96-87 victory over Connecticut on March 4.

"She is a 6-foot-3 shot-blocking defensive player who's really going to help us on the boards, and she's a lot like Devereaux Peters, who played here," McGraw said. "So we're really excited about what she'll bring to the press and defense. And she can score, too."

Kathryn Westbeld is a 6-foot-2 forward out of Kettering Fairmont High in Kettering, Ohio. Last season, she led her high

school team to a 27-1 record and a Division I state championship.

school team to a 27-1 record and a Division I state championship. joining us, because she give us so much versatility. She can help us against the press. She can just play so many different positions."

Mychal Johnson, a 5-foot-8 guard and senior at Huntington St. Joseph High in Huntington, W.V., has already racked up two quadruple-doubles and three state championships. "Mychal Johnson is a really good combo guard who we expect to help us defensively in the backcourt; help our press," McGraw said. "She's a really good three-point shooter, a very smart player. So we're looking for her to help us at both ends of the floor."

All three players are ranked in the top-20 by Blue Star Basketball.

Saturday's festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. as Diggins is inducted into the Ring of Honor at Purcell Pavilion. Tip off against the Crusaders (0-2) is set for 2 p.m.

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"At this point in the season, we're really focused on us. ... We're still trying to find our identity and work the freshman in."

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Turner, a senior at Manvel High School in Pearland, Texas, has won four gold medals with the under-18 U.S. team. She averaged 19.6 points, 9.4 rebounds and 3.6 blocks a game during her first three years of high school basketball.

school team to a 27-1 record and a Division I state championship.

"She's a very versatile wing," McGraw said. "She can shoot the three, she can pass, she can handle the ball. She can also post-up smaller guards, so we're thrilled that she will be

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BARAKA BOUTS

Bouts wrap up tournament with final round

By JOSE FERNANDEZ
Sports Writer

Kiley Cox def. Sarah "Crazy Stupid" Lovejoy

Sophomore Kiley Cox started the bout strong, as she landed punch after punch, and held on for a split-decision victory over senior Sarah Lovejoy. Lovejoy took a defensive approach in the first round, but came out more aggressively in the later rounds. Her change in strategy seemed to pay off as she landed a one-two combination and several body shots that rattled the sophomore. Cox, however, never went on the defensive and kept pounding the senior with jab after jab in the second round, which helped sway the fight in her favor. With both fighters losing steam in the third round, Cox landed a right hook that caused Lovejoy to lose her footing, giving Cox the final edge she needed.

Clare "Do Work" Burke def. Courtney "Watch the Right Hook" Wright

Senior Clare Burke came out aggressively and held on for a split-decision victory over freshman Courtney Wright. Burke set the tone early, landing a powerful right hook at the start of the first round. Even though Wright landed strong body shots, Burke continued to pound the freshman with hook and jab combinations that forced Wright to go on the defensive. In the third round, Wright rallied and came out strong, landing body and headshots that pushed Burke around the ring. However, Burke landed the final blows, as she retaliated with a flurry of body shots that helped her secure the victory.

Anna "Heff" Heffron def. Erin "The Lion" O'Brien

Veteran senior and captain Anna Heffron dominated in a unanimous decision victory over junior Erin O'Brien. Both fighters came out swinging and traded blows through the first round. Heffron took advantage of her longer reach and landed several one-two combinations that seemed to fluster O'Brien. However, O'Brien came back with a burst of jabs to the head of Heffron to keep the first round close. In the second round, Heffron began to take over, as she landed left and right jab combinations that put O'Brien on the defensive. Although O'Brien tried to rebound in the third round, Heffron was not rattled and continued her offensive by landing a powerful right hook to the junior's

head, effectively sealing the victory.

MaryShepro def. Therese "T-Pain" Germain

In a fight that started slowly but heated up in the later rounds, second-year law student Mary Shepro defeated junior Therese Germain by unanimous decision. The first round was mostly characterized by the defensive approach that both fighters took and few punches were thrown. In the end, it was Shepro that made the biggest move before the end of the first round, landing a straight right and a left hook before the bell. Germain started the second round with a strong jab to the head, which put Shepro on the defensive, but the law student regained her ground and landed a flurry of body shots and a powerful one-two combination to end the round. Both fighters entered the final round aggressively and traded jabs, but Shepro landed a one-two combination that sealed the deal and gave her the victory.

Grace "In Your Face" Choe def. Amanda Leung

In a nail-biter that went back and forth, sophomore Grace Choe came out on top in a split-decision victory over junior Amanda Leung. Both fighters came out swinging, as they traded body shot after body shot to set the tone for the rest of the fight. Choe, however, took advantage of her longer reach in the second round and began to land headshots while she dodged her opponent's counterattack. Still, Leung did not let the fight slip away, as she landed a one-two combination that visibly rattled Choe for a moment. But in the third round, Choe regained her form and with a barrage of effective combinations, secured the victory.

Ryan Russ def. Meave "Maeve" Donovan

Senior Ryan Russ started the bout off strong by landing a right hook that set the tone for the rest of the fight. Freshman Meave Donovan had moments where she seemed to be taking control of the fight, as she landed successive one-two combinations that got the crowd going. Russ, however, kept her ground and came back with a flurry of body shots that made the freshman get back in the defensive. By then, Russ took advantage and continued to land right hooks to the body of Donovan. This trend continued in the third round, as a left jab to Donovan's head kept Russ in control and gave



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Seniors Cathy Chukwulebe, left, and Victoria Kay accept their first and second place trophies, respectively, after their final-round fight in the ring Thursday night.

her a unanimous decision victory over the freshman.

Cathy "Chuka-what" Chukwulebe def. Victoria "Every KO begins with" Kay

The battle between two seniors came to an early end, as Cathy Chukwulebe pushed her classmate Victoria Kay around the ring before the referee stopped the fight in the third round. Chukwulebe came out of the gates with a very aggressive approach that exploited her height advantage over Kay. However, Kay did not shy away from the challenge, as she met Chukwulebe punch for punch. The fighters traded blows in the first round, as Kay landed multiple one-two combinations to Chukwulebe's body, and Chukwulebe retaliated with jab and hook combinations to Kay's head. The difference in target area, however, proved to be crucial to the outcome. The referee had to stop the fight for Kay twice before he officially called the fight in favor of Chukwulebe in the third round.

Hannah "The Mean Slovene" Skrbis def. Erin "Dixie-Danger" Wilson

Sophomore Hannah Skrbis set the tone for the fight early and weathered several rallies by graduate student Erin Wilson to secure a unanimous decision victory. Skrbis stormed out of the gates, landing straight shots to Wilson's head in the first round. Wilson retaliated at the beginning of the second round, but her momentum was short lived,

as Skrbis landed a powerful one-two combination followed by a right hook that rattled Wilson. The third round followed the pattern of the second, as Wilson tried to take control of the fight by landing a left hook and a few body shots. However, Skrbis maintained her composure and came back with a one-two combination and a left straight that caused the referee to stop the fight for a few moments. After that, Skrbis held on a little longer to secure the victory.

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Liz "Beast from the East" Zolper def. Kendall Johnson

Junior Liz Zolper needed every second of every round to defeat senior Kendall Johnson in a split-decision victory. In the first round, Zolper and Johnson battled aggressively and threw flurries of punches at each other. But Zolper went on the offensive during in the second round, using one-two combinations and other big hits to establish control. Despite showing some fatigue, both boxers fought it out in the third round. Johnson threw a few jabs, but Zolper landed a final pair of decisive punches to secure the victory.

Annalise "Feel the Burn" Burnett def. Sheridan "Sherribomb" Rosner

In a matchup of sophomores, Annalise Burnett

came out on top, winning in a unanimous decision over Sheridan Rosner. Rosner came out of the gate strong in the first round, throwing straight and precise punches. Burnett stayed in the fight by throwing jabs and attempting more body shots on Rosner. She then began taking the reigns in the second and third rounds. In the third round, Burnett wore down Rosner, and the judges awarded her the unanimous victory.

Valerie "Valiswag" Williams def. Rachel "The Ringer" Wright

Junior Valerie Williams captured a victory by unanimous decision over senior Rachel Wright. Wright came out strong with a series of jabs and combinations in the first round, but Williams began rolling out punches and held her own against Wright in the second round. During the third round, Williams became more aggressive, utilizing a combination of punches and knocking Wright down. The judges ultimately awarded Williams the victory by unanimous decision.

Jessica Freeman def. Emily "EmDawg" Popovich

Senior Jessica Freeman secured a unanimous victory over sophomore Emily Popovich. In the first round, Freeman and Popovich wore each other down with big punches and body shots. Freeman took the offensive in the second round, using a series of one-two combinations



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Junior Liz Zolper, right, connects with senior Kendall Johnson's head during their bout Thursday night. Zolper emerged victorious over the upperclassman.

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to gain an advantage. In the third round, Freeman stepped up aggressively and threw counter-punches and jabs. Ultimately, the judges declared a unanimous victory for Freeman.

Molly Allare def. Shannon "The Glommer" Bugos

In a contentious bout, junior Molly Allare came out with a unanimous victory over sophomore Shannon Bugos. Allare and Bugos fought aggressively in the first round, as both used combinations and counterattacks. In the second round, Allare fired off a series of jabs and finished the round with a strong hit on Bugos, which allowed her to take control. Allare didn't let up in the third round and was awarded the unanimous victory.

"Muhammad A-Liz" Garvin def. Catherine "I Have the Answers" McQuestion

On the strength of a quick start, senior Liz Garvin defeated sophomore Catherine McQuestion in a unanimous victory. During the first round, Garvin came out strong with quick punches and efficiency, hitting McQuestion with powerful hooks. In the second round, Garvin came out of the gate strong and threw several combinations before McQuestion could prepare to counterattack. Garvin put McQuestion on the defense in the third round and threw a series of jabs and one-two combinations. The judges awarded Garvin a victory by unanimous

decision.

Katie Martin def. Brenna Cashman

Sophomore Katie Martin took the reigns in the ring to defeat sophomore Brenna Cashman by a referee-stopped contest in the third round. Martin secured her offensive position in the first round by throwing a series of one-two combinations and jabs. Martin kept Cashman on the defensive in the second round and threw a strong head shot before both boxers started trading punches against the ropes. To start the third round Martin overwhelmed Cashman with combinations and the referee was forced to stop the fight, sending Martin home with the victory.

Carrera Brown def. Mary "The Mean Machine" Green

Sophomore Carrera Brown defeated sophomore Mary Green in a split-decision victory. During the first round, Green put Brown on the defensive. Brown stepped up in the second round and took control with a series of jabs and hooks. To finish out the match, Brown and Green aggressively threw combinations in the third round, but Brown earned the split-decision victory.

Colby "Hammer Down" Hoyer def. Kirby "Super Smash" McKenna

After a grueling fight, junior Colby Hoyer defeated senior Kirby McKenna by split-decision. Hoyer and McKenna counterattacked each other's moves and continuously fought for control in the first round. Early in the second round, Hoyer put McKenna on the defensive with body shots. Hoyer

continued her offensive attacks with combinations in the third round and earned the win by split decision.

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Gina "I'm not sorry" Rogari def. Jennifer "Fitz of Fury" Fitzpatrick

Seniors Gina Rogari and Jennifer Fitzpatrick came out early with blazing speed, but when Fitzpatrick tired, Rogari took advantage and forced the referee to stop the contest in the third round. From the bell, both boxers had high energy, hitting each other with direct jabs. Each fighter went on the offensive

while largely ignoring her defensive strategies. Going into the second round, Fitzpatrick began to increase her guard, blocking Rogari's left jabs, but Rogari's strikes could not be denied. The referee had to check on Fitzpatrick during the second round to make sure she could continue. In the third round, Rogari continued her onslaught of blows, and Fitzpatrick's energy and speed slowed. The pivotal moment in the bout came midway through the third round when Rogari landed a powerful left hook to the head of Fitzpatrick, forcing the referee to call the match.

Anna "The maine-iac" Carmack def. Sarah "Maverick" McCarthy

Senior Anna Carmack dominated the first round and held on for a victory by unanimous decision over fellow senior Sarah McCarthy. From the opening bell, Carmack landed multiple heavy shots on McCarthy, who took the hits and fought back with several combinations. However, McCarthy's efforts were in vain, as Carmack continued to force her into the corners of the ring and break through the majority of her defenses with strong right jabs. In the second round, McCarthy began to rally, landing the occasional combination cleanly on Carmack's body and head. McCarthy continued to land punches in the beginning of the third round and broke through Carmack's blocks, which forced her to back into the ropes. When the final bell rang, however, the judges awarded Carmack the victory.

Maggie "Currahee" Adams def. Emily Laurent

From start to finish, sophomore Maggie Adams landed hard shots and clean punches

en route to a victory by unanimous decision over fellow sophomore Emily Laurent. Adams, a Pangborn resident, came out in the first round with a quick flurry of left jabs against Laurent. She worked the ring with high energy and made several strikes that cut cleanly through Laurent's defense. By the second round, Laurent lost her speed and struggled to keep up with Adams' high-octane offensive approach. Adams did not relent, hitting Laurent with multiple combinations and shutting down any attempt to counter attack. The strong offense of Adams continued into the third round, which exhausted Laurent even further. Laurent couldn't keep up with jabs throughout the third round and the judges awarded the one-sided matchup to Adams in a unanimous decision.

Tori White def. Amanda Pena

In the final matchup of the night, junior Tori White showed her finesse and technique from the bell to take the unanimous victory over fellow junior Amanda Pena. White, a Ryan resident, used her quickness and size to land hard uppercuts that pushed Pena off balance and into the ropes. Pena, from Welsh Family, started stronger in the second round, but White stayed strong both offensively and defensively, blocking jabs and counterattacking with hard hooks and uppercuts. Throughout the second and third round, Pena waited for White to initiate contact before trying to attack. White took advantage of this and responded with a plethora of combinations that shattered Pena's blocks and directly hit the head and body. After the final bell, White was given the victory by unanimous decision.

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Sophomore Hannah Skrbis and graduate student Erin Wilson trade punches during their bout Thursday night, but ultimately Skrbis went home with the win.



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Irish senior guard Eric Atkins lines up for a free throw during Notre Dame's 95-69 victory over Indianapolis on Oct. 28.

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season opener against Ball State on Saturday, Indiana State shot 56 percent from the floor and had four players score in double figures en route to an 82-73 win over the Cardinals.

Last year, the Sycamores went on the road and upset then-No. 14 Wichita State, 68-55, in late January. Brey also noted the ever-present danger of losing an early non-conference home game and said he will remind the Irish of that possibility. In-state foe Indiana, for example, barely snuck past LIU-Brooklyn on Tuesday, defeating the Blackbirds, 73-72, in Bloomington, Ind.

"I always put up scores. I'll put up the Indiana score on the board today from [Tuesday night]," Brey said. "We've been pretty fortunate. The last time we got bit was Loyola Marymount here [in Dec. 2009, an 87-85 Irish loss]. And it's been a while. But it can happen anytime if you're not ready to go. So I always kind of make our guys aware of that."

"I'll put a score up on the board. Certainly when we get into Friday and Indiana State preparation, I'll have that Wichita State score up on the board before we get started."

Through their first two games this season, the Irish have handled their non-league foes on their home hardwood. Notre Dame bested Miami (Ohio), 74-62, on Friday night and swept the opening weekend with an 80-49 domination of Stetson on Sunday. Against the RedHawks, the Irish assisted on 21 of their 26 made

field goals. Notre Dame followed that up by posting 22 helpers on 32 made field goals Sunday versus the Hatters.

"Offensively we're really good with the ball. I think we're one of the best passing teams in the country, maybe the best," Brey said. "And we willingly pass it. I firmly believe that — I told them that the other day — which leads to our offensive efficiency. We're able to run more. We're able to get easy buckets in transition. That's exciting — to get some easy buckets."

Through the opening weekend, Notre Dame was not particularly bogged down by the new defensive rules intended to restrict excessively physical play. Against Miami (Ohio), the teams combined for 29 fouls. Two days later, the Irish and Stetson were whistled for a 31 personal fouls in total. In 35 games last season, an average of 31.46 fouls per game were called on Notre Dame and its opponent, including the postseason.

The Irish themselves only averaged 14.14 fouls per game in 2012-13 and have committed 17 and 15 fouls, respectively, in the first two games.

Brey said the rules will take time to adjust to across the nation, but he believes the Irish will benefit from the changes.

"Selfishly, for our program, I love those rules because we have been a skilled group and I'd like my guards to be able to move without getting rugby-shucked or whatever they do," Brey said.

Notre Dame tips off against Indiana State on Sunday at 12 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Hockey

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well. They play an aggressive forechecking system."

The Irish have implemented a faster-paced style as the game of hockey has changed in recent years, Jackson said. He said Notre Dame has tried emulating the up-tempo style of NHL teams such as the Chicago Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins, while utilizing the width of the ice to generate speed similarly to the Boston Bruins.

"With so many teams really packing it in down low defensively — and we're going to see more of that in the next couple of weeks — you really have to make sure that you keep the puck moving so teams can't outnumber you," Jackson said. "There's some element of speed but it's more about puck support and body positioning to create speed in the offensive zone."

Complicating the use of that strategy is a plethora of injuries to the Notre Dame roster, as forwards senior Mike Voran, sophomore Thomas DiPauli, freshman Vince Hinostroza and junior defenseman Eric Johnson are all on the mend. Jackson said DiPauli is close to returning, and when he does, the usual winger could see time at center, but the rest will be out for at least a few weeks.

"Consistency's a huge thing," Jackson said. "It's been a little bit more challenging because our depth's been impacted over the last few weeks and we have to really focus on one game at a time, even though I would like to see us get a little winning streak going at some point here."

Notre Dame's 10 seniors have



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Irish freshman center Vince Hinostroza lines up a shot during Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Guelph on Oct. 6.

familiarity with Merrimack from their freshman seasons, when the Irish defeated the Warriors 4-3 in overtime in the first round of the NCAA tournament en route to the Frozen Four.

"We were just throwing everything we could at the net," Irish senior forward and alternate captain Bryan Rust said about the game three seasons ago. "That's how we were successful [against] them. ... That's the kind of thing we have to do against teams like this who just pack it in defensively. We've just got to get pucks and bodies to the net."

This season, Merrimack has struggled offensively, scoring just 16 goals through eight games. The Warriors were swept by No. 5 Providence last weekend, but Jackson said it's important the Irish — particularly coming off a hyped series against Minnesota — don't take them lightly.

"These are conference games,"

Jackson said. "You always worry about a letdown after a big series but this is our first home conference series. We already split a road series. And if we're going to be a top-four team in Hockey East then we're going to have to win games at home so we can't have anything less than our best effort, because I know that we'll get Merrimack's best effort."

"And it's too early in the season to prognosticate where they're going to finish in the standings. They may be in the top five. Who knows? They haven't played enough games in conference, either. They gave Providence College all they could handle this past weekend, so I expect that they're going to be a challenging team for everybody."

The Irish take on the Warriors tonight at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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W Soccer

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year and are making a social media push to have over 3000 fans attend the game.

"Being at home is big," Waldrum said. "It's the last game that fans will get to see us at home, so we're really trying to get a lot of people to come and help us. Plus, we've just been much better at home this year."

The Irish are coming off a tough month that included four double-overtime losses and only two wins. After being eliminated in the ACC quarterfinals by then-No. 5 Virginia Tech on Nov. 3, Waldrum said his team used the 12-day layoff to train hard and work on the issues it needed to fix.

"With only a few exceptions, we've been on the road most of the month," Waldrum said. "So we weren't able to correct problems that we had. I would have liked to play in the [ACC] conference championship this weekend, but I do think the week off was good. We got a few players healthy, and we've had

six days to train really well and correct some of our issues. Our practices have been very intense and good, and we're hungry to get back on the field."

On the other hand, Iowa (15-6-1, 5-5-1 Big Ten) enters into the tournament on a roll, having beaten then-No. 7 Michigan and then-No. 20 Penn State en route to losing to then-No. 18 Nebraska in the Big Ten championship game last weekend.

"Iowa has had a great year," Waldrum said. "They've clearly shown that they can play with anyone in the country. They're a team that really likes to bunker in, drop deep in their own half, and not give you room to operate. They're very dangerous off the counterattack and on set pieces. As a team, they like to keep things close."

Waldrum said the Irish need to limit several dangerous Iowa players in particular, including junior forward Cloe Lacasse, senior forward Ashley Catrell and red-shirt junior midfielder Katie Nasenbenny.

"Those three players

really make their team tick, offensively," Waldrum said. "Defensively, we need to neutralize Lacasse and offensively, we need to be patient and wait for our opportunities because they won't give you many."

In order to penetrate the Hawkeye defense, Waldrum said his squad spent most of the past week focusing on some key areas they have struggled in recently.

"We haven't been good in the final third [of the field] the past month," Waldrum said. "We've spent time working on our creativity, our movement and our ball circulation once we get in their half of the field. I think it's very important that we get more players involved in the attack then we have been. It's going to be tough, and I think some of our players will have to do something special."

The Irish take on the Hawkeyes tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium in the first round of the NCAA Championship.

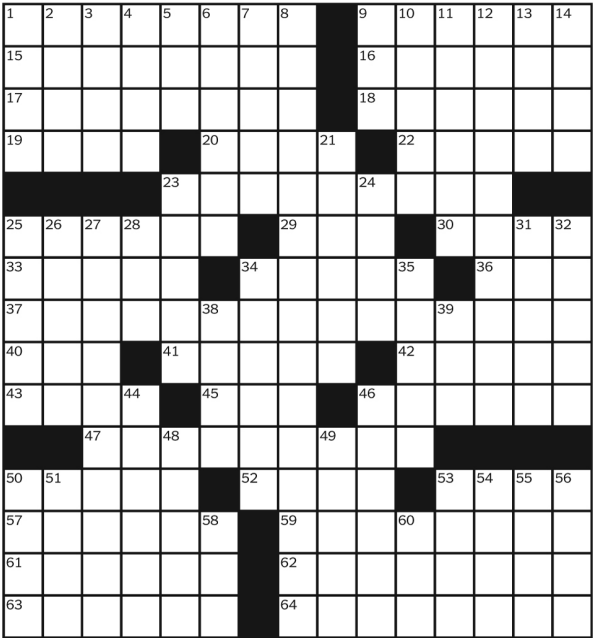
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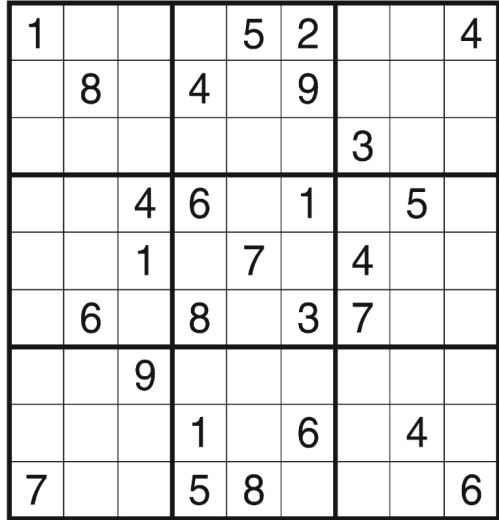


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Travis Barker, 38; Josh Duhamel, 41; Patrick Warburton, 49; Harland Williams, 51.

Happy Birthday: Scale down and settle into a routine that will keep you safe from impulsive acts that may be costly. Look at all your options and refrain from letting anyone make choices for you. Take charge and be earnest about keeping life simple and moderate. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36, 44, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your energy, not your cash, into new endeavors or partnerships. Be innovative, but practice moderation and discipline in all aspects of life. Problems will develop due to a power struggle. Don't get angry when efficiency is what's required. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Enjoy the comforts of home and family, or visit a destination you find relaxing. Sharing your ideas or contributing to something you feel strongly about will make what you have worked so hard to acquire that much more enjoyable. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let disappointments lead you down a slippery slope. Calculate what it is you want and how you should best go about getting it. Being ready and willing to make an unexpected move will be necessary. Strive to excel. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A positive attitude and a healthy ego will attract attention and encourage you to participate in an interesting challenge. Broad-ening your scope by indulging in conversations with experts will add to your charm. An important relationship offers stabilization and a loving environment. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Step out of the limelight and view what's going on around you. Size up the situation and make the changes required to compete in and win any challenge you face. Using emotional tactics will help you gain control and reach your goal. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay on top of a financial, medical or legal situation. Don't feel pressured to do something that sounds dubious. Discuss your options with someone you can trust, and if you feel uncertain, don't make a move. Romance will ease stress. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tread carefully when dealing with personal matters that have the potential to disrupt your home or your current living situation. Keep your distance and refuse to overanalyze what's going on. Assumptions will lead to a poor decision. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The knowledge you obtain through research or questioning experts or those privy to private information will help you make a vital decision regarding where you live and the lifestyle changes you make. You stand to prosper. Love looks inviting. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Open your doors to new acquaintances. Socializing with people who share your interests will help you move into a leadership position, which will boost your reputation. With control comes opposition; debate with finesse and intelligence, not brute force. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't live in the past when the present is so much more exciting. Turn what you have into an opportunity to reach for what you want. Give love and romance top priority. A stable relationship will make your success worthwhile. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Learn to say no. You have to divvy up your time according to the priorities you have in your life. Take care of the personal changes you need to make first. Taking on someone else's burden will not put you in a strong position. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Raise your self-esteem by following through with your plans. Share your thoughts and put together a budget. Your astute way of exploiting what you have to offer will grab attention and lead to a formal proposal. ★★

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish open NCAAs at home

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Six of No. 23 Notre Dame's seven losses this season have been by one goal, and the Irish are prepared for another tight battle as they open the first round of the NCAA Championship at home against Iowa tonight.

"I don't expect it to be a very high-scoring game," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "With our struggles and the way they defend, I think it could be a really tight game. It'll come down to set pieces and who doesn't make mistakes. We need to stay focused for 90 minutes."

In such a close game, the difference may come down to Notre Dame's home-field advantage. The Irish (11-7-1, 7-5-1 ACC) are 8-2-1 at home this

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GRANT TOBIN | The Observer

Irish freshman defender Mariel Adams sends a pass downfield during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to UCLA on Sept. 1.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Diggins to join Notre Dame elite

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Former Irish point guard Skylar Diggins will be inducted into Notre Dame's Ring of Honor before the No. 6 Irish take on Valparaiso in Purcell Pavilion on Saturday.

The ceremony will take place around 1:30 p.m., approximately a half-hour before tip-off.

"It's going to be a very emotional night for everyone in the building. Skylar's meant so much to our program," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She really has elevated our program to an elite status, and it's a chance for everyone to come out and thank her one more time, and it's going to be such a achievement for

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HOCKEY

Hockey East comes to Compton

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish return to conference action this weekend when they host Merrimack in a two-game series that marks the first Hockey East games ever played in Compton Family Ice Arena.

After splitting a non-conference home series against No. 1 Minnesota last weekend, Notre Dame (7-3-0, 1-1-0 Hockey East) will face a different style of hockey than the up-tempo play the

Gophers employed when the Warriors (3-5-0, 0-2-0) visit tonight and Saturday.

"They pack it in defensively," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "There's going to be five guys in front of the net like [former CCHA opponent] Ferris State has played and they transition from it. So that's their way of generating speed as well, but they're more of a patient team waiting for their chances to score and they defend

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey asks for 'sixth man' on Sunday

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

It's still 50 days before No. 21 Notre Dame's first conference game as a member of the ACC.

Yet Irish head coach Mike Brey is approaching Sunday's non-conference matchup with Indiana State as a league tilt.

"It's going to be a tough game for us and it's a great challenge for us and that's why we scheduled it," Brey said. "But they're coming up here extremely confident, veteran group, well coached, knows how to play. ACC kind of preparation."

Brey spent Tuesday night making the rounds to different dorms on campus trying to drum up student support

for Sunday's 12 p.m. contest at Purcell Pavilion. The head coach added he would be in the dining halls later in the week pushing for a large crowd, something that has typically been difficult to come by early in the season, especially for non-conference Sunday afternoon games.

"My theme was ... this is an ACC game," Brey said. "We could use an ACC kind of crowd for this game. Let's practice our ACC crowd and sixth man helping us because they're very good."

The Sycamores (1-0) return four starters — including their two leading scorers — from last year's squad that finished 18-15. In their

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND faces Virginia in rematch

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish are set to face No. 12 Virginia, the only team that has beaten them this season, in the ACC Championship semifinals this evening at Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, Md.

The Cavaliers (10-4-4, 4-3-4 ACC), who are the No. 6 seed in the conference, got the best of the Irish (12-1-5, 7-1-3), who are the No. 2 seed in the conference, at Alumni Stadium on Oct. 26, winning 2-0.

Although the loss to Virginia is the only blemish on Notre Dame's record, don't expect to hear Irish coach Bobby Clark talking about payback or extra motivation before tonight's game.

"I don't think they need a lot of motivation in this game," Clark said of his players. "They're playing in the semifinal of the ACC [Championship]. You don't need a lot of motivation. The guys are going to be very excited and very focused, and I think very determined."

Although actual game experience against the Cavaliers may prove beneficial to Notre Dame, Clark cautioned that familiarity cuts both ways.

"I think we have a very good idea of how they'll play," Clark said. "We'll have a better idea



ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

Irish players converge around the Pittsburgh goalkeeper during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over the Panthers on Nov. 8.

this time because we just had video [before the last meeting]; we didn't experience it. But at the same time they have that same advantage against us. They know what we do. So the advantage will be the same for both teams."

But Clark said he does have

a good idea of what needs to be done differently if Notre Dame is to reverse the outcome of the teams' last meeting.

"We've obviously got to handle [Virginia sophomore forward] Darius Madison," Clark

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